

Robinson Sets Sights on Motorola Cup

Anthony Robinson has been racing since 1976, when he started in the sprint karting program. His father, Gerald, was also a racer, so it's no wonder that the younger Robinson picked up the hobby. Now Robinson is all grown up and racing in the Sport Car Club of America (SCCA) circuit in a 1995 Acura Integra GS-R. He's sponsored by Shockteck of Pennsylvania; Comptech USA; American Honda of California; Brim Imports; Golden Graphics from Ohio and Nemesis Sportswear of Chicago. His racing record last year was 19 wins out of 31 entries.

Robinson will continue this year on the SCCA circuit, but says he's ready for the Motorola Cup Pro Series. He's currently courting sponsors, that is,



Anthony Robinson (center) with dad, Gerald Robinson, and crew member Blair Judson.

when he's not working with kids. Robinson, who has degrees in mechanical engineering and industrial design, talks to children all the time, encouraging safe driving and persuading some to consider careers in the motorsports industry.

For updates on Robinson's racing season, visit our web site: www.onwheelsinc.com. To contact him for more information, call 1-800-221-3874.

— Jacqueline Mitchell

Malcom Durham -No. 48 of NHRA's 50 Greatest Drivers

Evoking memories of the entrance of Jackie Robinson into major league baseball, the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) has recognized African American Malcolm Durham as a drag racing superstar. The NHRA move publicly acknowledges blacks' involvement in the long history of drag racing.

Born in Goldsboro, N.C., before moving to Washington D.C., Malcom has had many successes on drag strips throughout the country. Piloting Chevelles, Camaros and Vegas during his victorious career, Malcolm Durham, with his long line of Chevy Strip Blazers, was well known throughout the drag racing world.

From 1957 to 1984, Durham competed with joyful enthusiasm, receiving standing ovations wherev-

er he raced. Battling on the East Coast against the likes of DonNicholson, Sox and Martin, the Ram chargers, Hayden Proffitt, and Bill Jenkins, Durham was "the" drawing card, winning most of his races.

Durham's first appearance on the West Coast was in California at Lions Dragstrip. The crowd went wild with his long, smoky half-track burnouts. And though he was a quiet man, Durham had to adopt public mannerisms to warrant his nickname, "D.C. Lip," given to him by racing promoters.

Lack of corporate sponsorship finally forced Durham to quit racing, but he's finally gotten the recognition he deserves.

— C.J. Patterson

AFMIM Needs You

The Association for Minorities in Motorsports (AFMIM), a nonprofit organization, has been developed to encourage minority participation in NASCAR and other aspects of the motorsports industry. Its formation was motivated by NASCAR's recent introduction of the NASCAR Diversity Council, an overture aimed at welcoming African Americans and other minorities into racing. The NASCAR council includes racing greats like Ricky Rudd, Jeff Gordon and Bill Lester.

For its part, AFMIM wants to bridge the gap between the motorsports and minority communities, and plans to educate its members on opportunities the motorsports industry offers.

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