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How to make him chase you

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That's when I successfully pitched the idea to both Auto and Driver, and Barber, to race and write. With this deal, I got a small travel budget from Car and Driver, and a big discount from Barber. A loan from Grandma gave me just enough for the 2003 season. The result was the May 2004 sports feature Chasing the Dream. Now for 2004, I'm racing and writing again, this time on the web, covering every race from Barber's 2004 Formula Dodge National Championship. This season will undoubtedly bring new challenges, and new lessons learned the hard way. Although a challenge slings - going into the first race in Sebring, Florida. MoneyThis year, in this championship, the league is much higher, and I'm broke. Just to keep up, I need money for additional exercise, personal coaching, and crash damage (I'm liable for up to \$5,000 of damage to my race car by accident). Right now, I can barely cover the travel expenses. A bad crash and I won't be able to continue. This means that my only hope of being successful in racing depends on finding a sponsor. Don't get me wrong. Fast going is important. But I am confident that I will end up being a very fast driver. Chris Wilson, a Barber test driver, says it best. He said: Anyone can learn to drive fast with enough time and money. I don't have much time. So, between each race I will be on the phone, sending email, and knocking on doors. I can even post an ad, anything to find a sponsor. Otherwise I can pay grandma another visit... Bookmark this page to track my progress as I compete in the Formula Dodge National Championship Presented by RACER 2004 Schedule. The race schedule is: Sebring, Fla. March 17-19 (WALMS 12-Hour) Virginia Va. Apr. 23-25 Road America. Wis. Mei 21-23 Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK 11-13 Juri Mosport, Canada 19-21 Juri Mont Tremblant, Canada 24-25 JuriRoad America, Wis. Aug 6-8 (Finale, w/ Champ Car World Series) Sebring Sebring Race One and TwoOn my way to a trailer food stand called Executive Catering to buy a chicken sandwich. I said to myself What the #!#!? as an old station wagon drove by. Welded on top was a corner-iron board reaching eight feet high with a bench placed on top. Sitting on the couch were four shirtless, drunk men drinking and cruising through the busy infield of the 52nd 12 hours of Sebring. That was the culture there. People were cruising in everything from pickups to porta banks. It was cool, and, as far as I know, unique to Sebring. Thousands were constantly moving in the paddock and infield. It was truly breathtaking to see the half mile long old military airport runway filled with carriers and people. Crew members tuning or fixing cars, track workers directing traffic and managing passes, drivers weaving in and out of traffic on their team mopeds - and let's not forget the long lines at each of the many food stands. Throughout each day we had background music from the exhaust notes of Porsches, Ferraris and Audis screaming across the track. There was a constant atmosphere of tire, fuel and oil in the air. It was a racer's paradise, and I was part of it. Day OneWednesdin morning found me with an hour and fifteen minute commute to the tracks of a Holiday Inn near Orlando. I stayed there to avoid the commercial prices of Sebring traders. Hotels were, on average, \$250 per night, with a mandatory minimum stay of 6 nights. My accommodations budget is \$1500 for the season, not per event. Considering the money saved, I didn't mind the drive. Once I was on the track and registered, I found the Skip Barber tent just in time for driver photos. The shoot was simple: Wear your racing suit and smile. Then we had to wait three hours for our only practice session of the weekend. To while away the time, I socialized with other National Championship drivers. One of them, John Edwards, from Little Rock Arkansas. He's only 13, but well spoken and very mature - and a fast driver, too. I call him JEWK for John Edwards Wonder Kid (he's ashamed every time). Another, Gerardo BoBo Bonilla of Puerto Rico, has the spirit of a 13-year-old, despite being 29. He is a Skip Barber instructor and a very articulate man. He has an uncanny ability to teach, and that's why I hired him to coach me. If we don't race, he'll give me directions and share his tricks. I'll pay him \$500. A bargain. Mario Andretti's grandson, 16-year-old Marco, is getting a lot of press attention because many think he's the one to beat this year. It's ironic because he's shy. I've raced with him in the past, and I agree. Our half-hour practice session finally at 1:00 pm.m. After more than three months without racing, my intention was to acclimatize to the car, take it easy, and avoid stupid mistakes. Good luck! But I was 24th out of 29 drivers. Drivers, Bonilla and I were talking about the session. Turns out I was more than slowing down for the 90mph angle, turn one, by more than 5 mph, and I was braking too early. That alone added half a second to my lap times, and there are 16 more