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#12 Will Power leads a gaggle of cars through Thunder Valley.

POWER MAKES A TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO VICTORY LANE, LEADING A 1,2,3 FINISH FOR TEAM PENSKE.

Story by Jaime Kosofsky, Photos by Anthony Bristol

Will Power ended a lengthy victory drought in spectacular fashion at the XPEL Grand Prix of Road America, securing his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES win since June 2022 in Detroit. This victory marks the end of a 34-race winless streak for Power, a two-time series champion, and sets an emotional tone for Team Penske's total to 42, tying him with Michael Andretti for



#8 Rookie and Pole Sitter Linus Lundqvist, speaking with Team Owner Chip Ganassi pre race.

fourth place on the all-time INDYCAR SERIES victories list.

Power started the race in fifth place and drove his No. 12 Verizon Business Team Penske Chevrolet to a commanding 3.2609-second victory over teammate Josef Newgarden. Scott McLaughlin completed the Penske sweep by finishing third, 8.0148 seconds behind Power. The team's performance at Road America marks Penske's first 1-2-3 finish since 2017 at Sonoma Raceway.

This victory was particularly emotional for Power, who dedicated it to his family. Power's wife, Liz, had been seriously ill last year, and he juggled his focus between caring for her and competing in the series. After crossing the finish line, he was greeted by his tearful wife and their son, Beau, in what became one of the most cathartic moments of the season. Reflecting on the emotional toll and the effort

it took to regain his form, Power said, "Massively special. We've worked so hard to try to get wins. I worked really hard in the offseason. Last season was very stressful, and I had half a mind at home and half at the track."

One of the most dramatic moments of the race weekend occurred during practice, when Power's teammate Josef Newgarden suffered a massive crash. Newgarden, who was battling for pole position, lost control of his No. 2 PPG Team Penske Chevrolet after getting a wheel off course. The car spun at around 140 mph and slammed backward into the SAFER barrier at Turn 2.

The impact was heavy, but Newgarden was able to walk away uninjured, giving a thumbs-up to safety workers as he exited the wrecked vehicle. While the car was heavily damaged, the Penske team worked tirelessly to get it

ready for the race, allowing Newgarden to not only start but finish second, just behind Power.

The race itself was filled with strategic pit stops and tire tactics that ultimately gave Power the advantage. Newgarden led early on Firestone Firehawk alternate tires but had to

make a critical pit stop late in the race.

Power's strategy to use Firestone primary tires longer in the race proved successful, as he managed to exit pit road ahead of Newgarden on Lap 44. Despite Newgarden's late attempt to regain the lead, Power held him off to secure the victory.

This win also catapulted Power to the top of the championship standings, giving him a narrow five-point lead over Álex Palou, who finished fourth. Power's victory is a testament to perseverance, resilience, and teamwork, making it one of the most inspiring stories of the 2024 INDYCAR season.

