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## DAY 1 – Sunday, May 6, 2007

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Welcome to the 91<sup>st</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race, “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.” Fred Nation, executive vice president of communications for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, John Griffin, vice president of public relations for the Indy Racing League, Ron Green, director of public relations for the Speedway, Bill York, Media Center manager, and their staffs are here to assist you. Please direct your questions and requests to any Indianapolis Motor Speedway or Indy Racing League staff person in the Media Center.

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This is the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of the Indianapolis 500 Daily Trackside Report, which was first distributed at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1967. As stated on the first page of the 1967 DTR: “This press information has been compiled as an added source of your information in your coverage of the ‘500.’ It is our sincere wish that it will be of assistance in your assignment.”

Notes and items of interest will appear on these pages during the month and will also be available on the Speedway’s official site on the World Wide Web, [www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com) and the official IndyCar Series Web site, [www.indycar.com](http://www.indycar.com). Performance histories will be issued at the end of each day in the Media Center and on the Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar Series Web sites.

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#### **TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

9 a.m. Public Gates Open  
11:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies  
12:15-5 p.m. Rookie Orientation Program/Driver Refresher Program  
6 p.m. Track closes

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#### **ENTRY UPDATES:**

- Jimmy Kite is now driver of the #18 PDM Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone.
- Davey Hamilton is now driver of the #02 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone.

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Seven drivers will participate in Rookie Orientation or refresher programs this month. #23 Milka Duno (SAMAX Motorsport) and #31 Phil Giebler (Playa Del Racing) must complete Rookie Orientation.

The rookie drivers must complete four phases of ROP in order to be eligible for the Indianapolis 500. At least three of the phases must be completed during ROP. The fourth phase may be completed on the first day of practice.

#39 Michael Andretti (Andretti Green Racing), #19 Jon Herb (Racing Professionals), #12 Ryan Briscoe (Luczo Dragon Racing), #21 Jaques Lazier (Playa Del Racing) and #02 Davey Hamilton (Vision Racing) must complete the refresher test, which consist of the final two phases of ROP.

The four phases of ROP are:

195-200 mph  
200-205 mph  
205-210 mph  
210+ mph

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#### ROP PRACTICE REPORT:

12:02 p.m. – A.J. Foyt's five Indianapolis 500-winning cars (1961 car driven by George Snider; 1964 winner driven by Al Unser Jr.; 1967 winner driven by Larry Foyt; 1977 winner driven by A.J. Foyt IV; 1999 winner driven by Darren Manning) and 1977 Pace Car with Tony George and A.J. Foyt on track for ceremonial laps.

12:28 p.m. – **GREEN**. #21 J. Lazier is first car on track.

At 12:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 68 degrees with a relative humidity of 27 percent and winds from the east and southeast at 14 mph, gusting to 20 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 104 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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Jaques Lazier, driver of the #21 Playa Del Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone, took the honor of being the first driver on track for Opening Day at the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500, an honor that sometimes has been hard-fought over the years. The best start by the driver first on track over the last 25 years has been by Raul Boesel, who started second in 1994. The best finish is second, set by Marco Andretti last year.

#### FIRST ON TRACK, 1982 -2007

Year	Driver	Started	Finished
2007	Jaques Lazier	??	??
2006	Marco Andretti	9 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2005	Danica Patrick	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
2004	Sarah Fisher	19 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
2003	Felipe Giaffone	16 <sup>th</sup>	33 <sup>rd</sup>
2002	Billy Boat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
2001	Stephan Gregoire	29 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
2000	Stephan Gregoire	20 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
1999	Stephan Gregoire	Did Not Qualify	
1998	Mike Groff	32 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
1997	Dr. Jack Miller	17 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
1996	Michele Alboreto	12 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
1995	Eliseo Salazar	24 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
1994	Raul Boesel	2 <sup>nd</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
1993	Jimmy Vasser	19 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
1992	Scott Brayton	7 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
1991	Scott Brayton	19 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
1990	Tero Palmroth	16 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
1989	Arie Luyendyk	15 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
1988	Raul Boesel	7 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
1987	Ludwig Heimrath Jr.	10 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
1986	Chip Ganassi	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
1985	Dick Simon	26 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
1984	Dick Simon	20 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
1983	Bill Tempero	Did Not Qualify	
1982	Gary Bettenhausen	30 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>

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12:40 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on track.

12:42 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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Danica Patrick may be the biggest beneficiary of Street Sense's win in the 133<sup>rd</sup> Kentucky Derby on May 5. In two of the last four years, the winners of the Indianapolis 500 and Kentucky Derby have shared the same number. Funny Cide and Gil de Ferran shared the No. 6 in 2003, and Smarty Jones and Buddy Rice shared 15 in 2005. Street Sense wore No. 7, the same number as Patrick's Honda-powered Dallara. Overall, the Derby and Indianapolis 500 winners have shared the same number eight times:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Derby winner</b>	<b>Indianapolis 500 winner</b>	<b>Number</b>
1915	Regret	Ralph De Palma	2
1940	Gallahadion	Wilbur Shaw	1
1970	Dust Commander	Al Unser	2
1976	Bold Forbes	Johnny Rutherford	2
1978	Affirmed	Al Unser	2
1997	Silver Charm	Arie Luyendyk	5
2003	Funny Cide	Gil de Ferran	6
2004	Smarty Jones	Buddy Rice	15

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1:56 p.m. – #23 Duno has completed Phase 1.

At 2 p.m., the ambient temperature was 71 degrees with a relative humidity of 24 percent and winds from the east-southeast at 15 mph, gusting to 25 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 111 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

2:13 p.m. – #23 Duno has completed Phase 2.

2:30 p.m. – #23 Duno has completed Phase 3.

2:49 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

2:58 p.m. – **GREEN**.

3:05 p.m. – #23 Duno has completed Phase 4 of Rookie Orientation and may practice at any speed.

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USAC short-track veteran and former IndyCar Series driver Dave Steele is at the Speedway today.

**DAVE STEELE:** "I'm showing my age. I have a birthday coming up tomorrow – (Running at Indianapolis) was quite a few years ago, and now I just focus on the short track stuff and still have fun doing it, and it pays the bills. (About the transition from sprint, midget, Silver Crown to Indy): "It was a transition, for sure. For a guy running a front engine car with no downforce but then there was the transition on the P.R. side. Finding money, looking for sponsors and that kind of thing - so I ended back on the short tracks but I don't have any regrets about it." (About heartbreak of having a mechanical failure send him into the wall at Indy): "It really was frustrating, and that was another deal where we needed to get some sponsorship, and I gut busted up a little bit - I believe that was in 1999 - but that's just the way it was." (When he drives by IMS what does he think?): "I just approach it as that's just the way it worked out - you don't have to have money but it sure helps out. But I had a few opportunities but it just didn't work out."

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As of 4 p.m., #02 Hamilton and #21 J. Lazier have completed refresher testing requirements.

4:40 p.m. – #21 Giebler turning his first laps of the day.

4:49 p.m. – #21 Giebler has completed Phase 1.

4:56 p.m. – #21 Giebler has completed Phase 2.

5 p.m. – **CHECKERED**. #19 Herb has completed refresher testing requirements.

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#### **Selected quotes from A.J. Foyt's Opening Ceremony interview with Tom Carnegie:**

**A.J. FOYT:** "Tom, you couldn't have said no nicer words. But let me tell you something, I was pretty damn scared of you, too. Indianapolis was my dream. It still is my dream. Ladies and gentleman, Tom can probably go back and tell you that when I first started, everyone thought I wouldn't live to be 25. I don't know whether that's a good thing or not. These golden years aren't what they say they're supposed to be. I loved the silver years a lot better. So y'all remember that. A lot of people said, 'You won Indy, why do you go to Terre Haute to race, why do you run the Hoosier Hundred?' Those are the people who helped me get started, and those are the people I wanted to race for."

"People ask why I didn't go Formula One. I was offered some great rides in Formula One through the years. But the American people made A.J. Foyt, and those are the people who made A.J. Foyt. Those are the people I wanted to race in front of. I have a lot of good friends overseas, but I just love the American people."

"We had some great years. My dream was, every time I got hurt real bad, my dream was to come back to Indianapolis. I'll still be back here for quite a few years. The Georges and Hulmans were so great to me. When I first got here, I couldn't even get a pit pass."

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#### **FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	39	Michael Andretti	D/H/F	219.871 mph
2	12	Ryan Briscoe	D/H/F	218.215 mph
3	02	Davey Hamilton	D/H/F	218.022 mph
4	21	Jaques Lazier	P/H/F	216.467 mph
5	23	Milka Duno	D/H/F	214.128 mph
6	19	Jon Herb	D/H/F	211.697 mph
7	21	Phil Giebler	P/H/F	209.387 mph

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A total of nine cars are currently at the Speedway. Nine have passed technical inspection. Seven drivers have been on the track to date and have turned 191 laps this month. Milka Duno turned 79 laps today, most of any driver this month. There were three cautions for a total of 41 minutes.