turns! After our conversation, it was clear where I could improve. I couldn't wait till tomorrow. Day twoThe next day we had an 8:30 a.m. qualifying session, and then a 15:30 m. race. So I woke up at 5:30 a.m to be on time. I qualified 26th. It doesn't matter, I practiced what Bonilla told me, and I shaved off a second of my lap time. Before the first race, we started driving our race cars in the paddock, past all the other race teams, through the thousands of fans fretting around and finally, on the main straight. After a few minutes of waiting, a phone call came over the public-address system: Gentlemen - start your engines! The roar of 29 engines with open exhaust followed: Whamp, whaamp, whaaamp. We start to move as the pace car lights up and on its way to turn one. I was so pumped up from the call to start engines that it must have improved my driving. I went through the field and finished 17th. My coach Bonilla wasn't so lucky. In the first lap, after pulling out an early lead from pole, his engine blew. It was the first time I saw him without a smile. Day threeFor Friday we had a similar schedule: early qualifying, late race. My second qualifying was much better. I picked up another two seconds of my lap time for a 2.255 (the fastest guys ran in the 2.23's), good enough to start the race 21st. Again, we got the call to start engines. Again, I was pumped up. This time I

went on to 16th place. Actually, I had 15th (and a championship point) in the bag until Jeff Relic lined up passing me late in the race. I was ready to get him back, but a final round of local yellow (a no-passing zone) thwarted my efforts. What a pity! Yet these two races have been the greatest pleasure. Because I was with Sebring, I felt like a racing driver, and there is no better feeling in the world... Danville Virginia, Race Three and Four/Virginia International Raceway Finishing mid-pack in both Sebring races was a better result than I expected. I was competitive and made passes. I felt like a racing driver. After five weeks, I still feel the highlight of being on the 12-hour drive to Danville. I can't wait to race again, especially on a challenging, hilly, 3.27 mile track like VIR. Here I made my racing debut last year by racing in Skip Barber's Midwest Regional Championship. A year ago I finished my first races 8th and 15th, not so good for a regional event. I'm looking for I expect good results. Marketing Opportunities for Sale, StillMore important, two weeks after Sebring I got in touch with Blake Yager's father. Blake and I race together and are good friends. His father, Mike Yager, owns a company called Mid America Motorworks. They sell aftermarket aftermarket for Corvettes, Porsches and Volkswagens, and have a nice motto striving your passion here. I thought he would be a perfect candidate for sponsorship, and hoped he would agree. I called and asked how he would like to see mamotorworks.com on my side pod in exchange for some funding. He said, Send me a proposal. I'll think. I had three weeks left before VIR and wanted to take care of this first. So, I emailed it to him immediately, and waited a week before calling back. I said, Hi Mike, just follow up, guess what? He replied, Robin, I like you, I want to help you, but I'm not sure about our marketing budget, I need more time. That was two weeks ago. I heard from Blake that he should be there on Sunday. Hopefully I can corner him and ask about it. Day One, Square Tires and Deflated EgosMy radiant confidence go into this event quickly gone after the first half hour session. My f@#% brakes locked in both of the main braking zones of the track. In turn one, a second gear hairpin called horse shoe, slowing down from 118mph to 50mph took me an extra 60 feet to avoid lock-up. Is it just me or the car? I was wondering. If not the car, I don't know what I did wrong. What was worse, my left front tire had a flat spot and it was my only set of tires for the weekend. After the session I spoke to Chris Wilson, a Barber test driver, and he said I would increase my rear brake bias. For race-one qualifying, I spoke with John Pew, a furniture store owner turned private investor living in Palm Beach Florida. At 46, he races in Barber's Masters National Championship and with us kids for fun. He told me how he tested the new Formula Mazda car and planned on running some races later in the year, after all, he said, the car is only \$70,000. Oh, and we were talking about his buddy Enzo. Then I started thinking, maybe it's better to make gobs out of money, then go race, rather than the other way around. Pew is rich and races without stress. I'm jealous. For race-1 qualifying, the Barber mechanics changed my rembias. The car was better, but I need more time. That was two weeks ago. I still had lock-up and the car felt slow. I qualified as 17th out of 19 drivers for the 1st race with a lap time of 2:13.2, three seconds from pole sitter Gerardo Bonilla, my coach, and his 2:09.3 seconds time. Day two, Slow Cars and Slow HandsSATurday morning I went into the paddock and thought of what Bonilla told me the night before, slow hands. He says the key to going