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# Unser Jr. Leads From Start To Finish In Cleveland GP

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CLEVELAND — Nigel Mansell has an intriguing theory that might just explain the Indy-car dominance of the Penske racing team in general, and Al Unser Jr. in particular.

Must be the hair.

"Al is more aerodynamic this weekend because he got a good haircut. I'm going to have one next week," Mansell said, running his hands across Unser's forehead after Unser led start to finish in Sunday's Budweiser Cleveland Grand Prix.

Unser made it look easy, beating Mansell by nearly 23 seconds for his third victory from the pole this year.

It was Unser's fifth win in eight Indy-car races, and the seventh straight on the circuit for Marlboro Team Penske. Paul Tracy and Emerson Fittipaldi have each won once for Penske during the string.

Tracy finished third Sunday; Fittipaldi's car caught fire and didn't finish.

"What can I say? I'm driving a great car, and the team is operating very, very well," Unser said.

Penske drivers have led 532 of 534 laps since the Indianapolis 500. Is the team invincible?

"I wouldn't say that," Unser said. "You know, Nigel outran two of them today. In racing, one day you're the champ, the next day you're the chump. It changes that fast. If we try to rest, in any way, shape or form, we're going to be blown off."

Unser, who has been bothered by a sore back, accelerated to the front at the start and steadily pulled away in his Ilmor-powered Penske racer. The back, he said, bothered him more during qualifying than it did during the race.

Mansell spent most of the afternoon battling Fittipaldi for second place, until the back of Fittipaldi's car caught fire 20 laps from the end of the 85-lap, 201-mile event.

Beating two of the three Penske drivers — and technically holding the lead for one lap during the second round of pit stops — helped keep Mansell's spirits high.

"My second place today almost feels like a win," Mansell said. "I feel very satisfied today. The team did a brilliant job for me, the pit stops were fabulous and I know I drove as hard as I can. We were beaten on the day by a better team, better car and better driver.

That's what this game's all about."

## Buick Challenge

CLEVELAND — Eddie Lawson, who had the fastest laps in the morning warm-up, swept past polesitter Pedro Chaves late in the race and won Sunday's Buick Challenge of Cleveland for PPG-Firestone Indy Lights.

Lawson, starting in the No. 2 position, had passed Chaves in the first turn after the green flag on the 10-turn, 2.37-mile temporary road course at Burke Lakefront Airport. But Chaves battled back in turn five and held the lead for most of the race.

Lawson tried once in turn five and three times in turn one before finally passing Chaves in the 26th lap of the 32-lap race. It was his first career victory.

"I just tried to bide my time and keep from making a mistake," he said. "I was a little more aggressive in this race, especially when Greg (Moore) tried to go around me."

Chaves dropped to third on the ninth turn of lap 28 when Moore — who had moved up from fourth two turns earlier — squeezed past him near the pit row entrance.