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway Food & Beverage served approximately 7,000 mini-pancakes to 2,000 fans during this morning's "Flapjacks at the Track" breakfast. If stacked on top of each other, the stack would be 146 feet tall. The Bombardier Learjet Pagoda stands 153 feet.

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**POST PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**DAVEY HAMILTON (No. 02 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “The track is so unique. The corners are so different. They all look the same, but each corner has a different character to it. What’s helped me a lot is that 2-seater program. I don’t know if you guys have been for a ride with me or not in that thing, but I have a lot of laps in the 2-seater program. That helps a lot because the line is the same, the track is the same, the walls are the same. That helped me have a little advantage today. I feel confident getting into the car, but the speed is a lot different. I’m getting use to the speed. It was a great race car. The set up that we had today is our race set up so I feel pretty good. It was great to drive. It’s just one step at a time. I have great teammates with Ed (Carpenter), Anthony (AJ Foyt IV) and Tomas (Scheckter) to help me throughout this month. The great thing for me is that I can run the whole month. I think I said when I came back, I wanted to make sure a proper program with Hewlett Packard coming aboard and AMD. Vision Racing has given me an opportunity to join the team and its a great team. It’s proper. It’s a proper way.”

**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “I understand now why drivers say Indianapolis is the most difficult track in the world. Everything happens so quick, so fast. You have to be percise in every corner. All four corners are different. You have to drive with so much concentration and focus and so precisely.”

**JAQUES LAZIER (No. 21 Playa Del Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “The car felt good. We really just went out there today to shake the car down, and get it ready for Phil (Giebler) to go out there and pass his rookie test. The car is really solid and consistent. That will be really important as we start to work on it more meticulously throughout the month. I tried to make some erratic moves out there, so that we could make sure the car was solid for Phil.” (About sharing car with teammate Phil Giebler): “Phil is good kid. He’s very anxious to learn, and the takes the advice that’s given to him. I’m not saying I’m the best guy out on the track, but I’ve done this before and Phil respects that. It really is great to have a guy who is willing to listen, and learn from the guys around him. He is going to be a great addition to this team.”

**PHIL GIEBLER (No. 21 Playa Del Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “I wanted to go out there and get a good feel for the track. I really just wanted to get out there. The car feels good. The guys made it really safe, and easy for me to drive. There was a bit of understeer, but I think picking up speed will take care of that.” (About working with Jaques Lazier): “Jaques is a great guy to learn from. His setup on the car made it easy to go out there and run solid laps.” (About completing two phases): “I felt like we just needed a little more time out there. I just wanted to put the throttle all the way down, and start going full speed, but the guys wouldn’t let me do that. I can’t wait to start running the car wide open. I think we’re going to surprise a lot of people this month.”

**MICHAEL ANDRETTI (No. 39 Motorola/Jim Beam Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “It was great to get back out there today, get a few laps in and get all of the cobwebs out. I’m looking forward to a great month of May.”

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**POST PRACTICE QUOTES: (Cont).**

**RYAN BRISCOE (No. 12 Symantec Luczo Dragon Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “It was great to be out there. We just shook down the car today and made sure that everything was bolted on right. I felt really comfortable and we got right up to speed. I'm looking forward to getting more laps in the rest of the week.”

**MONDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

9 a.m.	Public Gates Open
Noon-5 p.m.	Rookie Orientation Program
6 p.m.	Track Closes

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

9 a.m.                    Public Gates Open  
Noon-5 p.m.            Rookie Orientation Program  
6 p.m.                    Track Closes

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ROP and Refresher Test update: #21 Phil Giebler has yet to complete phase 3 or 4 of the Rookie Orientation Program. #12 Ryan Briscoe and #39 Michael Andretti have fulfilled refresher requirements and are cleared to practice at any speed.

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**ROP PRACTICE REPORT:**

At noon, the ambient temperature was 70 degrees. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 101 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Noon – **GREEN**. No cars take to the track.

12:09 p.m. – #12 Briscoe is first car on track.

12:34 p.m. – #21 Giebler has completed Phase 3 of Rookie Orientation.

1 p.m. – #21 Giebler has completed Phase 4 of Rookie Orientation.

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IndyCar Series officials have announced that all drivers currently entered for the Indianapolis 500 are eligible to practice during the Month of May.

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At 2 p.m., the ambient temperature was 78 degrees. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 119 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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With time to kill, several drivers who will participate in practice beginning Tuesday were on pit lane watching teammates test.

2006 Chase Rookie of the Year Marco Andretti of Andretti Green Racing watched his father, Michael, practice from the pit lane with the team's Indy Pro Series driver Jaime Camara.

Vision Racing drivers Tomas Scheckter, Ed Carpenter and A.J. Foyt IV were watching from Davey Hamilton's pit stall.

Super Aguri Panther Racing driver Kosuke Matsuura was also at the Speedway, spending time with his team as they prepared his car.

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Andretti Green Racing driver Tony Kanaan is providing a blog for readers at [www.myracer.com](http://www.myracer.com) during the Month of May. Beginning Tuesday and running each day through Pole Day, Kanaan will give readers a behind-the-scenes look at Team 7-Eleven's preparations for the Greatest Spectacle in Racing. Excerpts of the blog will be available at [www.speedtv.com](http://www.speedtv.com).

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3:34 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on front stretch.

3:39 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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The Dallara chassis that Milka Duno is driving at the Speedway today began its career in the IndyCar Series at Mo Nunn Racing in 2003. It was last raced by Hemelgarn Racing at St. Petersburg in 2006 by P.J. Chesson. SAMAX Motorsport purchased the car from Hemelgarn Racing as it raced at St. Petersburg and converted it to 2007 oval specifications.

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Danica Patrick and her husband Paul Hospenenthal took advantage of the good weather to jog in the infield of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway earlier today.

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At 4 p.m., the ambient temperature was 79 degrees with a relative humidity of 37 percent and winds from the south at 9 mph, gusting to 18 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 121 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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5 p.m. – **CHECKERED.**

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Following the conclusion of the session, Milka Duno and her spotter/driving coach Pancho Carter, a former pole winner for the Indianapolis 500, drove the Speedway in a street car to give her a better look at the racing line.

#### FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY

Pos.	Car	Name	C/E/T	Speed
1	39	Michael Andretti	D/H/F	221.579 mph
2	12	Ryan Briscoe	D/H/F	221.427 mph
3	02	Davey Hamilton	D/H/F	220.214 mph
4	21	Phil Giebler	P/H/F	217.091 mph
5	19	Jon Herb	D/H/F	216.763 mph
6	23	Milka Duno	D/H/F	215.949 mph
7	21	Jaques Lazier	P/H/F	215.235 mph

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A total of 34 cars are at the Speedway. Nineteen have passed technical inspection. Seven drivers have been on the track to date and turned 300 laps today and 491 laps this month. Milka Duno turned 74 laps today and has turned 153 laps this month, most of any driver to date. A total of 94 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There was one caution today for a total of five minutes.

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#### POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:

**PHIL GIEBLER (No. 21 Playa Del Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "So far, everything has been pretty smooth. I went through my ROP segments quite quickly and easily. It's just part of the process that we had to do. It was a little frustrating. As a racing driver, you always want to go quicker. Today, we were just trying out some different things for the engineers, went through our programs and everything went pretty smoothly. Overall it was a really good day to get up to full speed, and it's an amazing feeling being here." (About driving an IndyCar Series car for first time): "The IndyCar Series car is definitely the best car that I've driven in professional racing. It's definitely the quickest thing that I've driven, and it's very responsive to change. Also the feeling in the steering wheel is quite responsive. All in all, it's a more complete race car. I'd like to get it on a road course too."

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**DAVEY HAMILTON (No. 02 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “It was a second great day in a row for me today. We just worked on coming up to speed again and we did that, but we’ve also got a long way to go. The HP car is very comfortable and I’m very confident in my abilities and the car. Now we can start working on trimming out the car and looking for additional speed for qualifying. Overall it was a very great day.”

**MICHAEL ANDRETTI (No. 39 Motorola/Jim Beam Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “I was really happy. We worked with the car a lot and I worked with myself a lot also, you know, to get comfortable. It was easy to get back up to speed, but the comfort just takes some time, and I’m glad we were able to have this extra day and not having to worry about other fast cars all over you. Just to be able to relax and build up to it and build your confidence up by being out there and running around, it was really good for me. It was good to work with the car a little bit and get it the way I like it, so it’s been a good day so far.” (About how long it takes to get comfortable): “The initial feeling comes right back to you, because you know you can get up to speed because we know the car and the setup and everything, but getting the actual comfort to where you can just lay your head back and relax, it takes a few laps. That’s why it’s good, you know, I was really happy that they gave me the chance to have, what they call, a refresher day.” (About the differences in last year’s and this year’s car): “There’s nothing you can really feel. The engine is maybe a tad torquier this year, but other than that, everything is pretty much the same.” (About how quickly he decided to race at Indy again): “There was some time. Maybe a couple of months to just relax a little bit and decide whether I felt like I wanted to do it again. I guess after coming so close and sitting back and thinking about it, and looking at things we’re going to do with the team and hopefully get the cars more competitive than they were last year, I thought, ‘You know, let’s give it one more shot.’” (About time spent trying to make team more competitive): “Our engineers were working overtime over the winter. Everybody was, actually, over in the shop. It’s been a big team effort. We gave them a lot more resources and they went and, we think, put them to good use. I think it’s starting to show up on the racetrack and we feel like, hopefully as the year progresses, we will even have more stuff to come. I’m very happy with the job the team did over the winter and it gets me very excited for the month because, like I said, last year, we struggled. We did not have the speed, but at the end of the race, with 10 laps to go, we were running one, two, three, four. If we can get speed, and get even with those guys, hopefully we’ll have an even better time in the race.”