fast at VIR is not to rush your hand movements. You're going to scrub way too much speed here, Bonilla said. That problem affected me the most in turn three, Nascar Bend, a sweeping ninety-degree left hander taken in the third. I was 3 mph slower there. Before race-two qualifying I spoke to Tester Wilson about my car. He drove the car yesterday after I left and found that the car had serious brake problems and it was down Power. I knew! Barber put me in a new car and I eagerly headed for qualification. And I was slower, angry at myself I screamed, (uh, let's just call it angry language-Ed). I qualified 18th with a time of 2:11.5. A faster round yes, but I lost ground to everyone. So, even with a working car and good coaching advice, I was a back marker, a miserable back marker. Sergio Perez, a 14-year-old Mexican driver with Telmex backing qualified 2nd for the second race. He is the second youngest driver in the field, and very fast. I congratulated him, he smiled (I don't think he knows any English.) The first race came Saturday afternoon, and I pumped myself up, ready to race and make up for qualifying. One of the warm-up round I made a stupid mistake entering the 4th gear downhill right hand called Hog Pen and went off the track. It was a quick discount and on that I didn't think twice about it. On the grid the mechanics looked at the car, said I bent the suspension, and didn't want me to start the race. When everyone behind the pace car started rolling, I took my helmet off on the sideline. I looked at the suspension, and I didn't see anything wrong. I didn't talk to anyone. I've never been so angry. Day three, I finally got to the PointThe Holiday Inn where I stayed is about 20 minutes off the track. On Sunday morningS I slept until 8:00; I had to be on the track at 8:30, cars rolling at 8:45. I arrived at 8:29, half awake, with nasty teeth and an empty stomach. Almost immediately I jumped in my car for race two. That was a mistake. After a brilliant start where I got into turn one around three cars, I immediately started to fall back into the field. It was brake problems, again, and after three laps, an upset stomach. I finished last, but I did finish it. Two drivers ran into each other in an 80mph section called Hog Pen, (see photos). Not much left of the cars, the drivers were fine. Two other drivers spun off, so despite my miserable performance I scored my first run and finished 15th. After the race, I saw Mike Yager. He bought me a chicken sandwich, but he didn't give me any sponsorship money. No goals met. I'm going to let my work fall out on Road America. Elkhart Lake Wisconsin, Race Five and Six Road AmericaOkay, I admit, VIR was a disaster. I don't have a good result, there's no sponsor in sight, and my cash reserves are shrinking faster than George W's approval rating. Maybe I should stop, or worse, turn into NASCAR (Note: To a Craftsman Truck, Busch, or Nextel Cup team owners: Just kidding, I'm for rent!) But when I write this, I feel my luck change. I leave Chicago's Navy Pier, full of real Bubba Gump shrimp, on my way to Road America in Elkhart Lake. This is home to my fondest racing memories. Most notably, I finished fourth there twice last year in Skip Barber's Midwest Regional Championship, my best results results Season. None of this is boosting the checking account however. Did you change anything? (In your best Tiny Tim voice) Please Sir.Between my bill for damaging a car at VIR (I crashed on the warm-up lap, yes, the warm-up lap) and usual racing expenses I am getting desperate for money. Now that the season is almost halfway through, it's time to rethink sponsors. I haven't given up, but trying to find one now will be very difficult. Many people are putting together deals for 2005. Realistically, I'm already behind for next year! Sponsors aren't the only way to make money. I can still win money. If I finish in the top ten in the championship, I'll make \$10,000. If I win the championship, I get \$100,000. Road America is my best chance of a good result, and a chance to go up from my current 21st in the championship. Rain rain go away... The forecast for Elkhart Lake this weekend includes rain and possible thunderstorms. Most drivers hate the rain. I don't mind. I raced here in the rain before, and besides getting soaked, had no problems. Point is, rain or sunshine I know Road America. I can get a good result. Don't count me out. Day one, count me out again. I'm slow again. How slow? I was 19th out of 21 drivers in practice and qualified DAL (dead ass last) for the first race, just like VIR. Then I talked to Randy Buck, Barber's test coordinator, about my car. I told him the car was feeling good, but I shouldn't be here last, the car can be tested. He said, I'll try, but the rain wouldn't make it happen. Barber tests their cars by comparing lap times. That means they can't test in the rain. So I finish the day last, maybe in a slow car, maybe not. I don't know what to think. I drove as well as I could. I was consistent. I pushed; At least I think I pushed. Did I do that? What happened? Am I just not good? Why am I here even if I can't