Jody Scheckter awaits the start of the 1974 US Grand Prix in his blue Tyrrell car (top). The 1974 race is October 6, when he will be facing stiff competition from many drivers, including Tom Pryce in his UOP Shadow (below).

Scheckter advocates race safety

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on speed, track, and car safety. Jody would like to see the cornering speeds much lower, since any accident on a corner would occur at a safer speed. "The new regulations require the car's rear wing to be located 80 cm. farther forward than before, but I don't think that this is enough," he said, "cornering speeds will still be much too fast."

On the cars, Jody would like to see a much more complete roll bar around the driver, but he added that this would only be possible by making it mandatory, since the added weight would slow down the car.

Jody feels that the Watkins Glen course is much safer after recent changes, which include a chicane in the middle of the esses, repositioned steel barriers, and the installation of catch fences on several corners. Commenting on the new additions, Jody said that "the new chicane portion of the circuit will offer a new challenge to the drivers, and with the track additions, it will also be much safer."

Last year Jody ran in the International Race Of Champions, which consisted of twelve of the world's top drivers racing identical Chevy Camaros in four race-two on road courses, and two on oval tracks. Finding the oval racing a totally foreign experience, Jody wound up in last place at the end of the series. He has much higher hopes for this year's series, since he feels that he is beginning to understand the art of driving a car at 170 when both of your bumpers are touching another car...

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