



The BOOK on a driver - Graham Rahal



If you ever make it to being a professional race car driver at the highest levels, what would you like team managers and the media to be saying about you and your abilities behind the wheel?

Remember you can't hide anything in motorsports. On my *Complete Champion Radio Show* (www.racefanradio.com),

Graham Rahal recently told me that he thought he came through the lower formulae too fast and perhaps he was not as prepared as he needed to be when he made it to the Indy Car level.

Consider Indianapolis journalist, Curt Cavin's recent description of one of America's most promising drivers, Graham Rahal.

Case for signing Graham: Still one of America's brightest young stars, capable of winning at any track.

Reason to be wary: He needs to reduce his mistakes.

This season he has not really made many mistakes, but the "BOOK" on Graham is that he has made too many mistakes in the past. Might that be a result of what he recognizes as perhaps moving through the lower formulae too fast?

Mistakes at the highest levels can be very expensive. How can you become so well prepared that the "BOOK" on you as a top line professional might not say something like this?

What would you like your "BOOK" to say? Remember, Graham at 16 years of age had the same talent as he did when he was 20 years old - but at 20, he had much more knowledge and experience. You can't get this knowledge and experience watching a video or reading about it - you have to experience it as you go through the lower formulae.

The speed through the lower formulae can also vary from driver to driver depending on the driver's ability to process information.