go fast on the only trail I know? Later that night I went out to dinner with another driver, Blake Yager and his friend Dave Saunders. Saunders loves racing. Over the past 15 years, he has swapped tires for several NASCAR Winston Cup teams, and helped Goodyear test tires at Indy. Saunders said he could help Blake and me go faster by looking at us in different turns around the track. He added: In the rain stay far outside, there is more grip. I'll try that, I replied. Day two, Rain Rain Please StayToday the forecast kept its promise and rained all morning. I can fight racing in the rain, but I hate getting wet and cold. Why not go to Wal-Mart and buy one for \$20 dollars, Kris Wilson, a Barber Test Driver, said after I whined. What an obvious solution to a simple problem. Kris, you're a genius. An hour later I was gone and back, now equipped with a raincoat, rain pants, an umbrella, and rubber galoshes, which is right galoshes. I looked stupid and stayed dry. Shortly after I came back it was time for race-two race-two As I left the pits, I reminded myself what Saunders told me: Stay far out in the rain, more grip. On the second lap I left the last turn, turn 14, and added power too aggressively causing the car to turn. The spider was slow and lazy and closed with a light tire faucet. I barely felt a thing, but the blow was hard enough to bend the front and rear wing costing me \$2000. I limped the injured car back to these pits and switched for another. Leaving the pits I regrouped, and thought, far out, more grip. With that mantra, I ran seven clean laps without traffic. It didn't feel fast, but I drove clean and with control, a good mid-pack run. To my surprise, I qualified fourth. Unfortunately, everyone was surprised too. Fourth? Robin? Are you sure? It doesn't matter. I was ecstatic. That energy went to race-one that afternoon. I stormed off DAL to make nine passes and finish 12th. That made me the most progressive driver in the race. I think the lesson here is: if you don't like your race car, crash it and get another one. Day three, From Fog to FameSUnday morning, unlike VIR, I was early and on the track, excited, excited, nervous, and ready to race. But nature decided that instead it should be foggy for more than three hours. When Skip Barber was ready to call off the day, the fog went away and we got into cars. When the green flag fell on race-two the sky was sunny and the track was dry. My start was clean and I passed for the third on the inside entering turn-five on the first round. After two full rounds I lost that spot and two more to sit in sixth place. Then it started raining, but not everywhere. For two rounds these little showers rained on a few corners, stopped, then rained on a few more. It was chaos. Nobody knew what to do. Rainline? Dry line? It changed from corner to corner and then, the next round, it would change again. In that time I got a place from someone else making a mistake. Eventually, halfway through the race, the clouds opened up and rained all over the circuit. Ahh, predictability. I made another pass inside the entrance to Turn 12 and stayed there, comfortably finishing fourth. That was without a doubt the most bizarre and fantastic race of my short career. For my work I earned 12 points and jumped to 14th from 21st in the championship. Saunders, I owe you. Hallett Oklahoma, Race Seven and Eight Hallett Motor Racing CircuitLet's face. Fourth place on Road America was great, but I had an advantage, well several actually. I knew the trail. I had a lot of rain racing experience. And after a little accident, I had a really good car. I didn't suddenly discover hidden speed. Nor a makeup for having less experience than almost any other National Championship driver. But one result can cause a problem. That top-five finish tickled a nerve, and it won't stop. I'm impatient, exuberant, exuberant, Trust. Road America brought back the feeling that racing gave me in my karting days. To feel fast, you feel like a winner in racing tops every emotion I experienced in my life. In short, I expect another top-five finish, and I want to win. I got my influence back, and I'm going to use it. Can I be poorer? Clout is great, but I'm losing money fast. That sponsor I was going to find has not been found, and the monthly interest rate of my credit cards increased higher than most of my friend's entire credit card bill. What to do? I don't participate in extra taping or practice anymore, despite knowing the value of that sitting time, and after Hallett, I can't afford to pay Gerardo Bonilla to coach me, even though I still need his help. Worse, the lease for my apartment is at the end of July. The tenants increased my rent so I can no longer afford to live there. If I can't find a cheap place, I might be forced to move in with my parents. Day one, why don't you drive? The pain of being poor was clear from day one. Normally when we race at an event, we share the track with other Skip Barber series, and somewhere with several other series, as with Sebring. In Oklahoma, we had the trail to ourselves. That meant instead of our usual three-day event, they