**RYAN BRISCOE (No. 12 Symantec Luczo Dragon Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “It’s great to be back. It’s been good getting this sort of refresher course in today. Definitely a bonus for us, and making good use of it. Just sneaking up on the speed and bringing on some of the engineers and mechanics around. Just getting to know each other and letting what the changes do and everything. So we’ve just been making small steps and so far it’s going really good.” (How much assistance are you getting from ‘the boys down there’): “So far quite a bit, I mean we’ve gotten all the equipment and quite a bit of personnel, workmen outside so it’s definitely been good. A lot of new people on the car that haven’t been working trackside for quite a long time so definitely still a new deal for everyone, and we are definitely getting some help which is very grateful. We need it, and it’s really good so as I said a lot of new people on the team that aren’t use to working trackside so as far as that goes everyone is just getting up to speed, but it’s definitely great just having the help and the equipment from Penske.”

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**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "It was good to hit the track again today. We're getting quicker each time out and also defining our line more precisely with each lap. I was flat out many times today and got all the speed out of the car that it had today. I know the guys will be making some additional adjustments for tomorrow and we'll get some more speed. It's all a process and we're making great progress in line with our plans for each day on the track."

**TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

9 a.m.	Public Gates Open
11:59 a.m.	Honorary Starter: Butler basketball standout A.J. Graves
Noon-6 p.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice (all cars)
6 p.m.	Track Closes

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

9 a.m. Public Gates Open  
11:59 a.m. Honorary Starter: Butler University basketball  
standout A.J. Graves  
Noon-6 p.m. Indianapolis 500 practice (all cars)  
6 p.m. Track Closes

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Dan Wheldon is currently the hottest driver in the IndyCar® Series, and if past records are any indication, the Indianapolis 500 may not be the struggle it's been for other points leaders.

The series points leader has finished in the top 10 at Indianapolis only three times in the previous 11 IndyCar Series races at the Brickyard. But while the average finishing position for the points leader is 16th, Wheldon, who enters Indianapolis as the points leader for the third time in four years, has finished in the top five in the last three 500s. He recorded a third in 2004 and a win in 2005 when he entered as the race as the series' point leader.

Wheldon can also take some solace should he fail to win "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The IndyCar Series points leader entering Indianapolis has gone on to win the IndyCar Series championship five times in 11 seasons.

Here is a listing of the previous points leaders and their finish at the Indianapolis 500:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Points Leader</b>	<b>Indy 500 Finish</b>
1996	Buzz Calkins	17 <sup>th</sup>
1997	Mike Groff	12 <sup>th</sup>
1998	Tony Stewart	33 <sup>rd</sup>
1999	Scott Goodyear	27 <sup>th</sup>
2000	Buddy Lazier	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2001	Sam Hornish Jr.	14 <sup>th</sup>
2002	Sam Hornish Jr.	25 <sup>th</sup>
2003	Scott Sharp	20 <sup>th</sup>
2004	Dan Wheldon	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2005	Dan Wheldon	1 <sup>st</sup>
2006	Helio Castroneves	25 <sup>th</sup>
2007	Dan Wheldon	??

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Firestone produced nearly 5,175 Firehawk racing radials for use throughout the month of May. All were built at the Firestone Technical Center in Akron, Ohio. At the direction of IndyCar Series officials, each entry competing all month will receive 35 sets of Firehawks (140 total tires), to be used at the team's discretion throughout the practice, qualifying and race sessions. The tire selected for Indianapolis has been designed to deliver better grip than in 2006 and is available in two different stagger configurations (.35 and .44 of an inch). The same specification was successfully utilized the Indy Japan 300 at Twin Ring Motegi.

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Tony Kanaan will drive other Andretti Green Racing entries in addition to his #11 Team 7-Eleven entry. The cars will be outfitted with tires allocated to the #11 car.

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Don't count out a driver who is coming into the Indianapolis 500 off a poor finish in the previous event. Three of the 11 Indianapolis 500 winners in the IndyCar Series era finished 20<sup>th</sup> or worse in their last race before Indianapolis, while another three did not race in the event prior to the 500. Here is a listing of the Indianapolis 500 winners and their finish in the race prior to the Indianapolis 500:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Previous race</b>
1996	Buddy Lazier	Did not start and credited with 24 <sup>th</sup> after practice accident at Phoenix
1997	Arie Luyendyk	Finished 22 <sup>nd</sup> at Phoenix (Mechanical)
1998	Eddie Cheever	Finished 10 <sup>th</sup> at Phoenix
1999	Kenny Brack	Finished 24 <sup>th</sup> at Phoenix (Accident)
2000	Juan Pablo Montoya	Did not race (Competed in Champ Car)
2001	Helio Castroneves	Did not race (Competed in Champ Car); Finished 18 <sup>th</sup> at Phoenix in IndyCar Series season opener.
2002	Helio Castroneves	Finished 5 <sup>th</sup> at Nazareth
2003	Gil de Ferran	Did not race at Motegi; Finished 14 <sup>th</sup> at Phoenix (Accident)
2004	Buddy Rice	Finished 6 <sup>th</sup> at Motegi
2005	Dan Wheldon	Won at Motegi
2006	Sam Hornish Jr.	Finished 4 <sup>th</sup> at Motegi

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Dreyer & Reinbold Racing announced today a partnership with A1 TEAM USA owner Rick Weidinger for its No. 15 entry for the 91st Indianapolis 500. The No. 15 Honda-powered Dallara car driven by 2004 Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice will be known as the A1 TEAM USA/Dreyer & Reinbold Honda. Rice's teammate, Sarah Fisher, also will carry the A1 TEAM USA logo during the month of May.

**RICK WEIDINGER (Owner A1 TEAM USA):** "We are excited to return to the Indianapolis 500 as a co-entrant with the Dreyer & Reinbold Racing team. The Indy 500 is the greatest spectacle in motor sports and most famous auto race in the world, and we feel privileged to have another former winner in Buddy Rice as our team's driver. Rice is one of America's top open-wheel drivers with a vast background in road racing also. Buddy will carry the American spirit of the A1 TEAM USA and the international appeal of A1 GP World Cup of Motor Sport."

**BUDDY RICE (No. 15 A1 TEAM USA/Dreyer & Reinbold Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "It is tremendous to bring Rick and the A1 TEAM USA effort to Dreyer & Reinbold Racing for this month. I believe we have a strong, professional operation that can make the No. 15 car a contender on May 27. Having won the world's biggest race in the past, we have the opportunity to race for the win with the A1 TEAM USA/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing entry. I am very excited about our effort."

**DENNIS REINBOLD (Co-owner, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** "Dreyer & Reinbold Racing is extremely pleased to have Rick Weidinger and his A1 TEAM USA organization return to the Indy 500 with our No. 15 car and former Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice. Rick and his A1 TEAM USA came to Indy last year with our organization and we had a great relationship during the month. It is fantastic to have his operation part of Buddy's No. 15 in 2007. We hope to give Buddy a chance to win his second Indy 500."

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At noon, the ambient temperature was 79 degrees. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 108 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Noon – **GREEN**. #25 Roth is first on track.

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Updated conditions: At 12:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 82 degrees. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 116 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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12:33 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 4.

12:39 p.m. – **GREEN**.

12:51 p.m. – Tony Kanaan now turning laps in #26 car.

12:54 p.m. – #26 Kanaan records lap at 223.474 mph, fastest month, so far.

1:03 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris between Turns 1 and 2. Kanaan is getting into the #7 car. Danica Patrick, the car's normal driver, is holding the umbrella over Kanaan in the car.

1:10 p.m. – **GREEN**. Tony Kanaan now turning laps in #7 car.

1:12 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in the backstretch.

1:17 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:21 p.m. – #9 Dixon records laps of 224.564 mph, fastest of the month, so far.

1:23 p.m. – #10 Wheldon records lap of 224.851 mph, fastest of the month, so far.

1:24 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3.

1:31 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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Butler University basketball standout A.J. Graves waved the green flag to start today's practice session. Graves toured the Speedway grounds with several members of the Butler University men's basketball coaching staff, including former Butler basketball players Matthew Graves and Brandon Miller. The group also got an up-close look at the car of Butler alumnus and IndyCar Series driver Ed Carpenter.

