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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Turner Gill will be switching gears this summer.

The University at Buffalo football coach has been named grand marshal for the IndyCar race at Watkins Glen International on July 5. The appointment follows a breakthrough year for Gill.

In his third season at Buffalo, the former Nebraska star quarterback led the Bulls to win their first Mid-American Conference title and first bowl appearance, a 38-20 loss to UConn in the International Bowl.

"I am honored," Gill said. "It will be an opportunity for me to see what IndyCar racing is all about, and to touch base with fans of both racing and UB football."

A special ticket package is available for fans to meet Gill, with proceeds to go to the Buffalo/Niagara YMCA.

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