

Winner's brother crashes in first lap

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nately unbelievable to win a race like that and it's always the best to win on the last lap. It's fantastic to win in front of the hometown crowd with my family, friends and sponsors all coming down to watch. This is a big race and you have to show well."

Macri, who started the race in third position, trailed Bedard on the final lap, but forced the leader wide on the second-last turn and rushed to the inside on the final turn to claim victory.

"Every win helps and you need them to get noticed," he said. "Hopefully, a lot of people will start noticing me."

The Indy's main event kept up the Canadian flavour with Scarborough's Paul Tracy charging hard to grab a third-place finish, while Quebec's Alex Tagliani and Patrick Carpentier were fifth and seventh, respectively.

With five races left on the Toyota schedule, Bordin now sits seven points shy of Rice for the series lead. His victory added to a pair of second-place finishes and a third already in the books.

"The Canadians really made a statement in Toronto," explained the 21-year-old Bordin, who started the race on the pole after being forced out of his last race in Cleveland. "I had such a busy week that I had little energy left for the race, but I just couldn't ask for anything more."

"It was a good feeling to get out on the track and it was like I had to win this

thing. After Cleveland, our team got together and we realized we had to start having some fun, things had got just a little too serious. I really want to win the important races and there was no way I was going to sit back and relax."

While hopeful of making the jump to the CART Indy car series next year, Bordin is trying to win the Toyota title as a PPI Motorsports driver after finishing second and third in the series the past two seasons.

"If I go to Indy cars next season, it could be a year or two before I'm running at the front of the pack," he said. "I figured I might as well win now."

Meanwhile, Macri's older brother Francis, 21, did not enjoy a memorable Sunday, crashing on the opening lap of the nine-lap race and was finished for the day.

"The first corner only holds two drivers, but I had two racers dive-bomb me from behind and forced me into the wall," said Francis, pegging Didier Schraenen and Eric Paradis for causing the infraction. "The first lap and it was all over, just like that."

"Both front corners of my car were ripped right off and a wheel was rolling half-way down the track. It was just really heartbreaking. Racing is the only sport where you can go from such a high to such a low in a short period of time. Everybody thought it was going to be my weekend and then you crash."

"I'll just try and get my confidence back up for the next race."

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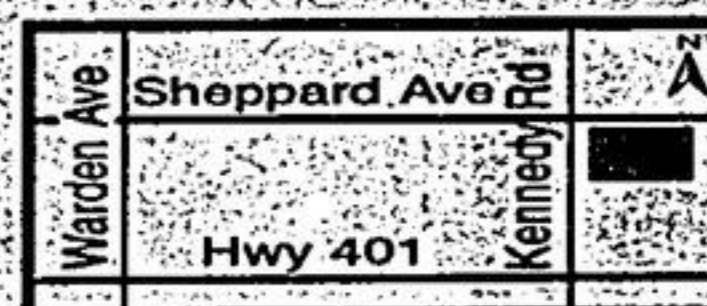
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