**A.J. GRAVES (Today's honorary starter):** "I've never been out here before, and this has been a great opportunity. When they asked me if I would come out and wave the flag, I didn't even think about it. This brings up goosebumps for me. This is unfamiliar territory, and to be able to come out here and watch these guys perform and practice, and to race in a couple of weeks is amazing. I'd like to come back. (About coming back to see his first race:) "I don't have tickets. I'm just a poor college kid, I have no money to buy them." (About his emotions as the cars came down the front stretch): "It was a big rush. Lots of excitement. I mean, I'm a thrill seeker, I love this stuff. It was a really amazing experience." (About his pace car ride): "Not everyone gets a chance to do that, I mean, they asked me if I wanted to do that, and I did it. I mean, it's amazing to be able to go around the track like that. I'll probably never be able to go that fast anywhere else."

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Danica Patrick will be available for interview at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Economaki Press Conference Room on the first floor of the Media Center.

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3:23 p.m. – #50 Unser Jr. turning first laps of the month.

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3:47 p.m. – **YELLOW**. #19T Herb did a half-spin at the entrance of Turn 2 and made hard contact with the SAFER Barrier with the left rear. Car made two additional spins before coming to rest on the grass at the exit of Turn 2. Car has heavy damage to the left side. Herb climbs from the car without assistance from the Delphi Safety Team.

4:01 p.m. – **GREEN**.

4:07 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

4:15 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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Medical update from Dr. Geoffrey Billows, Indianapolis Motor Speedway director of medical services: Jon Herb has been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. He is cleared to drive.

**JON HERB (#19T Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “I went off in the corner, and it turned good. It felt real good down at the bottom, and I guess that’s when I needed to pay attention because the next thing I know, I was sideways. It’s unfortunate, but luckily we have another car, so we’ll be all right. It caught us out there a little bit, and it wasn’t what we needed.”

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4:22 p.m. – IndyCar Series officials have penalized #10 Wheldon for 10 minutes due to a pit speed violation.

4:32 p.m. – IndyCar Series officials have penalized #23 Duno for 10 minutes due to a pit speed violation.

4:39 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3.

4:45 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:04 p.m. – #10 Wheldon records lap of 225.074 mph, fastest of the month.

5:05 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection after report of debris in Turn 3.

5:15 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:23 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

5:30 p.m. – **GREEN**.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED**.

**FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	10	Dan Wheldon	D/H/F	225.074 mph
2	3	Helio Castroneves	D/H/F	224.427 mph
3	2	Tomas Scheckter	D/H/F	224.783 mph
4	11	Tony Kanaan	D/H/F	224.622 mph
5	9	Scott Dixon	D/H/F	224.564 mph
6	7	Danica Patrick	D/H/F	224.457 mph
7	12	Ryan Briscoe	D/H/F	223.676 mph
8	6	Sam Hornish Jr.	D/H/F	223.670 mph
9	27	Dario Franchitti	D/H/F	223.591 mph
10	26	Tony Kanaan	D/H/F	223.474 mph

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A total of 38 cars are at the Speedway. Thirty-eight have passed technical inspection. Twenty-seven drivers have been on the track to date, turning 1,218 laps today and 1,709 laps this month. Buddy Rice turned 88 laps today, most of any driver. Milka Duno has turned 189 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 94 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were seven cautions today for a total of 1 hour, 13 minutes.

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**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second fastest of the day):** “Unfortunately, we had some issues with the car early in the day, which caused us to spend a lot of time in the garage. However, we were able to correct the problems and get back out for some quality track time. All in all, it ended up being a pretty good day because we ended up with a well-balanced car and finished the day among the leaders on the speed charts. Hopefully we’ll keep heading in the right direction tomorrow.”

**TONY KANAAN (No. 11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth and 10<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “We were trying some different things today, and the best way to judge is to have one driver driving all the cars. I was chosen to drive the cars because I’m the closest in size to Marco (Andretti) and Danica (Patrick). We had a couple of things we wanted to try, and I think we accomplished them. It’s still early, but it was a pretty good day for Team 7-Eleven. For sure, we had a better start than we did last year.”

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing, Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest):** “It was all right. I think this morning was quite strong. We didn't do many laps. We only used one set of tires, and then we put on another at the end. We made a lot of big changes just trying to take the day to see what we need to do. I don't know if we gained much out of it, but hopefully when we look at the data we can see what we need.” (About the forecast of similar weather possible for Pole Day): “This should be good. Hopefully we do get a bit more running through the week. The track's obviously going to change a bit with more rubber going down, and maybe it will cool off. I don't know. I haven't seen the forecast, but this week's always showers and thunderstorms now and then, so it's hard to know what to do. But, we, I think, got the big things that we needed to get through today.”

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, eighth fastest of the day):** “We worked on making the Team Penske car quicker as the day went on. I was hoping we'd be a little faster, but I think we're in decent shape for the first day of practice. We're going to come out tomorrow to see if we can fine-tune the car, and hopefully we can make it a little quicker.”

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 11<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “Speed-wise, I think the team is showing a lot of promise. We struggled a bit with the back end of the NYSE car today. If we can fix the rear end, I think we’ll be quick. It was a very good start to the month.”

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**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, ninth fastest of the day):** “It was an OK day, we'll put it that way. It wasn't great. We went out on a different setup than some of our teammates just to find out which was going to work, and ours didn't, so we are going to decide where to go from there. But at least, a couple of cars look reasonably good.”

**DAN WHELDON (No. 10 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** “It was a good day to start the opening day of May. Obviously I get a little superstitious, and I've just signed a deal with Ritmo watches, and I was using that today, so I was a little nervous. It's definitely great being back at Indianapolis and to be going around this track. I'm just excited for the rest of the month. (About his confidence heading into the month): “Yeah it is (high), but with what we've seen this year, I'm more concerned with the race. I guess I'm getting old because that doesn't seem like the high priority, but my confidence is really high right now. You know working with (engineer) Andy Brown is a pleasure. The rest of the engineering stuff and everybody at the team, we're right at a nice wave right now, but we understand that it could as soon come to a crashing halt. We're going to try everything in our power to stay as good as we are.”

**TOMAS SCHECKTER (No. 2 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest of the day):** “After the last couple of races, since the beginning of the season, we've had consistent finishes, so my confidence is really high going into this month, and it showed on the track today. Hopefully it shows the rest of this month.”

**RYAN BRISCOE (No. 12 Symantec Luczo Dragon Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, seventh fastest of the day):** “The car's been good the whole time. We're just making small changes here and there. It's feeling good. We haven't tried to see how fast we can go. We're just working on tire wear. We're trimming out the car a little bit but nothing where we will be. The track is still really green right now. We're just focusing on making small changes.”

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**DANICA PATRICK (No. 7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth fastest of the day):**

“Overall, I thought we went backward and forward a little bit all day with the Motorola car. It's too early for us to have a lot of answers right now. We're not super-slow, obviously, but we're not very fast by ourselves yet, either. I don't know why. If I knew, we'd put it on the car. It just feels good to be back at Indy. I look forward to it and always know that we're going to have a lot of ups and downs during the month.”

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**WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

9 a.m.	Public Gates Open
11:59 a.m.	Honorary Starter: Liz Lehmann, 2007 Purdue Grand Prix winner
Noon-6 p.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice (all cars)
6 p.m.	Track Closes

**\*\*\* END DAY 3 NOTES \*\*\***

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

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Grand Prix winner  
Noon-6 p.m. Indianapolis 500 practice (all cars)  
6 p.m. Track Closes  
Note: Subject to change due to weather

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Light rain began to fall over the Speedway shortly after 11 a.m. Track drying began at 11:50 a.m., but was stopped when a heavy downpour at 12:15 p.m. The start of the day's activity is on hold.

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ESPN on ABC's live telecast of the 91st running of the Indianapolis 500 will be in high definition via Sony high-definition broadcast technology, a first for "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing." The race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway will be run on Sunday, May 27 beginning at 1 p.m. (ET).

In addition to the race telecast, coverage of both weekends of qualifying on ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN on ABC also will be presented in HD. ABC will cover the Indianapolis 500 for the 43rd year in 2007, extending the second-longest relationship in television history between a sporting event and television network. Only The Masters and CBS have been together longer.

Sony is supporting the production of the 2007 Indianapolis 500 through its longstanding relationship with IMS Productions, which has and will continue to feature Sony state-of-the-art technology at its headquarters and will be expanding that technological reach into further HD efforts in the years ahead. The Sony broadcast and production equipment to be used includes a "matrix" flypack, designed by All Mobile Video and consisting of Sony HDC-1500 cameras, an MVS-8000A switcher, an array of Sony professional displays and SRW decks for storing HD content.

**JOHN WILDHACK (Executive vice president, programming and acquisitions, ESPN):** "The start of the Indianapolis 500 is one of the most dramatic moments in sports, and providing flag-to-flag coverage of 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing' in high definition will add to our viewers' enjoyment of the race."

**ROBERT WILLOX (Director of content creation group, Sony Electronics):** "We consider the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race the kind of world-class event that will come to life like never before in HD technology. We are pleased to be working with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the IndyCar Series and IMS Productions to bring fans the brilliant video produced by Sony HD broadcast technology."