XPEL Grand Prix Podium

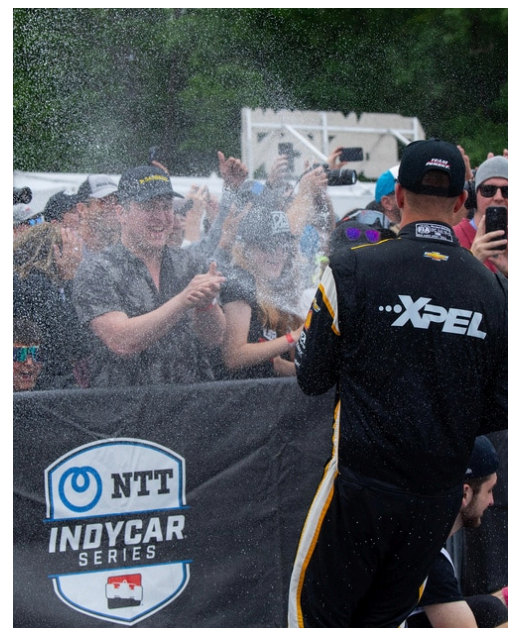
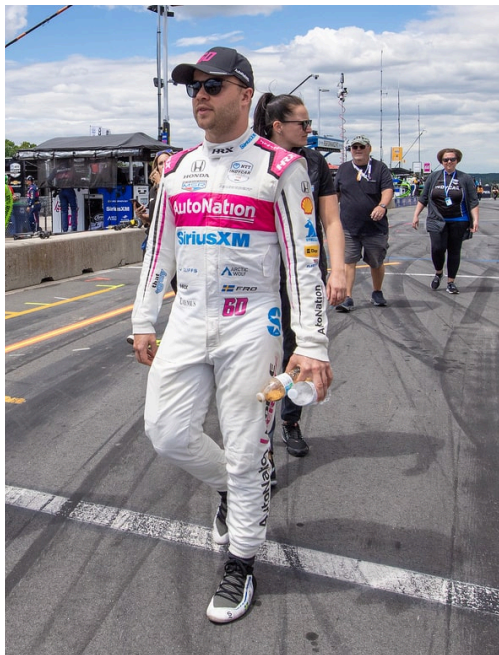
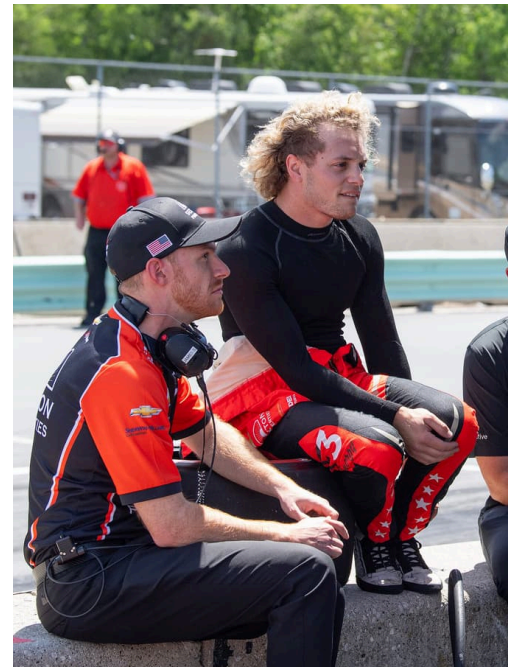


