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THE GOLD CUP ON FOX SPORTS NETWORK - OCTOBER 23RD AT 3PM!

Heads up! The Gold Cup race will be shown this Monday on Fox Sports Network at 3:00pm! Be sure to set your VCR's. Check your local listings for any potential changes.

From the ABRA's web site:

Fox Sports Network (FSN) in conjunction with Focused Sports TV and the American Boat Racing Association will air four of the seven races of the EnviroPly Unlimited Hydroplane Series starting Monday, October 23. The one-hour show will run every Monday at 3 p.m. local time for four consecutive weeks.

The Detroit Chrysler Jeep APBA Gold Cup will be the kickoff event on FSN. The Tri-Cities Water Follies Atomic Cup, the Chevrolet Cup at Seafair followed by the exciting ProBoat Models UIM World Championship at San Diego's Mission Bay will also air on FSN during the four-week series.

The four one-hour shows will display some of the most exciting racing in the sport's history. Over 81 million households will be able to view these races. The series airs on Monday, October 23 through Monday, November 13.

"I think all fans of the sport will want to watch the great racing we had during the Gold Cup in Detroit and the unbelievable footage secured during the race on the Columbia River," added Cole. "The great race in Seattle with the greatest heat racing ever in San Diego will complete an exciting four-weeks of ABRA racing on TV.

"I know our hydroplane fans will find this series to be exciting but I also hope the average sports fan will gain some awareness about we are all about."

See the ABRA web site for all the market listings and times:

<http://www.abrahydroplanes.com>

VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE FINISH/START MEETING

At the recent Finish/Start meeting where we wrap up the past event and begin looking forward to next year, three volunteer awards were presented:

The DRRA's Jack Love Award was presented to James Kiefer and the Pit Operations Team. This is the DRRA's most prestigious award, in honor of the late Jack Love. Jack was instrumental in forming the Spirit Of Detroit Association in 1962, and "Kiefer" and his team are most deserving of this award.

The DRRA President's Cup went to Steve Upton.

The Inaugural DRRA Director's Choice Award went to Tim Lankin.

Also, Joe Tate was recognized for his services. Joe has been a big help on the DRRA Board of Directors but has recently retired from that position.

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to all!

HOW ABOUT THOSE TIGERS!?! ON THEIR WAY TO THE WORLD SERIES

I'm sure that our readers in the Detroit area have been watching the Tigers run up to the World Series closely. What a turn-around they've made this year - all you can say is WOW!

So, from the DRRA to the team - GO TIGERS!

Also, the DRRA webmaster, Brian Reed, has created his own web site where you can "Shout Out Your Support!" for the Tigers by placing a small image and custom message. He invites everyone to take a look and contribute:

<http://www.tigers2006.com>

UPDATE ON JENNIFER WILLETTE - GOOD NEWS

Jennifer is doing good and is now back in Michigan. She is going through Physical and Occupational Therapy now and doing very well with it. She had a little setback but is doing good and they hope she will be coming home in a few weeks if all goes well. They say her appetite is great. She has a great determination to this and she never lets anything get her down, she just keeps looking at the positive side of things.

- Brian Reed - DRRA Volunteer