**JOIE CHITWOOD (Indianapolis Motor Speedway president and chief operating officer):** "One of the most frequent requests from our fans is a high-definition telecast of the Indianapolis 500, and we're thrilled to fulfill that demand," said "This will bring home the color, pageantry and excitement of 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing' in vivid detail to the ever-growing numbers of homes with HD sets."

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1:43 p.m. – Track drying process resumed.

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The rain delay has given IndyCar Series drivers and teams some unexpected downtime today. Team Penske drivers Sam Hornish Jr. and Helio Castroneves have been spending their time relaxing. Hornish watched movies in his motorcoach, while Castroneves watched “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?” with his crew in the Team Penske garage. Target Chip Ganassi Racing’s Dan Wheldon was eating lunch at Honda Hospitality during the midday rainstorm with some Honda engineers while the Steve McQueen film “Le Mans” was being screened.

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**Medical update from Dr. Michael Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** Indy Pro Series driver Tom Wood sustained a compression fracture in his back during a private test at The Milwaukee Mile on May 8. Wood is being transported to Indianapolis today and will be attended to by Dr. Terry Trammell.

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Members of the Indiana Ice hockey team got up close and personal with IndyCar Series driver Jaques Lazier and his #21 Playa Del Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone during the rain delay today. The players asked questions about the car, took photos and got autographs in the Playa Del Racing garages. The Indiana Ice is the primary sponsor of the Playa Del Racing car.

**SCOTT McCONNELL (Assistant Head Coach, Indiana Ice):** "I think this is pretty cool. For these guys to come down here and get the chance to see our logo plastered on the side of one of these big race cars is pretty cool. These guys are really like a bunch of kids in a candy store right now. They're just on cloud nine. It's pretty cool for us. There's a lot of them that this is their first time at the Speedway. I know I've only been here once, and none of us have ever been down in the pit area or the garage area. This is pretty eye-opening and pretty cool for us. We met Jaques (Lazier) at our game about a week ago, and he's just a great guy. He's a Colorado kid, and we're hoping he does pretty good in our car."

**BRETT PETERSON (Forward, Indianapolis Ice):** “It’s great being out here. A good experience coming from Minnesota, coming down here is fun for everyone to get out. We've got the final four this weekend, so it's kind of a good team day to hang out.” (About being sponsor of Playa Del Racing): “It’s great to be a sponsor. It’s cool see our car on the track. It’s a cool thing to see when you’re watching on TV or watching on the track.”

**JAQUES LAZIER (No. 21 Playa Del Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** "This is pretty special, it really is. I grew up playing hockey, and I got to go see them play the other night. It's just a tremendous feat that they made the final four, and they have a game on Saturday night. If they win that, they go to the championship game, and I remember that growing up. Hockey was everything to me, so I can kind of understand these guys and what they're feeling right now. To watch them come into the garage, and they're eyes are great big, huge, wide open and to be able to, kind of, touch the car and get their questions answered, that's something that makes this Speedway so special. Like I said, I grew up playing hockey and I remember watching the Olympics in 1980, when the United States beat Russia and I thought that was the coolest thing I'd ever seen in my life, and it was really nice to go out there and watch them play the other night. It kind of brought me back to my youth and watching one of their goalies be a butterfly goalie, like I was, was really special. I'm obviously very proud to be able to give back to the organization and the town, as well."

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**Entry update:** Brian Franzossi is now chief mechanic for the #55 car  
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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

4:02 p.m. – **GREEN**.

4:05 p.m. – Michael Andretti is turning laps in #26 car. Car must use tires allocated to the #39 car.

4:24 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

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Purdue University student Liz Lehmann, the first female to win the Purdue Grand Prix go-kart race, waved the green flag to start today's session.

**LIZ LEHMANN (Today's honorary starter):** "I knew there was some kind of craft, or art to it, but I thought, 'I'll just get up there and do my figure eights. Then I got up there and started getting a little of that anxiety, but it was awesome. I mean, it was so cool. It's just a great honor to be here and just to be at the track. Any day is a good day at the track, whether it's raining or the sun is shining, it doesn't matter. It's been a great afternoon.'" (About her emotions when cars came by): "The television and pictures can not give you the essence of how fast these cars are going. It certainly gives you the feeling of all the momentum and everything that is happening out there and how amazing it is at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway." (About women in racing): "It's definitely something new in such a male-dominated sport. I commented to my dad, when we were walking through the garages, that there aren't any women crew members. He said, 'Well, yeah,' but then I got to thinking about how the guys are on the cars, that probably gives you an explanation right there. But as far as females in racing, like I've said and echoed over and over, it really doesn't matter once the helmet is on and once you're in the cockpit. Certainly, it's great. Certainly, being the first woman to win the Purdue Grand Prix is great, but it would be awesome to be one of the three ladies who will compete in the 500 this year, as well."

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The color scheme on Milka Duno's helmet is fashioned after the helmet of Mika Hakkinen, the 2001 United States Grand Prix winner, who is one of her racing heroes.

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4:33 p.m. – **GREEN**.

4:45 p.m. – #10 Wheldon records lap of 226.391 mph, fastest of the month.

4:51 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

5 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:08 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

5:11 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:13 p.m. – Marco Andretti is driving the #26 car.

5:22 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on the backstretch.

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Aldo Andretti, twin brother of Mario Andretti, is at the Speedway today.

**ALDO ANDRETTI:** "The team is just trying to get a good comfort level. Friday, that's when you start trimming back and so forth. Days like this (rain delays) put you behind, but it puts everybody else behind."

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Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser and Sean Guthrie were the guests on today's Indy Racing League teleconference. Unser reflected back on his record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500 victory, which he garnered 20 years ago this month

**QUESTION:** *Al, let's take a look back 20 years ago, and maybe you can kind of just recap that entire month. You came to Indy without a ride. Got into a car, I believe, with Penske that year, middle of the month, and walked away with your record-tying fourth win. Can you kind of recap that month for us?*

**AL UNSER:** Well, it was one of those times when I came back here, I elected to come back without a ride because there wasn't a car that I really wanted to drive that I thought could win. All the good cars and the good teams were already taken. So I elected to kind of sit out and then go home after the first weekend of qualifying. And then my son, Al Jr., didn't qualify, so I decided to stay here and see if I could help him.

And then Danny Ongais had his problem, and they didn't release him. So Roger (Penske) called me and asked me if I would run his third car and I said, "Dang right," because that's the kind of team I wanted. And to be able to pull off what happened was just a terrific deal.

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Guthrie detailed his hands-on experience as the lone full-time member of his Indy Pro Series team's crew.

**QUESTION:** *Sean, I'm looking at, I guess you call it, a blog that you have on the Indy Pro Series Web site about how you have just taken over as parts manager at Car Crafters and before that you were a body tech for a while. Obviously you have people on your team that know Indy cars inside out. But as a driver, has it helped you to know the nuts and bolts, so to speak, as well as you do from your work at Car Crafters?*

**SEAN GUTHRIE:** Not only do I do a lot of work at Car Crafters but really in the last couple of months I've been the only quote, unquote full-time employee at Guthrie Racing. A lot of our crew guys are out of Colorado. Some are here, have other jobs. Weekend-warrior crew. Every nut and bolt on my Indy Pro Series car I've touched. I've done everything from changing gears to rebuilding steering racks. Only thing I haven't done is take shocks apart.

I do know the ins and outs of the cars. In many ways it has helped me. In the past I've helped set up cars. That helps me the most, being not only be able to tell my engineers what's going on, but I kind of have a library of changes that we've made in the past on all different kinds of cars. I can say, 'When we did this last year at Chicago, we changed the shocks slightly and it improved, maybe we should try that again because the car feels the same.'

And that is a better resource maybe than being able to work on my car. Although it never hurts to be able to grab a wrench if you have to and help repair your car, my teammate's car.

At St. Petersburg, my teammate, Tom (Wieringa), actually crashed, and the team was slammed working on my car and his car getting my car set up for the next qualifying session. It just so happened I picked up a couple of wrenches and helped put the rear end back on the car. So with our side of the team not having as many guys as some of the big-name teams, it does help quite a bit."

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Earlier today, Danica Patrick discussed a potential prank played on her by her Andretti Green Racing teammates, a group known to initiate new teammates through various pranks.

***QUESTION:** We have heard stories from your teammates about the pranks and things, I think Tony's bike got chopped up; have they messed with you yet?*

**DANICA PATRICK:** It was funny, this morning – last night, I was getting on my bike to ride back to my coach, and my tire was flat. I'm like, God, that's the first thing they have done. They gave me a flat tire. So I went in and had it pumped up and rode off and then I had to run back to grab my phone. So I'm riding back, I'm like, this thing is still flat, what the heck. There's a hole, oh, my gosh.

So this morning I see Marco and I say: "So I got a flat tire on my bike, I filled it up and went flat again, and at that point I thought, you probably didn't do it." He goes, "No, we'll do something way worse than that." (Laughter).