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**Josef
Newgarden**

1st
**Will
Power**

3rd
**Scott
McLaughlin**







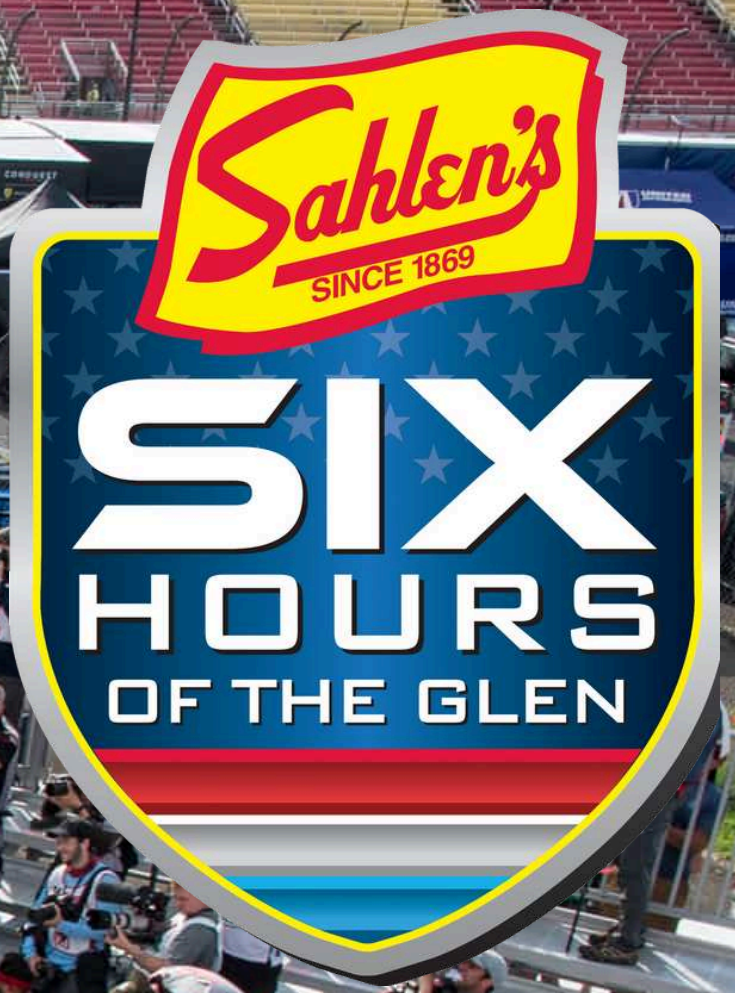
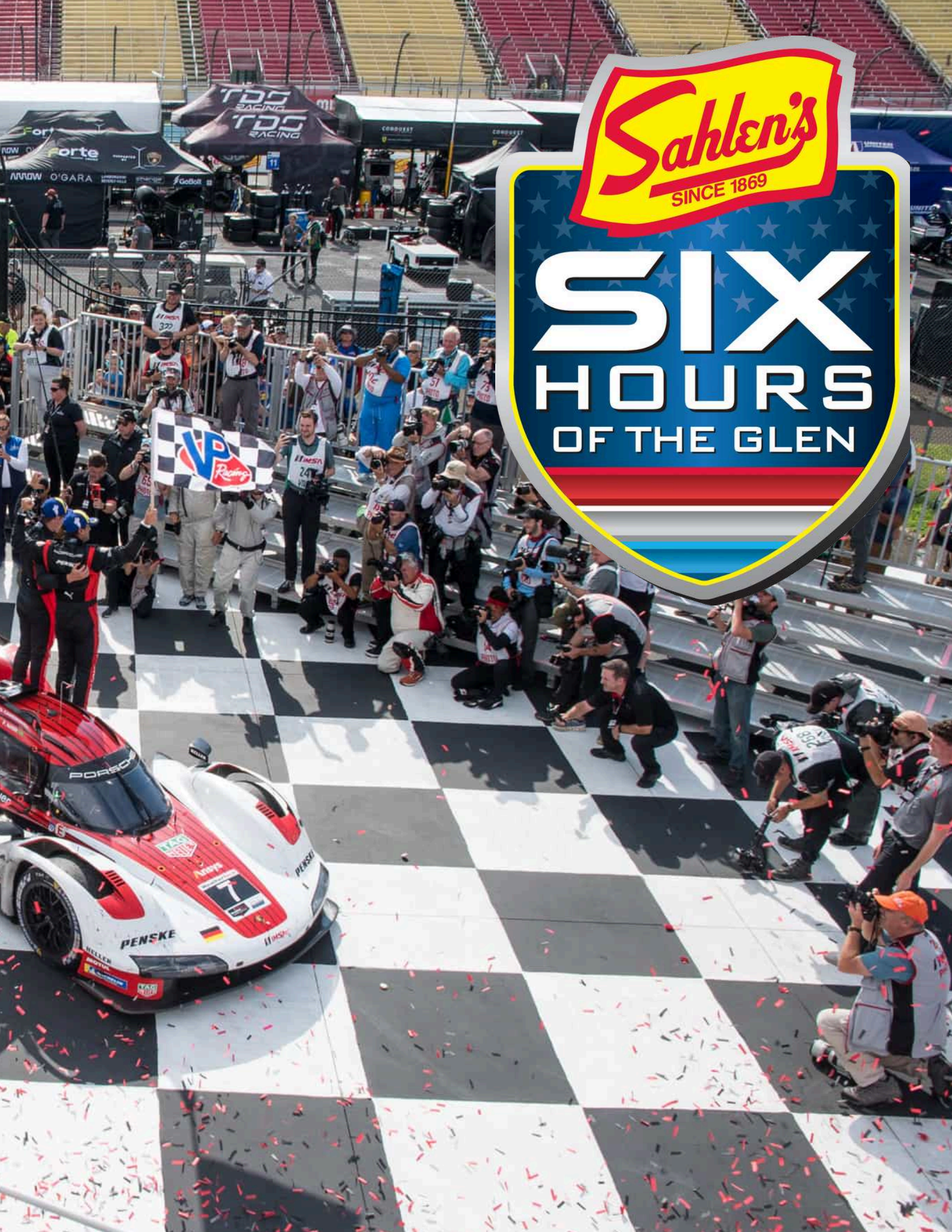
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Nicklas Nielsen, Lilou Wadoux-Ducellier & Luis Pérez Companc
#88 Richard Mille AF Corse
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**Note: The LMP2 podium was in dispute after the race, therefore no victory lane celebration took place*