condensed an extra practice day and official practice into one day. So today there are three possibilities to drive the race car. To save money, I sat out two of the three sessions. While everyone was driving I went from corner to corner with instructors trying to see who is doing well, and what mistakes to watch out for. I've spent the rest of my time answering the question: Why don't you drive? Money, I just replied. The only session I rode was a mediocre success. I was 14th fastest of 16 drivers and made no mistakes. That may not sound good, but between the 2nd and 14th was only 1.2 seconds difference. If my time was two-tenths faster, I'd be 11th. I'm sure I can find more than two-tenths tomorrow. Hallett is a fun track. It has a lot of height change, and three angles where the exit is blind upon entry. One place in particular, called the bitch, convinces you to turn left, then when you turn a hill the corner the corner immediately jumps and shouts at you I mean, straight, straight! It took half a practice session to figure that out. The track has three straights, but they are all short. We never see fifth gear. That doesn't mean much rest between corners. Factor in the Oklahoma sun and by the end of a half-hour session, you're tired. Day two, if you don't take the heat, exercise! Finally back to normal. Like other people in a race car I will. Yesterday was tough. As a spectator of your own series, well it sucks. But back in the car didn't bear fruit as I thought it should. I qualified exactly where I practiced, 14th. Not what I expected, not what I wanted. Again I ended up session tired. I admit, my exercise routine took a back seat in my priority list a few months ago. Now in the heat and humidity I suffer. This is bad, now I feel really old. I don't pant anymore, but I couldn't concentrate so well and made little mistakes. That kept me from building trust and going faster. It was even hotter before the race that afternoon. Two things have happened. First my tires got hot and the car started to lose grip, then I got hot and started to lose concentration. The combination made me go about a second slower a lap than my qualifying pace and I slipped back to the last finish. I need food and a bed. Day three, can't brake too late? Meditate! Unfortunately, qualifying and race-two went much the same as yesterday. But I did learn two things. One, in qualifying for the second race I stopped in the pits twice, and sat in the car. Every time I closed my eyes slowly took long breaths and thought about every angle and what, if anything, I could do to improve. I was surprised at how much my brain wanted to tell me. I just had to stop and listen. It also gave the tires a chance to cool down. I qualified 13th, but I did that with complete control, consistency, and I didn't get tired. The race also went a little better. I kept my qualifying pace and had a good fight with Jeff Relic earlier on and Mark Burt later. I finished the race where I started in the 13th, but today I had fun. The second thing I learned was how important fitness is in this sport. I always knew that, but this weekend I learned exactly why. I didn't get the results I expected, but this time I was at a detriment. The sitting time equals speed. As for my influence? I have to take a little to Mosport, our next event at the end of July. That's in six weeks. The break should give me enough time to get out of my ass and exercise and even save a little money. Bowmanville Ontario, Race Nine and Ten Mosport! love Canada. It is home to friendly and helpful people, the CN Tower andoutine, a divine dish consisting of fries and cheese wrens saturated in hot beef grease. Canada also claims a two and a half mile road course called Mosport, located 100 kilometers east of Toronto. I think Barber Instructor Don Kutschall deserves the best Mosport was built without lawyers. In other words, no chicanes, no generic easy-to-see corner entrances, no PGA spec sand falling, just fast, blind entry, downhill, roller coaster, lose your lunch corners. How fast? Eight out of ten turns are taken in fourth or fifth gear, and we shot the track at average speeds of 96 mph. A track like this could never be in the United States, too much liability, hence the conviction when I say: I love Canada. At this racing event, the National Championship makes exclusive use of the track. That's why Skip Barber decided to organize the whole event in two days, instead of the usual three. That that nice, because there will be less waiting. This is also good for saving money, one less day in a hotel, and the US dollar travels further here. I'm desperate to save money. 