You guys out there I'm sure have ideas of what they can do. I try not to imagine it. They keep telling me they want to shave my head when I win. (Laughter) See, this right here (indicating hair) has got to be six years' worth of work for me grooming and combing. I'm going to have wear a helmet for a few years."

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Three-time Indianapolis 500 starter Larry Foyt has taken on a new role with A.J. Foyt Racing this year as team director. Foyt handles the day-to-day operations of the IndyCar Series team, which is fielding entries for Darren Manning and Al Unser Jr.

**LARRY FOYT (Team director, A.J. Foyt Racing):** (About the team's Indianapolis 500 program): "With the Darren (Manning) deal, we're obviously really excited about that. I've kind of been a fan of his just watching him at Ganassi, and I kind of felt like he got a bad rap over there and didn't really get to show what he could do. Obviously, I was excited that we were able to sign him up. We knew we were going to run a 50 car for A.J.'s 50th year. You just think of who the guys are that could come here to the Speedway and do this, and Al (Unser Jr.) jumped right into our mind. He's won the race here. He's got a lot of laps here. He's a legend in his own right at the Speedway. Having him drive the 50 car is really special." (About his new role with the team): "It's obviously not as exciting as driving, but at the same time I am enjoying it. I'm enjoying watching the changes we make and seeing how they play out. The biggest thing is that I feel like we are improving from week to week. We have high expectations now when we go to the road courses and at the same time, our oval program keeps stepping up. Here at Indy, we've got a lot of stepping up to do. I feel like we can really only go up, because we've really just not had very good race cars here the last few years. We're stepping up, and that's what we have to keep doing." (Regarding plans today): "We might not get Al out today, but I definitely want to get Darren out today and get his car shaken down. That's a brand-new car." (About plans for a third car): "It's probably a little premature at this time. We're just going to see how things play out. If we get both cars qualified on the first weekend, and there's some people out there to hire that are qualified mechanics to work on it. (In the past,) I feel like we've thrown extra cars into the field, and we've done that without the proper people to do it, and I just don't want to do that any more because it can take away from your primary effort, too. When you've been struggling and we're trying to get our cars where they need to be, that's where these two veterans really help out."

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5:26 p.m. – **GREEN.**  
5:38 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.  
5:48 p.m. – **GREEN.**  
6 p.m. – **CHECKERED.**

**FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	10	Dan Wheldon	D/H/F	226.391 mph
2	3	Helio Castroneves	D/H/F	225.820 mph
3	9	Scott Dixon	D/H/F	224.902 mph
4	26	Marco Andretti	D/H/F	224.745 mph
5	11	Tony Kanaan	D/H/F	224.112 mph
6	6	Sam Hornish Jr.	D/H/F	224.054 mph
7	27	Dario Franchitti	D/H/F	223.844 mph
8	2	Tomas Scheckter	D/H/F	223.539 mph
9	7	Danica Patrick	D/H/F	223.476 mph
10	55	Kosuke Matsuura	D/H/F	223.331 mph

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A total of 40 cars are at the Speedway. Thirty-nine have passed technical inspection. Twenty-nine drivers have been on the track to date, turning 680 laps today and 2,389 laps this month. Marty Roth turned 59 laps today, most of any driver. Milka Duno has turned 209 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 95 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were five cautions today for a total of 36 minutes.

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**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth fastest of the day):**

“The Team Penske car was pretty good today. We ran the same amount of downforce as yesterday and tried to improve the handling and the grip. I think we're in good shape thus far, and I feel really comfortable in the car. Hopefully we'll find a little more speed throughout the month, but we're making sure we take our time and not rushing our progress. The Team Penske crew is doing a great job so far, and we're definitely building up to Race Day.”

**KOSUKE MATSUURA (No. 55 Panasonic Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 10<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “We had many problems yesterday so I couldn't really run much, but all the engineers including Honda guys, has solved the problems, and I was able to have a good productive day. We couldn't run until 4 pm due to the rain, but I was able to check the car and find the right directions today. I am very happy about today and looking forward to practice more until qualifying.”

**DANICA PATRICK (No. 7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone, ninth fastest of the day):** “I think today, unfortunately, we learned a few things about what wasn't quick, which sometimes is nearly as beneficial as learning what is (quick) just so you don't do it again. I don't think we really did anything today that made us faster.”

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**TOMAS SCHECKTER (No. 2 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, eighth fastest of the day):** “Today went well. Actually I prefer it with a little less time so we can just get the job done in a two-hour span instead of being here the whole day. We're just chipping away. I think we know what we've got. We still need to find more speed. We're too slow. We've got too much drag on the car compared to these Penskes, Ganassis, but we're working hard at it.”

**DAN WHELDON (No. 10 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** “Let me start with, if there are any more questions for Marco, he'll be happy to stay until the end. No, I think Target Chip Ganassi Racing has done a very good job. They've worked very hard leading into this month. It's been very difficult with the Japanese race and the Kansas race. The car is performing well. The biggest thing right now is that we're working toward qualifying. We're kind of in between the two. But at the same time, when you have a genuine shot at the pole, you need to make sure that mechanically the car is very good for when you take off some downforce. By the same token, I think I said this yesterday, I must be getting old because I'm much more concerned with the race than I am the pole. I learned last year that you can have a car; I think Sam (Hornish Jr.) dominated the month last year leading into the race. I think we definitely had a better race car, and we've got to continue with that mindset and not get into that whole scenario where you're throwing away tires and stuff like that to try and get on the pole. It's the race that counts. I certainly think coming back, forgetting Indianapolis, just coming back for a year with Target Chip Ganassi Racing has helped at a track where fine details make a difference and having the engineer know your particular style can be a big difference. Yesterday I didn't get into the draft, but today I did have a draft. I think that's part of it. Each day, we're learning a lot. Some people think we're running qualifying levels of downforce and to answer those guys, I haven't been slow in a race yet. We're just doing our own thing. Andy Brown is working very, very hard on making sure we are mechanically well-sound for the race.”

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second fastest of the day):** “Obviously, we were a little limited on track time because of the rain, but we learned a lot about the Team Penske car today. We're still focusing on our race setup at this point because that's really what's important. The fastest car doesn't always win. We improved the car's handling and ended up a little faster than yesterday, so we're happy with the direction we're heading.”

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing, Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest):** “Today was pretty decent. I think we still have a bit of understeer on the car, which is a lot of speed at the moment. We're pretty happy. I think we were the fastest no-tow lap. We tried to stay out of tows today, just gearing up for qualifying. I think a lot of the other guys are using a lot of tires, Dan's (Wheldon) on his sixth set. We've just started our third set, so we're trying to save engine miles and tires until we can start at the end of this week throwing in some good, consistent qualifying runs. I think the team, in general, has a ton of speed, and we're definitely looking at the front row.” (How did the strategy change today with the rain?) “You kind of expect it, and it doesn't really change. You still have your strategies and plan of what you need to get through and it just sort of pushes it back. But, then again, it saves you tires and engine miles, which is good, as well.”

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**TONY KANAAN (No. 11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest of the day):** “Everyone was out there drafting today, trying to look good on TV and be the king of the day. I really think today was a waste of time. As you are preparing for qualifying, you have five cars in front of you and you do a 226 (miles per hour). That doesn't mean anything, so I was really frustrated trying to get a clean lap but I got one out of my four-lap qualifying sim. We didn't have a lot of time on the track and we struggled a bit at the start, but we're still working on making the Team 7-Eleven car faster and I'm sure we'll get there.”

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, seventh fastest of the day):** “Obviously the day was cut short because of the rain, but with only two hours, the Canadian Club car wasn't bad today. The speed has improved in the Canadian Club car, but we aren't where we need to be. I am happier than I was yesterday, but we aren't there yet. Having five cars allows us to try five things, and as we get closer to qualifying, we'll migrate towards the quickest setup, which right now looks like Tony's (Kanaan).”

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth fastest of the day):** “Well I didn't think I was bad yesterday, so Dad's (Michael Andretti) like, ‘Let me try it.’ And he had to sweat out all my problems this morning. He got in thinking it was going to be good, and basically before he started feeling comfortable, he had to make a couple of changes. Then I lapped and made a couple of changes, but we're happy. Based on last year, I'm on cloud nine but I think do we have ways to go, I mean look at No. 10 (Dan Wheldon).”

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Vitor Meira was interviewed Wednesday evening by Ian Pool and Cody Murphy, students from Helmsburg Elementary School in Brown County as part of their National History Day project.

The topic of the competition this year was “Triumphs and Tragedies in History,” and Ian and Cody chose the Indianapolis 500, which never had been used in National History Day competition. They advanced to the state competition at the University of Indianapolis on May 12, and interviewing Meira was the last part of their project.

Pool and Murphy hope their project will qualify for national competition this summer at the University of Maryland.