Ross Gunn, Alex Riberas
#23 Heart of Racing Team
Aston Martin Vantage GT3 Evo



Philip Ellis, Russell Ward, Indy Dontje
#57 WINWARD RACING
Mercedes-AMG GT3





Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen Raceday Photos





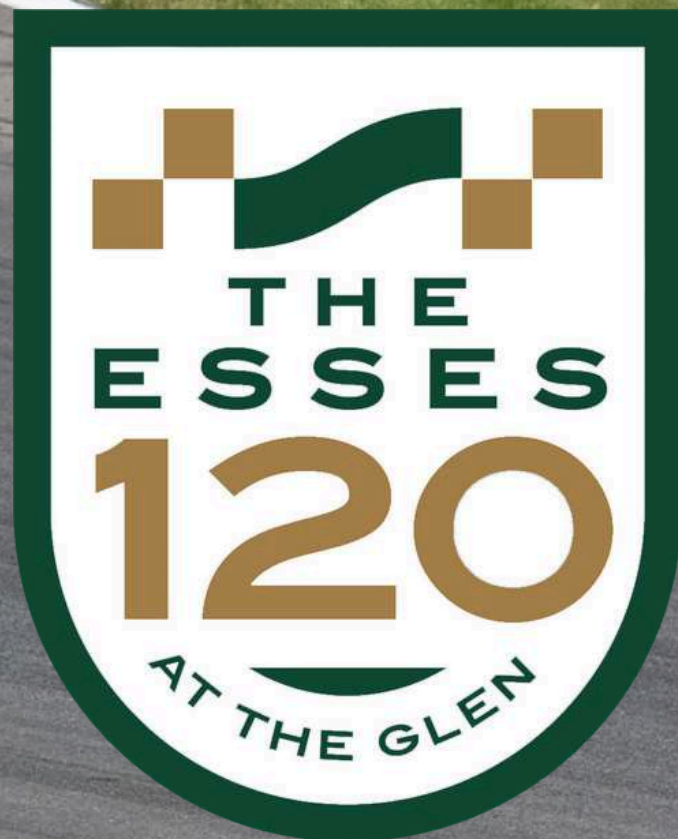
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The Esses 120 at the Glen Class Winners



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The Esses 120 at the Glen

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Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey

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Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey Podium

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Colton
Herta

1st

Álex
Palou

3rd

Alexander
Rossi



THE
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AT MID-OHIO

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Photo by Anthony Bristol

Pato O'Ward Secures Redemption at Mid-Ohio, Capitalizing on Álex Palou's Pit Mishap in Historic Hybrid Engine Debut

by Jaime Kosofsky photos by Anthony Bristol



#10 Pole sitter Alex Palou leading the pack during the opening laps of the race.

