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Al Unser Jr. wins third straight race

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Who needs Mercedes-Benz?

This time, Marlboro Team Penske. raced to a 1-2-3 sweep as Indianapolis owner Roger Penske had built just his 500 winner Al Unser Jr. fought off Emerson Fittipaldi to win Sunday's Miller Genuine Draft 200 at the Milwaukee Mile.

Paul Tracy, the third Penske-Ilmor driver, finished two laps behind in third as the 200-lap event was shortened eight laps by rain.

It was the third straight win for Unser and the fourth in a row for the Penske team, which got a triumph from Fittipaldi in April at Phoenix. That left Unser, who now has 22 career victories, leading the PPG Cup standings with 79 points, followed by Fittipaldi with 54.

A week earlier, Unser and Fitti-

ing for the checker to come out."

It was an unusually clean race, with no caution flags until lap 158, when a large piece of debris on the backstretch brought out the pace car for the first time. By then, only Unser and Fittipaldi were on the lead lap.

Fittipaldi had a shot at his teammate on the restart as the two red-and-white cars started nose-to-tail. But Unser was able to retain control.

Another chance for Fittipaldi came on lap 171 when Stefan Johansson's engine blew, bringing out the second yellow flag. Again Unser, the 1990 Milwaukee winner, was able to hold off the Brazilian on the restart.

That's when the rain, which had been threatening on and off throughout the event, began falling, bringing

out the third and last yellow on lap 181. The cars finished the race under the caution, just as they did a week ago at Indy after a late crash by Stan Fox.

Amazingly, Johansson was the only entry to go out in the 26-car race.

Michael Andretti passed defending race and series champion Nigel Mansell on the final restart to finish fourth, followed by Mansell, Robby Gordon, Bobby Rahal, pole-starter Raul Boesel and rookie Jacques Villeneuve, who was the Indy runner-up.

"It was difficult watching (the Penske cars) go by us," Andretti said. "It seems like every other lap there was a red-and-white car going by."