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Hello all, please let me introduce myself: my name is Anthony Bristol. Since 2017, I have traveled across the United States photographing to help expand the International Motor Racing Research Center's (IMRRC) photography archives of contemporary racing. The archives are always growing, but I saw that we needed a platform to showcase the talents of the IMRRC's writers and photographers. Thus, I created *Racing History Today*, currently a quarterly magazine, to help fill a void in coverage. This new magazine seeks to provide contemporary racing coverage and preserve it for future generations. This also falls in line with the IMRRC's mission: "To collect, preserve and share the global history of motorsports." I hope everyone enjoys our first issue as much as I enjoyed helping make this project a reality!

The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Presented by the All-New 2023 Civic Type R

Story by Chris Harris. Photos by Anthony Bristol.



Scott McLaughlin crosses the finish line as the winner at Mid Ohio.

-- July 3rd, Lexington, Ohio --

Scott McLaughlin became the winner of the 2022 edition of The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Presented By The All-New Civic Type R after leading for over half the race and holding off Alex Palou, who finished in 2nd and Will Power, who finished 3rd in a strong comeback after an early spin.

The race got off to a delayed start when the green flag was waved off on lap 1 because the drivers were not aligned in a tight enough grid formation. The pole sitter was Pato O'Ward, followed by McLaughlin, Colton Herta, Felix Rosenqvist and Scott Dixon. The race finally got underway on a second green flag attempt and shortly after, an overly aggressive Will Power lost control trying to pass both Christian Lundgaard and Takuma Sato, which dropped him to the back of the field. On lap 9, a caution flag came out after Rosenqvist's car went up

in smoke and he drove his car into the grass. O'Ward would lead until the completion of the first scheduled pit stops, when the timing of the calling of a caution flag would give McLaughlin an advantage.

During regular green flag pit stops a caution came out after Kyle Kirkwood drove into the grass on lap 28. Race control waited until all the leaders had entered pit road before waving the caution flag, but because McLaughlin was on pit road when the caution came out and was one of the last to pit, he did not have to run the usual out lap after a pit. This saved him valuable time and propelled him into the lead over O'Ward.

From that point, McLaughlin would only give up the lead briefly when a miscommunication left Colton Herta temporarily in front after failing to pit in time under green. O'Ward, meanwhile, who had been complaining about losing engine power, finally

stopped for good at the end of pit road. After dropping from 4th to 15th since the previous caution, O'Ward had to be pushed back to his pit box and was out of the race, finishing 24th.

McLaughlin took the lead for good when Herta finally had to pit under caution after Andretti Autosport teammates Alexander Rossi and Romain Grosjean made contact. This forced Herta to the back of the lead lap pack where he would finish in 15th after starting in 2nd.

Will Power, on the other hand, used cautions and tire strategy to his advantage by moving all the way up to 3rd after starting 21st and even dropping back to 27th after the early spin-out. Power started the race on the black tires, but switched to the softer red tires after pitting early on lap 10. The following caution helped Power make up time and put him on the same pit strategy as the leaders. From that point on, he was able to quickly gain several positions on the quicker tires. Power was unable to get by Alex Palou, who trailed McLaughlin for much of the race



#12 Will Power ahead of #29 Devlin DeFrancesco in front of a large group of fans

after failing to make a pass on an earlier restart. Palou finished 2nd to McLaughlin for the second time this season after also being the runner up in St. Petersburg.



#3 Scott McLaughlin leads the field during a green flag restart

ASK A FAN!

We ask fans a series of questions about racing at Mid-Ohio.

Interviewer: What is your name and where are you from?

Fan #1: I'm Jeff, and I'm from Speedway Indiana.

Fan #2: Bill, Riverview, Michigan.

Fan #3: Zach, Springfield, Ohio.

Fan #4: Chris, Indianapolis.

Fan #5: Bruce, New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

Interviewer: What is your fondest moment at Mid Ohio?

Jeff: I love the racing around the track and just being able to have access to different areas here.

Bill: I have too many of them really; I have been coming here for 50 years. All of the times it's just a good place to come; it's not that far away; it's always clean, nice.

Zach: Camping with all the gang years ago, bring the family nowadays.

Chris: Watching Scott Dixon win the race two years ago on pure crap tires!

Bruce: Oh that [is] hard, probably about 7 years ago we came with my son, our firstborn son. He was about 2 months old. He... he's been here every year of his life. I came here when I was about 4 months old for the first time, so that was kind of a great thing to be able to do.

Interviewer: Who do you think is going to win The Honda Indy 200 At Mid-Ohio By The All-New 2023 Civic Type R and why?

Jeff: Will Power! He's my driver and he's always up front.

Bill: [Alexander] Rossi, I hope.

Zach: We'll go with Scott Dixon because he owns this place, right?

Chris: Rinus VeeKay because I think he's the fastest driver out here this weekend.