In a race that will be remembered for its significance in both technological advancement and fierce competition, Pato O'Ward claimed victory at the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, securing his second win of the 2024 season and redeeming himself after a string of close calls earlier in the year. The 80-lap contest not only marked O'Ward's resurgence but also the official debut of IndyCar's long-anticipated hybrid engine, ushering in a new era for the series.

O'Ward's victory came after a dramatic battle with championship leader Álex Palou, who dominated much of the race by leading 53 laps from pole position. The pivotal moment occurred on lap 56 when Palou, who had been the class of the field for the majority of the day, stalled during his pit stop. This uncharacteristic mistake opened the door for O'Ward, who was trailing but had steadily reduced the gap. Seizing the opportunity, O'Ward passed Palou as he exited the pit lane and took control of the race.

Despite a late push from Palou, who closed the gap to just 0.3 seconds in the final laps, O'Ward defended his lead and crossed the finish line a mere 0.499 seconds ahead of his rival, marking the closest finish on a road or street course in the 2024 season. The victory was O'Ward's second of the year, but the first he won outright on the track. His earlier win in St. Petersburg had come after Josef Newgarden's disqualification for manipulating the push-to-pass system.

O'Ward's triumph at Mid-Ohio was particularly satisfying following the heartbreak of the Indianapolis 500, where he had led on the final lap, only to be passed by Newgarden in the last half-mile. Reflecting on Sunday's race, O'Ward said, "We really pushed today. Watching him [Palou] pull away early on, I knew we had to make the most of the red tires. As soon as we got the reds on, that was my chance to close the gap and ultimately beat him. We earned it today—no one gave it to us."

Palou, while undoubtedly frustrated by the pit stop mishap, managed to extend his lead in the championship standings to 48 points over Will Power. After the race, Palou acknowledged his error: "I tried to engage first gear too early, and that was enough to let him [O'Ward] by. It was a small mistake, but it made the difference today." Palou's performance still cemented his role as the dominant force in the series, though O'Ward's victory has positioned him as a serious contender, now sitting third in the standings, 70 points back.



Cars exiting "The Keyhole" turn during the race.

Beyond the personal rivalry between O'Ward and Palou, the Honda Indy 200 will also be remembered as a milestone in IndyCar history for the introduction of its hybrid engine system. The 2.2-liter, twin-turbocharged V-6 engine, which generates power through braking and throttle changes, represents a leap forward for the series. The hybrid system stores energy in capacitors, providing up to 120 horsepower in quick bursts via a mechanism similar to the push-to-pass system.

The new hybrid power unit performed admirably during its debut, with extended green-flag runs providing teams ample opportunity to experiment with the system. "It made things interesting," Palou noted. "You could feel the hybrid system kick in at key moments, especially when trying to close gaps or defend a position."