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**THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

9 a.m.	Public Gates Open
11:59 a.m.	Honorary Starter: Archie Griffin, two-time Heisman Trophy winner
Noon-6 p.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice
6 p.m.	Track Closes

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6 p.m. Track Closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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Dillon Welch, the son of ABC-ESPN IndyCar Series pit reporter Vince Welch, finished third in the USAC Kenyon Midget Car Series feature race Wednesday night at Mount Lawn Speedway in New Castle, Ind.

Finishing 12th in the 30-lap feature was Nelson Stewart, father of 1996-97 IndyCar Series champion and 2005 Allstate 400 at the Brickyard winner Tony Stewart.

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Vision Racing driver Ed Carpenter received a set of Hitachi Power Tools today in recognition of the company's primary sponsorship of his #20 IndyCar Series car at the Indianapolis 500.

**ED CARPENTER (Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "I woke up this morning, and they told me that I needed to come over to the garage to talk to the Hitachi people. I got over here, and they unveiled this (display of tools) for me. It's quite a surprise. The good thing is that I will actually use all of these things, so I'm pretty happy about that. I called my buddies that I work on the houses with already and told them that Hitachi had given us a bunch of new power tools, and they were really excited about it, too. The cool thing is that it's all on display out here, and if somebody sees something that they might like, they're all for sale at Lowe's. So it's a good thing."

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At noon, the ambient temperature was 86 degrees. Skies was mostly sunny. The track temperature was 113 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Noon – **GREEN**. #17 Simmons is first car on track.

12:02 p.m. – #77 Gregoire on track for first time this month.

12:20 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris

12:26 p.m. – **GREEN**.

12:51 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

1:01 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:07 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

1:18 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:36 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

1:47 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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At a press conference today, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing announced a partnership with Bachrach Clothing. The men's clothing retailer's logo will be featured on the IndyCar Series machines of Buddy Rice and Sarah Fisher during the 2007 season beginning at the Indianapolis 500.

**ROBBIE BUHL (Co-owner, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** "We're very pleased to announce a new partnership with our team. It's a men's clothing store called Bachrach Clothing. It's all about quality, fashion, and customer service. In regards to Indianapolis, we're going to do a lot of promotion here with the store, doing what we can to drive traffic with show-car programs, as well as discount hero cards, that will give 10 percent or a percent-off coupon, things we can do to introduce our fans, the Indy Racing fan to their product. We'll focus here in Indianapolis, Nashville and Detroit." (About how month is going): "We're going to learn a lot this month, every day that we get on the track. Opening Day, with Buddy and Sarah, we ran the most combined miles of any team out there, so I think that gives you a good sense of direction about where this team is going."

**DENNIS REINBOLD (Co-owner, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** "We're excited and want to thank the Bachrach group for coming on board with us as part of Dreyer & Reinbold Racing. It's very exciting for us. We don't have any excuses for not looking better now."

**BRIAN LIPMAN (CEO, Bachrach Clothing):** "We are really excited to be associated with the Dreyer & Reinbold team because Indy, and Indiana is one of the better markets for us. Of course, all of the markets where the IndyCar Series races are important markets. Kansas, Nashville, Detroit, Dallas are all markets where we have a big presence. That's why this association and this partnership makes a lot of sense. In the short time that we've been associated with the team, it's been an absolute pleasure. This whole Indy Racing is new to me, and it's really exciting." (About sponsoring female driver Sarah Fisher): "It should be known that in the men's fashion wear industry, that 85 percent of all men's clothing is purchased by women, so we're really happy to have Sarah on board."

**SARAH FISHER (No. 5 AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "Well, as we all know, a lot of times women are responsible for dressing the men. It is just a tremendous product they have, and we are really excited to have them on board. And hey, jackets are universal. It is going to be a wonderful experience for Indy."

**BUDDY RICE (No. 15 A1TeamUSA/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** "I can use all the fashion sense and help to look better. It's great to have these guys on board. Right now, we can use all the help we can get with the Dreyer & Reinbold Racing team, especially to look better, so it makes our presentation that much better." (About the 2007 season): "We have had a good season up to this point, with the exception in Kansas, but that was out of our control, but those things happen. We have a lot of work if we want to overcome here on the first few rounds of the '07 season. A lot of credit needs to be given to Robbie and Dennis for their commitment with what they want to do with this team, bringing on the engineers they've brought on, bringing the personnel to really step up this program. It has already jumped significantly from what it has been to where it is now. Since my '04 season. I have not had a car that has run this good since I've been here. I'm really excited about it right now. At the end of the month we are going to show a lot of people that this team has a lot of capabilities."

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Archie Griffin, the only player to win the Heisman Trophy twice as college football's top player, waved the green flag as honorary starter to begin practice today. Griffin, who played in college at Ohio State, also played in Super Bowl XVI in 1982 for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford drove Griffin around the 2.5-mile IMS oval today in a Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car.

**ARCHIE GRIFFIN:** (About comparing playing in the Super Bowl to driving a car at the Indianapolis 500): "It would difficult to imagine that. I can't imagine going that fast. We were going 120 (mph) in the Corvette, and that was fast enough for me." (About an IndyCar Series car covering the length of a football field in .9 of a second): "I wish I could have been that fast. If I had been that fast, I would have been dangerous."

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3:15 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.

3:32 p.m. – **GREEN.**

At 4:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 85 degrees. Skies were partly cloudy. The track temperature was 124 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

4:50 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris between Turns 3 and 4.

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4:53 p.m. – **GREEN.**

5:39 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.

5:46 p.m. – **GREEN.**

5:58 p.m. – #9 Dixon records lap at 226.473 mph, fastest of the month.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED.** During the final 14 minutes, the top speed of the day changed three times.

**FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY**

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1	9	Scott Dixon	D/H/F	226.473 mph
2	7	Danica Patrick	D/H/F	226.358 mph
3	10	Dan Wheldon	D/H/F	226.206 mph
4	2	Tomas Scheckter	D/H/F	226.161 mph
5	12	Ryan Briscoe	D/H/F	225.995 mph
6	26	Marco Andretti	D/H/F	225.881 mph
7	6	Sam Hornish Jr.	D/H/F	225.803 mph
8	4	Vitor Meira	D/H/F	225.441 mph
9	55	Kosuke Matsuura	D/H/F	225.350 mph
10	3	Helio Castroneves	D/H/F	225.095 mph

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Today is Helio Castroneves' 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Team Penske crew members plan to present him with a cake following today's practice session.

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**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, seventh fastest of the day):** "I think we ran some pretty good lap times today. We definitely think there's more left in the Team Penske car, so I'm looking forward to getting a bit more track time tomorrow. We're fairly comfortable right now, and I think after practice tomorrow, we will be in good shape for qualifying."

**DANICA PATRICK (No. 7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second fastest of the day):** "I've kind of always said we're all out there at the end of the day trying to get our fastest laps. It's cooling off, it's faster, you get a tow here and there. That's kind of what I did. I'm not that much different than anyone else. Everyone else goes out there, and it's not like I'm looking for a tow, but you get one. You need to be able to do it, at least. If you can at least do the time, you know it's in the car. I'm not going to say we're doing 226's out there on our own, but at least the car will pull that time. I still believe we have work to do, for sure. The car is not 100 percent comfortable, and I don't think that it's the fastest car by any means yet, but I think we're hopefully in the top-five cars. From there, really anything can happen, but we do have some work to do." (About plans for Friday to prepare for Pole Day): "The only thing anybody works on I would imagine on a Friday before Pole Day is going fast. I'm sure you're going to see a lot of sticker tires. You're probably going to see times drop and speeds go up throughout the day just because you're going to see rubber going down on the track. It's supposed to be a little cooler, which is better for horsepower and should be more downforce, so people will be trimming out some more. You're going to see guns loaded on a Friday before Pole Day. We'll be no different."

**DAN WHELDON (No. 10 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest of the day):** (About the changes at the top of the speed chart end of day): "The end of the day was exciting. Everyone was trying to lay down a lap. We definitely feel strong with our program. We're just working on the car and getting a little closer to qualifying trim because Pole Day is coming up. I think for the most part we are in good shape. Everybody has been working very hard, and we just keep trying to improve the car gradually." (About the importance of Fast Friday): "It's always important to fine-tune your car and get it good for qualifying. Fast Friday is a chance for you to try what you're going to have come qualifying. But it's not an end all, be all. You don't get any points; you do get a little bit of money tomorrow. Pole Day is important, but again, the big picture is the race."

**RYAN BRISCOE (No. 12 Symantec Luczo Dragon Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest of the day):** "It's been a real good day for the Luczo Dragon team. We focused most of the time on race setup. We did some changes in-between runs and improved the tire life, and improved on the consistency within the run. That was really positive. To finish out the day, we trimmed out a bit to see what kind of speed we had, and the speeds were very promising, and all the while with a very comfortable car. So I guess things are looking pretty good for us."

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**TOMAS SCHECKTER (No. 2 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth fastest of the day):** “It was a good run. It's a little bit of help. I think these cars draft really, really good so it kind of disguised a little bit what we're capable of, but we're not bad. If we can stick somewhere in the top 11, I'll be happy with that. I've said that all month. The car is working well and obviously working well in the tow, as well.”