16 candles and what do you get? Another day older and more in debt, yu, that sounds good. I'm still racing, that's all that matters. I now live in my grandmother's basement to save money, and everyone one of my four credit cards is filled to the brim with travel and racing expenses. I'm broke. The racing season is past the halfway mark, and my sidepods are still empty. That won't change. I'll be good, and happy if I can just finish this season, let alone finish well. At this level of sport, sponsors are very hard to find. You don't expect the amount of exposure or hospitality big companies expect, and small businesses usually don't want to spend enough money. To find a sponsor you need to know someone or be a very smart marketer. I'm neither. For me, the best solution is to try for prize money at the end of the year, and find a racing team interested in me that the type of exposure companies want to offer. To do that, I have to prove myself on the track. Day one, Four Mountain Dew and a wet slap in the Facel not in my motel east of Toronto until well after midnight. By the time I checked in and fell asleep the clock ticked past 2 am. I had to wake up at 7am, and make it to Mosport for 9am, the common time Barber begins. When I got there I was surprised to see only one other driver. Shortly thereafter, I found that if I had been on the optional patching day yesterday, I would have known that we would not start today until 11:00. I could have slept another two hours. Blast! Frustrated, I went straight to the cooler and started drinking my first of four Mountain Dew. Coming early wasn't extremely bad. Kris Wilson, a Barber test driver, was nice enough to give me a detailed ride around the track. His knowledge gave me a better than usual start to the weekend. With wilson's help I showed patience in learning the track and got up to speed pretty well. But I was still behind most of the field because I was the only one not on the optional rags day. I qualified as 12th out of 13 drivers for the first race, and given my short time in time I felt good. Shortly after qualifying, a heavy downpour opened, pounding the runway, and our open cockpit cars for about 30 minutes. After the storm, Barber decided to switch to rain bands. When the mechanics were done, it was 3:30 in the afternoon and I was exhausted. During the first round in the rain, after a brilliant move past two cars on the inside for the 8th, I spun, and threw it away. I have nothing or the car damaged, but I fell behind the field and never caught up. Ironically, because of the small field on this race, and two other people people I finished 11th, my best since Road America. That night I fainted cold at 21:45. Day Two, I have never worked so hard for trouble... I'm back at Mosport at 9am, still tired, but not like yesterday. Strangest thing though, I think being tired forced me to concentrate more. Today I made stupid mistakes and I shot the track slower. Double blast! I'm going backwards. My biggest problem was turn-one, a 100 mph, just about flat, fourth gear angle. Yesterday, no problem, today I kept putting two wheels off the track, and losing time. Barber Instructor Kutschall offered a solution, he told me that I did not turn to early as others thought, but too soon. Slow down, and you'll place the car where you want it. Towards the end of qualifying I fixed turn-one and qualified 12th again. During the second race, Jonathon Erickson and I fought for last place. Like me, Jon has limited experience and always plays catch up with the rest of the group. We had a great fight. I went faster through turns one and two, and then he caught me every time in turn three. Then we would fight nose to tail, drawing each other the rest of the round. We passed each other at least once per round for 16 laps. Erickson crossed the finish line three-tenths of a second. Then I looked at the grid. My fast lap was the slowest of the group, a 1:34.091. The fastest lap of the race was a 1:33.304 that is only seven tenths of a second faster. I crossed the finish line 11.9 seconds after the winner, Benny Moon, after 16 laps! I challenge you to watch another series and find a smaller gap between the first and last place. What fun! My race was a thrill, even though it was for the toilet bowl. Mont-Tremblant Quebec, Race 11 and 12 Le circuit at Mont-TremblantMont-Tremblant is located in a valley per hour northwest of Montreal. The almost kilometer high mountain leads several gondolas to its peak every day. From there, skiers swoosh down to a cluster of buildings painted in pastel colors (like the Garden district in New Orleans) that make up the village, a bazaar and fantastic enough place to pretend to be a fairy tale kingdom. Restaurants, boutiques and extravagant hotels occupy the Disney Land esc village. Almost every corner contains live music, magic, clowns or parades. In the summer, the Alpine Luge replaces skiing. The luge is a black plastic sled with wheels and a bicycle handlebar to steer and brake. It is carried by a ski lift up the mountain and then turns down at a moderate clip. For those who dare, the luge corners with more lateral force than a corvette. Still not impressed? Then drive two kilometers from fantasy land to Le circuit Mont-Tremblant. Property The Tommy Hilfiger Group (they also own the Tommy Hilfiger fashion line, duh!) this 2.65-mile track takes the excitement of the Alpine Luge and ups the ante. And it's where Skip Barber hosted rounds 12 of the National Championship. Day One, Have you ever heard the saying The only thing worse than falling on your face in a crowd... Bad weather limits Barber's