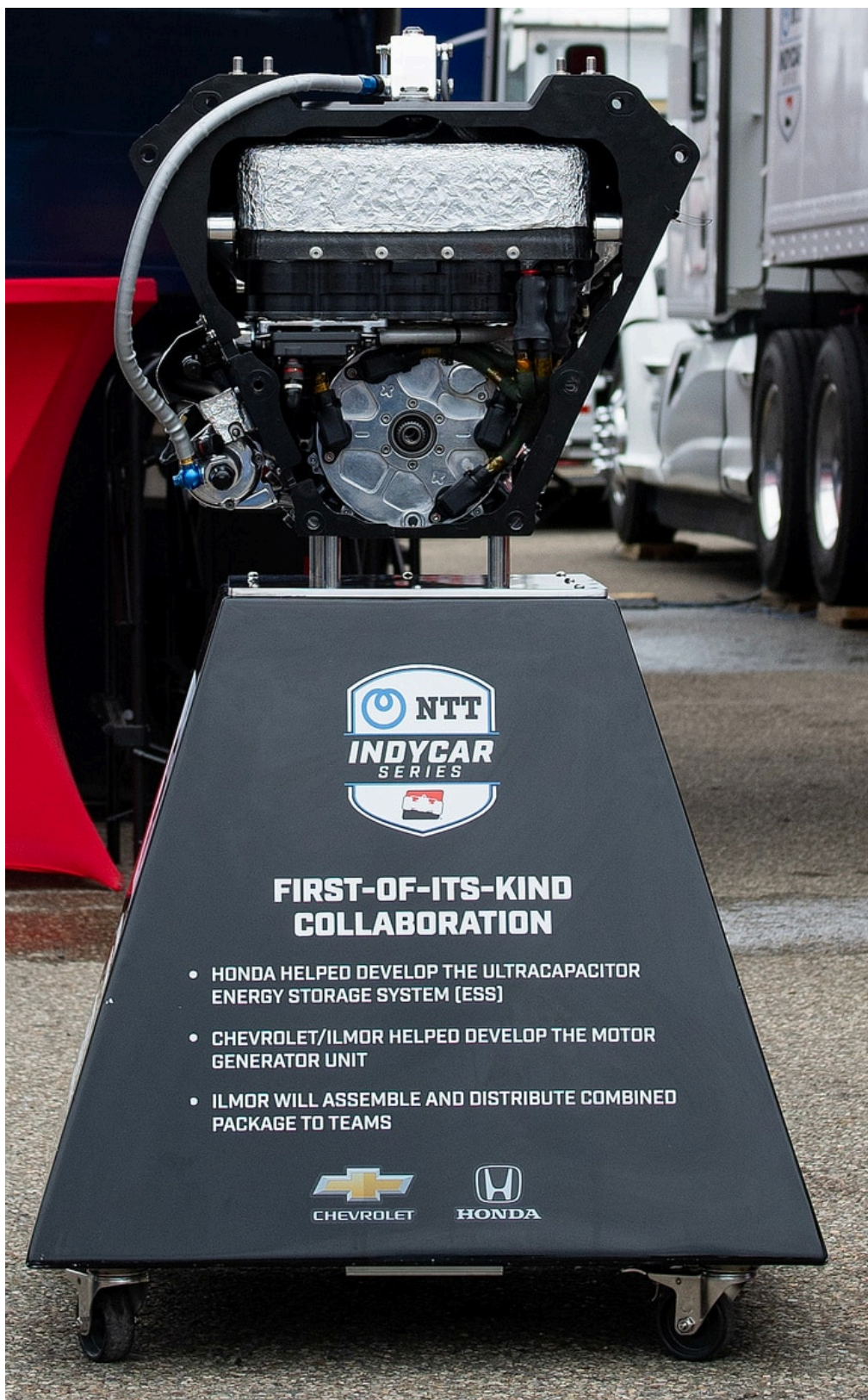
Scott McLaughlin, who finished third, also praised the hybrid system, describing it as "a fun new tool to play with" as teams continue to fine-tune their use of the technology. For McLaughlin, it was a much-needed podium finish after an up-and-down season.

The race was less kind to six-time champion Scott Dixon, whose race ended on the first lap due to an electrical issue. Dixon, who entered the weekend 32 points behind Palou, now finds himself 71 points adrift in the championship standings.

As the series moves forward to Iowa Speedway, the hybrid engine will face its first oval test, promising another chapter in the evolution of IndyCar and the continuation of a season now shaped by both technological innovation and fierce competition at the front of the field.



Cars on track during the race.



View of the brand new hybrid motor that will power the cars of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES moving into the future.



#12 Will Power ahead of #9 Scott Dixon.



#8 Rookie Linus Lundqvist running on track during the race.



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KYLE LARSON RETURNS TO INDY AND SETTLES A SCORE WITH THE BRICKYARD.

Story and photos by Jaime Kosofsky.

