

Opposite Coasts, Similar Fate for Racing Teams

(6/27/05) Both Target Chip Ganassi Racing teams tested their mettle on opposite ends of the United States this weekend.

Out west, Target team NASCAR driver Casey Mears and the No. 41 Target Dodge posted a 20th-place finish at the Infineon Raceway during the Dodge/Save Mart 350 in Sonoma, Calif., on Sunday.

Mears began the race in the 42nd position after his transmission stuck on pit road before the race, but he soon sped ahead and stood in 11th by lap 41.



Mears stays on the inside track during the Dodge/Save Mart 350 on Sunday.

On lap 68, Mears missed his fuel window, causing him to fall back to 27th. Mears finished in the 20th position and remains 25th in the championship standings.

Back east, the Target team Indy Racing League (IRL) team took some hard hits during the SunTrust Indy Challenge at the Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va., on Sunday.

Darren Manning led the Target team, cracking the top 10 several times and reaching seventh, but contact with another car ended his race 10 laps early, placing him 15th.

Indy rookie Ryan Briscoe avoided car contact but ended up against the wall on lap 88, causing him to finish 21st.

Scott Dixon also found himself against a wall, ending his race on lap 37.

Target team IRL will head to Kansas for the Argent Mortgage Indy 300 on Sunday while Mears will compete on Saturday night at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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