Bruce: I'm going to say Scott McLaughlin he's been feeling it this year; he's been looking good; he's starting in second place. I think he's got a good shot.

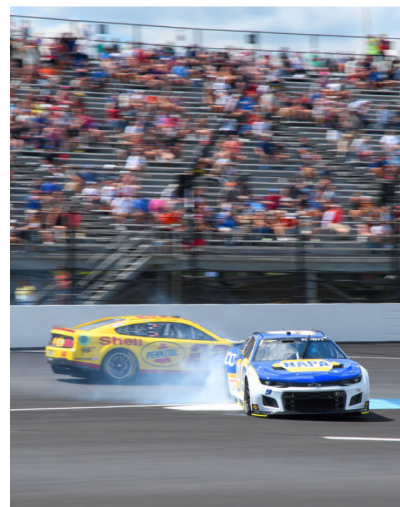


Verizon 200 at the Brickyard

On Sunday, July 31, 2022, the NASCAR Cup Series raced at the historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway, utilizing the road course. Tyler Reddick qualified on the pole position and would finish the race in 1st place. It was his second career Cup series win, with both coming on road courses.

The top 3 were: 1. Tyler Reddick, 2. Austin Cindric and 3. Harrison Burton.

Words and Photos by Anthony Bristol



IndyCar Gallagher Grand Prix

Saturday, July 30, 2022 at

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Alexander Rossi won the race after qualifying second, marking his first IndyCar win since 2019

The top 3 were: 1. Alexander Rossi,
2. Christian Lundgaard and 3. Will Power





Photo by Anthony Bristol

Scott Dixon Claims Historic Win at The Big Machine Music City Grand Prix

Scott Dixon now has the second most wins in IndyCar history after winning the 2022 Big Machine Music City Grand Prix in Nashville, Tennessee, on Sunday, August 7th. Dixon had been tied with Mario Andretti, but now stands alone with 53 wins. Only A.J. Foyt has more with 67 wins.

Dixon won despite taking damage to his car early in the race when he was hit from behind by Dalton Kellett in a traffic jam initially caused by contact between Graham Rahal and Pato O'Ward. The damage led to the crew having to remove front downforce in the car to compensate, which moved Dixon back to 20th position. Dixon would eventually recover and take over second place after some impeccable timing by pitting just one lap before a

caution on lap 52. The leaders did not pit in time and were forced to pit under yellow, putting them behind Dixon. At that point Dixon trailed only Josef Newgarden, who was on a different pit strategy. Once Newgarden pit on lap 66, Dixon took the lead for good.

The pole sitter, Scott McLaughlin, would lead for 22 laps, but dropped to 15th after a poor pit stop on lap 54. McLaughlin was able to fight back up to second to challenge Dixon on a final restart after a red flag and told his team during the stoppage that he had "the best racecar I've ever had in my life". Ultimately McLaughlin ran out of laps to catch Dixon, who edged him by about a car length after the final turn. When asked how much time he would have

needed to pass Dixon, McLaughlin told reporters with a laugh: "One lap".

Alex Palou rounded out the top 3, led 31 laps and ran near the top all race. Palou had initially taken the lead by pitting before the field in a similar manner to Dixon, but dropped to 6th after the lap 54 pit stops. He would finish strong despite damaging his front wing late in the race while passing Will Power.

Andretti Autosport teammates Alexander Rossi and Colton Herta finished inside the top 5 despite both having early race incidents that put them at the back

when contact with Dalton Kellett sent him into the wall.

Herta, Rossi, Dixon, and others were able to recover from early trouble in part because of several cautions caused by other racing incidents. These included Takuma Sato making contact with Devlin DeFrancesco, Newgarden getting into Romain Grosjean, and rookies Kyle Kirkwood and David Malukas (who had each been having a great race up until that point) colliding with the tire wall.

Points leader Will Power had his own issues, saying



#3 Scott McLaughlin ahead of #28 Romain Grosjean

Photo by Chris Harris

of the field. Rossi was down a lap early when his rear brakes locked and his motor failed to restart. He was able to get his lap back after the caution involving Graham Rahal and Pato O'Ward that eventually ended both drivers' races. Rossi continued to gain positions despite contact with Callum Ilott on lap 33, and ultimately finished 4th. Herta would finish just behind Rossi in 5th after also going a lap down early

after the race that he knew "there was going to be a lot of mayhem". For much of the race, Power's car was stuck in emergency mode due to gearbox damage caused by contact to the rear of the car. This put him at a disadvantage by forcing him to have to shift manually. Despite the gearbox issue, Power was able to survive and ended the race as the last finisher on the lead lap in 11th place.