Kyle Larson evened the score at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a dramatic win in the 2024 Brickyard 400, just two months after his ambitious attempt to complete the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 double fell apart. Back in May, Larson's plans were derailed by a lengthy weather delay in Indy and rain in Charlotte. Despite finishing 18th and earning Rookie of the Year

honors in his first-ever Indy 500, a pit-road speeding penalty dashed any hopes of victory. Meanwhile, Mother Nature prevented him from taking the track at the Coke 600. Although NASCAR granted him a playoff waiver after weeks of speculation, it was a frustrating weekend.

Fast forward to August, and Larson returned

to the Brickyard with a point to prove. Armed with the same Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet he planned to run in May, he was ready to settle the score. On Sunday, Larson's strategy, perseverance, and a bit of luck paid off. During a double-overtime finish, he edged past Ryan Blaney and held off Tyler Reddick before a caution secured his first victory at the historic speedway.

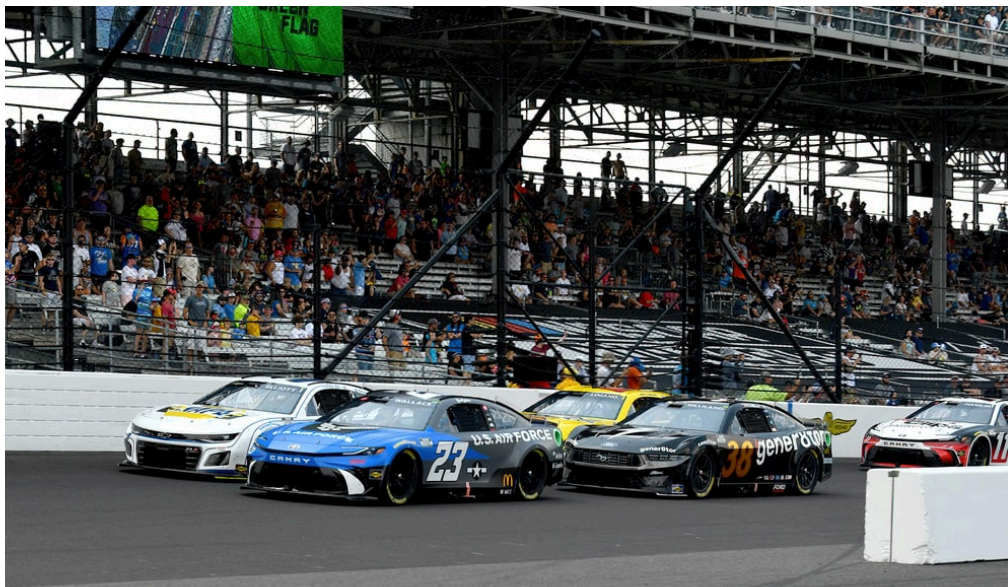


#5 Kyle Larson on pit road during a pit stop with #24 William Byron also getting service on pit road.

“This place is so special and to finally kiss the bricks is surreal,” Larson said after his win. “Our team never gave up, and this just feels meant to be.”

In a race marked by 13 leaders, 17 lead changes, and multiple caution flags, Larson led only seven laps. He timed his final charge perfectly, taking advantage of a restart when Brad Keselowski ran out of fuel. Larson surged ahead, and as the final yellow flag flew, he coasted across the finish line, earning his fourth win of the season and the 27th of his career.

For Larson, it was a moment of redemption after the disappointment in May. The win marked his third crown jewel victory, adding to triumphs at the Southern 500 and Coca-Cola 600. Now, his sights are already set on next year, where he's eager to take another shot at the Indy 500-Coke 600 double.



Restart of the race during the 30th Brickyard 400.



#5 Kyle Larson, Brickyard 400 race winner in front of #12 Ryan Blaney and #24 William Byron during the race.

Brickyard 400 Top 3

1st

Kyle
Larson

2nd

Ryan
Blaney

3rd

William
Byron

