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Dismore wins!

The Kelley team driver was brought to tears by his first win

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The moment had been so long in coming, Mark Dismore had plenty of time to plan just how he would celebrate his first career victory. But when the time finally arrived Sunday night, the emotion of the moment was overwhelming.

"I let out a scream and then started crying like a baby," Dismore said after winning the season-ending Mobil 1 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. "I needed a windshield wiper inside my visor. I wanted to win a race for so long."

Not only did the victory snap the longest winless streak in Pop Boys Indy Racing League history, it came just two days after Kelley Racing announced Dismore's contract and that of teammate Scott Sharp — was being extended through the 2001 season.

Dismore, who won in his 30th IRL start, dedicated the victory to his father, Emerson, who is undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer, which was discovered approximately six weeks ago. The disease claimed his father-in-law, Bud Brunson, two years ago.

"It wasn't any one thing, it was a lot of things," Dismore said of his post-race emotions. "Everything from me being hurt eight years ago, to my dad, to Tim and Jim (Kelley) not giving up on me. It was just a very special moment."

Dismore became only the second driver in IRL history to win a race by more than a lap. He averaged 135.246 mph in his Mobil 1 WorldCom Dallara, Arie Luyendyk won by the same distance in the 1987 True Value 500 at Texas.

The victory capped an up-and-down season for Dismore, who started in the front two rows for all but one race this season. Those starts rarely translated into top finishes, however, with a third-place finish two weeks ago at Pikes Peak serving as his only other podium appearance.

His victory Sunday helped him end the season on a high note, finishing third in the final 1999 point standings, behind series champion Greg Ray and 1997 winner Kenny Brack.

"I'm happy for Mark," team owner Tom Kelley said. "To finally win after 2½ years together ... it's extremely gratifying."

Dismore's victory came while driving "Beley," the first Dallara race car Kelley bought when he started forming his team prior to the 1997 Indianapolis 500. Through the years, the car — modified with several update kits — has been Dismore's favorite.

"It seems like I've been trying forever," said Dismore, who celebrated his 43rd birthday Tuesday. "It's kind of hard to believe, it shouldn't be, but it is. The good thing is that usually when you do get the first one, the next one comes a lot easier. We're going to use this to inspire us to work harder than ever."

Dismore led three times Sunday, claiming the lead for good via pit strategy late in the race. Sharp spun in his own pit on the front stretch to bring out the fifth of six caution periods on Lap 152. Dismore wanted to pit until Lap 161, giving him enough fuel to go the rest of the way. Ray, who was in the lead, opted to wait, but had to pit under green conditions on Lap 167, putting Dismore back in front for the closing laps.

Despite a comfortable one-lap cushion, Dismore said he didn't start celebrating until he crossed the line and the checkered flags were waving above him. "It was probably the most focused I've ever been. I didn't want to forget anything."

He didn't and now he has a victory he'll always remember.

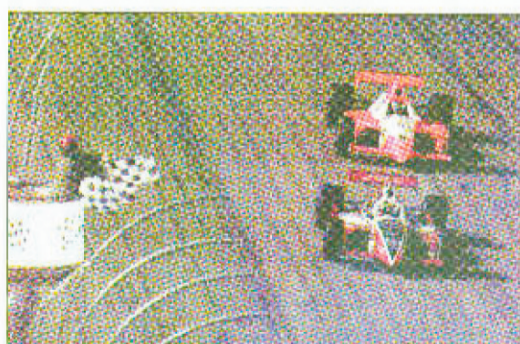
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— Mark Dismore



WINNER
OCTOBER 17, 1999

Right: Kelley Racing's Mark Dismore beats Davey Hamilton to the checkered flag Sunday. Dismore was actually more than a lap ahead of Hamilton.
By The Associated Press



Above: Mark Dismore celebrates his first career victory in the Mobil 1 500 race Sunday, October 17, 1999 at Texas Motor Speedway.
By The Associated Press

KELLEY RACING

Mark Dismore's IRL career

1999		
Track	Start	Finish
Texas	2nd	1st
Las Vegas	2nd	20th
Pikes Peak	3rd	3rd
Dover	1st	15th
Atlanta	4th	17th
Pikes Peak	3rd	21st
Texas	1st	8th
Indianapolis	5th	16th
Phoenix	2nd	7th
Walt Disney World	10th	6th

1998		
Las Vegas	9th	15th
Texas	4th	10th
Atlanta	5th	7th
Pikes Peak	4th	19th
Charlotte	4th	15th
Dover	3rd	18th
New Hampshire	13th	8th
Texas	6th	21st
Indianapolis	12th	27th
Phoenix	19th	16th
Walt Disney World	22nd	5th

1997		
Las Vegas	8th	5th
New Hampshire	23rd	11th
Charlotte	10th	19th
Pikes Peak	21st	11th
Texas	14th	11th
Indianapolis	25th	28th

1996		
# Las Vegas	10th	17th
# New Hampshire	30th	20th
# Indianapolis	14th	19th

As of October 17, 1999

Kelley Racing highlights

RACE FINISHES

Oct. 17, 1999: Mark Dismore posts first career IRL victory, winning the Mobil 1 500 at Texas Motor Speedway by more than a lap over runner-up Davey Hamilton.

July 17, 1998: Scott Sharp wins Kroll Mechanics Tools 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

July 19, 1998: Scott Sharp wins Pop Boys 400K at Dover Downs International Raceway.

March 22, 1998: Scott Sharp posts team's first-over victory, winning the Dura-Lube 200 at Phoenix International Raceway.

QUALIFYING

July 30, 1999: Mark Dismore and Scott Sharp sweep the front row in qualifying for the Mid-Atlantic 200 at Dover Downs International Raceway. The more claimed the pole with a lap of 182.639 mph.

June 11, 1999: Mark Dismore wins pole for the Longhorn 500 at Texas Motor Speedway with a lap of 215.272 mph.

January 23, 1999: Scott Sharp wins team's first-over pole, turning a lap of 171.371 mph for the TransWorld Drivethru Services 200 at Walt Disney World Speedway.



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MUHAMMAD ALI

former three-time heavyweight champion
The 57-year-old, who last fought in 1981 and suffers from slow speech and movement due to Parkinson's disease, says he plans to train, lose weight and box in an exhibition in Madison Square Garden. **Story, 7S**

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