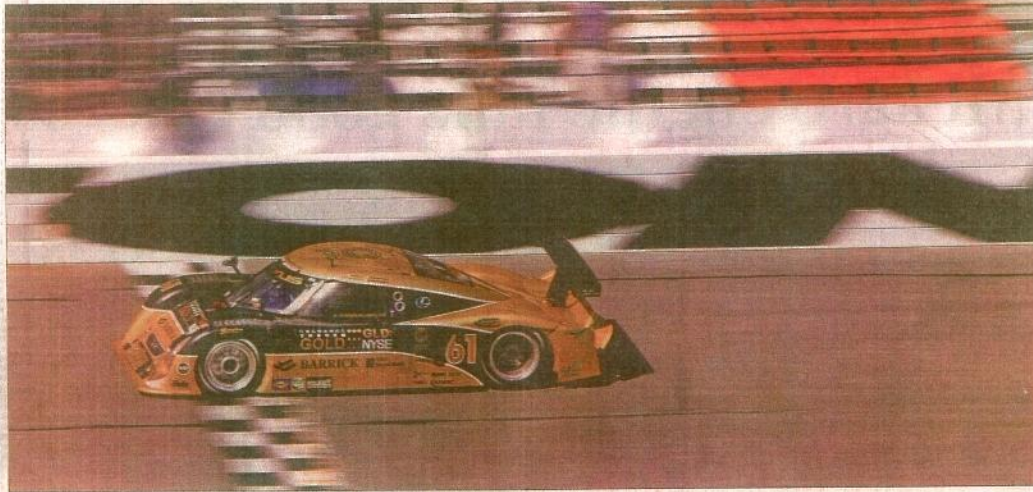


Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona



The Aim Autosport Lexus prototype crosses the line into fifth place last Sunday at the Daytona Speedway after 24 hours of racing. Driving was shared by David Empringham and Mark Wilkins, both of Toronto.

Proud day for Canada

Canadian racers led the way in one of the world's most prestigious auto races last Sunday — not bad, eh?

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In the middle of the night, the Aim pit crew makes quick work of a tire change and fuel fill-up.



Patrick Carpentier, seen above left immediately after the race, passes Jean-François Dumoulin on the inside, above, to eventually take second place. Dumoulin, above right, was happy to win the GT class.



The Aim Autosport Lexus prepares to pass the No. 6 Lexus of Paul Tracy and A.J. Allmendinger, who eventually finished in 26th place.



Michael Valiente, top, drove his prototype to 10th place, while Dave Lacey and Greg Wilkins, above, came eighth in the GT class.



Just before the Rolex 24 get underway, Toronto's Karl Thomson drove his Acura to win the Koni Challenge Street Tuper class.