ability to test cars for the race weekend. So they planned to do it after our first workout while we ate lunch. This meant for our first session the cars were not tested and evened. With that in mind, I've had a few laps of it, slowly building up speed. On my third round I started pushing. Immediately I saw the left-front tire locking in each braking zone. Frustrated, I plan to come into the pits, complain, and hopefully switch cars. Instead, my brain crashed entering Turn 10, an 80 mph left-handed heading uphill. Mental crashes, I think, are always good lessons in cause and effect. Cause: my stupid right foot stayed too long on the gas and turn nine. Brain rebooting I realized the error of my foot and switched the brake, hard, while left. Effect: lock-up, huge left-front lock-up. S%#!# The car didn't turn left, enough, and I hit the outside wall at over 60 mph. The right-front hit first, then the right-back. The impact tore the right-front wheel assembly. It hit the upper frame rail, grazed my head, and rolled 300 yards down the hill. I slid along the wall twenty feet and stopped, holding my hand between the bent in frame and steering wheel. oh No. No! I screamed internally. I yanked my stunned body out of the car, my lungs furiously pumped air, my heart rate matched the pace, my head ran damage control. Am I still alive? Yes. Am I hurt? Yes, where? Left foot: hard to walk on. Right hand: bruised, but not broken. Okay, I'm fine. What happened? A few moments later Barber Instructor Don Kutschall came to my aid and drove me back to the pits. He asked, What happened? I blamed the car. The counterweights were wrong, I said, causing bad lock-up. That's true, but not why I scrapped. I screwed up and put myself in the wall. And I don't know how I'm going to pay for it. ... Is falling on your face in a crowd twice? (Day two) Yesterday still weighed heavily on my shoulders while I tied myself up in the car for the first race. Yesterday, my friends helped to calm me down and I ended two qualifying sessions without a wheel wrong. But I'm in financial trouble. It's messing with my head. Then the race started and my worries left me. Racing somehow heals all wounds physically and mentally. In fact, I drove well, moving the grid from my 14th qualifying position. Then, 5 laps in, a red flag came up. Young Mexican Sergio Perez put his car in the tires. He was fine. The field came into the pits were able to clean up. My friend and photographer Jim Lau came up to me and said; I thought that was you, phew! He cursed me. With the track clean, we took a pace lap and went green. In turn three, I got the wrong kick. Kicked in, from 115 mph in traffic and, to avoid chasing-ending someone, I went to the grass and hit the tire wall, totaling the car. What next? As soon as I got back to the pits I grabbed my friend and left home, now charged with an additional \$10,000 of crash damage. After today, my career is entirely dependent on finding a sponsor, which is by far the hardest part of racing. My season is over, and if I'm not lucky my career. Before I started, Elkhart Lake Wisconsin, Race 13 and 14 Road AmericaWell, I went to Road America, but not to race. I drove Saturday afternoon to interview Marco Andretti (Marco Under the Microscope, November 2004) and say hello to friends. It felt surreal, not racing. Two weeks had passed since my two wrecks in two days in Mont-Tremblant where my purpose in life, my dream, died. My guts were numb, like I'd lost something. I can't say what exactly. I can say that moment my deep passion for the sport surfaced. It reminded me why I started all this in the first place. Because my gut told me I had to. I think that's what dreams are. Gut feelings that we feel obliged to pursue, however dubious. My feeling grabbed hold of racing four years ago at the 2000 Detroit Grand Prix. I don't remember seeing it, but hearing Champ Cars thunder through Belle Isle. I ran to the track like a toddler chasing an ice cream truck. Once standing there, I looked and listened. That sound changed my life. It motivated me to race karts for two years, Formula Dodge in 2003, and again this year with the National Championship. When I started, I had a savings account and a vision. Now I have huge credit card debt and an unclear path. So for many, now seems like a good time to say, Huh? I tried. It's time to finish college and get a real job. Time to let the dream stay just that, a dream. You still think to yourself, I could have made it. For several days this seemed like my destiny. Why fight, I thought, it's a rich man's game. But my emptiness did not go away with these thoughts; It got worse. Now, come back to his on Road America, but not racing. This weekend the National Championship was held with Champ Car. This weekend I heard, once again, Champ Cars thundering through the Wisconsin forest, shouting past me at nearly 200 mph. It grabbed my gut and I, again, felt obligated. I realized that my dream hadn't died, and all I lost was hope. Road America gave it back. I don't know what or where, but I will be racing in 2005. 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