The Chip Ganassi Racing team celebrates Scott Dixon's record breaking 53rd IndyCar victory

Photo by Anthony Bristol



#60 Simon Pagenaud racing #18 David Malukas on the Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge over the Cumberland River

Photo by Chris Harris



#48 Jimmie Johnson ahead of #06 Helio Castroneves and #16 Simona De Silvestro

Photo by Anthony Bristol



#3 Scott McLaughlin leads the field into turn 4 in downtown Nashville

Photo by Anthony Bristol



#2 Josef Newgarden ahead of #06 Helio Castroneves, #9 Scott Dixon and #30 Christian Lundgaard

Photo by Anthony Bristol



Sets of the debuting green sidewall alternate tire made partly from the Guayule plant, a desert shrub grown in the American Southwest

Photo by Chris Harris

WILD WATKINS GLEN WEEKEND!



Photo by Anthony Bristol

Kyle Larson Wins After Wet Start at Watkins Glen

August 21st, Watkins Glen, NY

Article by Chris Harris

After a delay for lightning and to remove standing water from the track, the 2022 Go Bowling at the Glen finally got underway. A longer delay to fully dry the track was not necessary, as drivers would start on rain tires for the first time in NASCAR Cup Series history at Watkins Glen International. As the sun came out and the track dried, drivers would switch to racing slicks as they saw fit. In the end, Kyle Larson got the win after passing Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott and holding off A.J. Allmendinger on the last few laps. After running behind Elliott for most of stage 3, Larson capitalized on the final green flag restart when Elliott restarted on the outside lane. Edging out Elliott by a nose into turn 1, Larson locked his front wheels and was unable to turn, forcing Elliott to the outside of the track. The move blocked Elliott and allowed Larson to stay ahead. Allmendinger and Logano would

also take advantage and moved into the top 3, but neither driver could get by Larson. After the race when asked about the move, Larson said that he was "not proud of it", but added that "it was what I felt like I had to do to get the win". Elliott held back any possible frustration toward Larson, telling a reporter only "just a huge congratulations to Kyle and everybody on the 5 team" when asked about the move. Larson's win was his second of the season, and puts him in second in the overall standings.

After being passed on the restart by Larson, Chase Elliott dropped to 5th but would recover to 4th by the end of the race. Elliott, the pole sitter, led the first 3 laps before being passed by Michael McDowell on lap 4. Elliott and the other Hendrick cars went with a 2 pit stop strategy and had to run the rain tires longer at the start of the race, which cost them track position to drivers on the faster slick tires. The



Kimi Raikkonen press conference

Photo by Anthony Bristol

strategy paid off, and by the start of stage 3 Elliott had already bounced back to second, behind McDowell, with Larson in 5th. Elliott would take the lead at lap 49 and would lead until his final pit stop on lap 58. With 19 to go, Elliott regained the lead by passing Austin Dillon and did not lose the position until the final restart. Although he didn't win the race, Elliott did gain enough points to become the regular season champion, so he will start the playoffs with the maximum possible amount of playoff points.

A.J. Allmendinger finished second after gradually working his way through the field during the first two stages. Allmendinger started 6th, but got into trouble on turn 1 of lap 2 when Austin Cindric made contact, sending Allmendinger into a spin. Allmendinger dropped toward the back of the pack as a result, but was able to work his way back up through the field, restarting 7th in the final stage. Allmendinger had strong restarts after the final two cautions where he was able to get by McDowell and Elliott to end up in second place.

Joey Logano finished in 3rd place after starting in 20th. Logano was one of the first drivers to pit to put



#14 Chase Briscoe leading a pack in the rain

Photo by Anthony Bristol



#99 Daniel Suarez leads #19 Martin Truex Jr. out of the Bus Stop Photo by Chris Harris

on four racing slicks, which allowed him to make up time on drivers who still had on the slower rain tires. Logano won stage 2 after passing David Gilliland and holding off Kyle Busch. After pitting between stages, Logano dropped back outside the top 20, but worked his way back into the top 10 and went from 7th to 3rd on the final two restarts. Logano's finish

put him at 4th in the standings after the race.

2007 Formula 1 World Champion Kimi Raikkonen, who was making his first ever NASCAR Cup Series debut, had a strong start to the race and was running as high as 8th place. He fell victim to traffic in the Bus Stop when he was unable to avoid contact with Loris Hezemans and was sent into the wall on lap 45, ending his race.

Other strong performers included Daniel Suarez, who finished 5th, and Michael McDowell, who finished 6th. Suarez started 9th and hung around the top 15 for much of the race. After working his way to 7th by the final restart, Suarez would pass both McDowell and Tyler Reddick to finish in the

top 5. McDowell started 3rd and led several laps after pitting early for slicks and then pitting again for fuel only on lap 18 to put him on the same fuel strategy as the Hendrick cars. McDowell stayed near the top



#7 Corey LaJoie leads a group of cars at the top of the Esses Photo by Chris Harris

all race, but had a disappointing restart with 9 laps to go, dropping from 3rd to 6th, where he ultimately finished the race.



Kyle Larson celebrates his win in Victory Lane

Photo by Anthony Bristol