**KOSUKE MATSUURA (No. 55 Panasonic Dallara/Honda/Firestone, ninth fastest of the day):** “Today's the third day of practice, and things are improving every day. We had little problem with the setup, but we were able to solve it and found a good setup. I am happy with the car, and the team has been great. We only got one more day of practice (before qualifying) so my engineer and I will have a meeting tonight, and hopefully we will improve our time. I am looking forward to finishing up the car for the qualifying tomorrow.”

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 10<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “We were still working on our race setup for a majority of the day, but we showed a little bit more speed with our quick lap right before we ended our practice. I think there were a lot of people playing that game today, but we stopped before everyone started posting the day's fastest times. Tomorrow is our last day to work on our qualifying setup, but I feel like we're in a great position to be in contention for the pole.” (About his 32nd birthday): “I had a great surprise today for my birthday. My family and fiancée were planning on coming to the track tomorrow, but they decided to come early for my birthday. I was fearing a prank or something along those lines, but this was obviously much better, and I couldn't be happier.”

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth fastest of the day):** “Very few people at the top today were true to themselves. I was one of them. There were a bunch of tows out there, and I just couldn't be true to myself at the end. There were a couple of guys out there that ran by themselves and looked good. Two of them were my teammates with Tony (Kanaan) and Dario (Franchitti), so that is good for the team. We will just take from them for the NYSE car and finish preparing tomorrow for qualifying Saturday.”

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**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing, Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** (About flying under the radar): “I think it's good. Dan (Wheldon) loves all that stuff, but I'd rather just fly under the radar and hopefully get the job done. It doesn't always work out that way. Dan's very fast here, and I think he deserves a lot of the media he has been getting. He's done some pretty good races this year. I think we, maybe, have messed up a few times. At Kansas, I think we had a good shot at winning and then we stepped on our own feet and then (Brian) Barnhart stepped on it more. But, yeah, I actually prefer to like it. I don't necessarily go out looking for people to talk to.” (About having tow on fast laps): “We only did two sets. We only did two laps on the first one, and I think three on the second. The 226 laps on the first set, and we came in because we were getting some traffic, so we opted to just throw on another set and go out a little bit. So we went out and I think we did a 226.4. There was a car a good little ways off in the distance, probably about six or seven seconds, which, around here, I think it's pretty difficult to not get, at least, some help, but I think when you're in that situation and everyone is running, it's the same situation for everybody. Our car was falling off a little bit. I think the last lap that we were out there, I think was probably a (2)25.99, I think, so we still have a little bit to work on, but I think our car, at the end of the day was laying down those laps pretty respectfully.” (About trying to sandbag): “No, I mean, we still have three weeks, so we just have to keep our minds focused on what we're trying to achieve. At the moment, I think we're focusing on a higher downforce and then try to trim it off. Today we were kind of off and didn't know where we were, especially running in the heat of the day. We were quite slow, and I think that took a little bit of a toll on the whole team. Everyone was kind of down and didn't look really happy. I think at the end of the day, when we put a setup on that we were happy with, and kind of trimmed it out a bit, the car came to life and we were able to do it. But hey, it's only Thursday. Dan's still pretty quick, and I don't think we've seen nearly anything from Penske yet. (Ryan) Briscoe seemed to show it a little bit today. We'll just have to see what they come with tomorrow.” (About possibly withdrawing a car on Pole Day): “I guess it's going to depend on where you're at in the draw and how the day is playing out. There's going to be so many different scenarios. It's going to depend on whether it's us two fighting over the pole, I can see Chip not really liking that. And, as always, it's going to depend on what kind of mood Chip's in in that hour. It's going to be hard to know. Chip is as competitive as both Dan and myself, and we do really want the pole and I think we're going to fight for it as hard as we can. I think we're going to take anything, so I think we'll gamble for it if we're not sitting on pole position. We'll be trying our hardest and using all three attempts to do it.”

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**FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

9 a.m.	Public Gates Open
11:59 a.m.	Honorary Starter: Josey Scott, lead singer of Saliva
Noon-6 p.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice
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Playa Del Racing driver Jaques Lazier will return to practice on “Fast Friday” and attempt to qualify on the first weekend of qualifications for the 91<sup>st</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 in the No. 21 Indiana Ice/Venture Logistics Honda-powered Panoz after Venture Logistics and the Indiana Ice increased their sponsorship this week.

**DOUG WILLIAMS (President and CEO, Venture Logistics):** “Playa Del Racing is an organization that everyone wants to cheer for at the track. Venture is a company that is all about working hard and providing our customers with outstanding service. PDR and Jaques take the same approach to the track, and we are proud to be a part of this team.”

**PAUL SKJODT (CEO/General Manager, Indiana Ice):** “This is so exciting for all of us at the Indiana Ice. We are one win away from winning the national championship, and now we have the opportunity of putting Jaques and PDR in the position they deserve to be. Hopefully this Sunday we will be Clark Cup Champions and have a car qualified for the greatest spectacle in racing.”

**SUSAN SCHAFER (Co-owner, Playa Del Racing):** “We are so thankful to have made fabulous friends like Doug from Venture Logistics, and Paul and Cindy Skjodt from the Ice. This team is capable of some fantastic things, but this is one of the most competitive industries in the world. We can’t keep the lights on or get up to speed without the support of our sponsors. Luckily we have made some amazing partnerships at Playa Del Racing, and we plan to make every single one of them proud this weekend.”

**JAQUES LAZIER (No. 21 Indiana Ice/Venture Logistics Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** (About what the team plans to accomplish today): “We’re in the ballgame right now, and we’re playing catch-up, so we have to be realistic about it because it’s Fast Friday, and a lot of people are going to be trimming the cars out even more than they did yesterday. We think we have a very good car. We think we have a car that we can qualify in the top 22. That was our goal. So we’re going to go out and do a shake down. We’re going to do some things that we wanted to try and haven’t had a chance to and then get a good balance on the car. If we can do that, we’ll start trimming it out and see what we have.” (About being one of the few teams driving a Panoz chassis): “Obviously, what we’re hoping for is that it’s going to allow us to have a better, more adjustable race car. We’ve had a good car the last two years that we’ve been here. It’s had a lot of adjustability. I don’t think we have the budget to go out and try to compete for a pole, so other than that, the only thing that counts out here is Race Day. Seldom do people remember who won the pole, but they always remember who won the race. You’re immortalized on the trophy when you win the race. So, we’re gambling and hoping that the Panoz, you know, we’ve developed it for the last couple of years, and that it will be a good solid race car for us on Race Day.”

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A transcript from today Team Penske press conference will be available shortly.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At Noon, the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 40 percent and winds from northeast at 5 mph. Skies were cloudy. The track temperature was 108 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Noon – **GREEN**.

12:54 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

1:05 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:58 p.m. – **YELLOW**. #23 Duno made a quarter-spin to the left and made hard rear contact with the SAFER Barrier at the exit of Turn 1. Car slid through the short chute between Turns 1 and 2 and made a quarter-spin to the right, coming to rest on the inside of Turn 2. Duno climbed from the car without assistance of the Delphi Safety Team.

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**Medical update from Dr. Michael Olinger, Indy Racing League director of medical services:** Milka Duno has been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. She is cleared to drive.

**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “I just lost the car as I was entering the last part of the corner when I was coming to the peak. I feel so sorry for my team and for the car because they were doing such a good job. Now we’ll have to fix it.”

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2:26 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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Saliva lead singer Josey Scott was the honorary starter of Fast Friday practice. Island Records recording artists Saliva is playing a concert from 6-7 p.m. today on the Coca-Cola Stage in the Pagoda Plaza.

**JOSEY SCOTT (Saliva lead singer):** “It sounded like a band of angels taking off. I thought I was going to leave this world a little too soon. There are certain moments in my life where I try to turn on the video cameras in my mind so I can relish these moments later on when I am sitting on the couch, and I am flipping through the channels. I try to put everything on pause and relish these moments to share them with my kids and remember all this stuff because one day I may be telling this to my grandkids.” (About waving the green flag as honorary starter): “I’m definitely straight-up rock and roll. Bring it on. Yeow!” (About band teasing him for being honorary starter): “They’ll be making a good sport of me for the rest of the day.” (About Pace Car ride with Johnny Rutherford): “I loved it. I am a 15-car owner. I’ve got a few classic cars at home. It was nice to get to ride with Johnny Rutherford, the legend. I was trying to ask him questions the whole time because I pride myself on being a pretty good driver in a heated situation. One time my mother was in the hospital and had an accident, and I was able to make a 15-minute ride from my house to the hospital in five minutes in my wife’s Corvette. I was pretty proud of that, but nothing like Mr. Rutherford, he’s the king. I told him on the fourth turn, I said, “So what do you do when you are doing 140 mph on a turn in the Corvette? He said, ‘Keep it in the groove.’”

**JOHNNY RUTHERFORD (Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner):** (About how fast he would drive Saliva lead singer Josey Scott on a lap around IMS today in a Corvette Pace Car): “I’m going to blow the paint right out of his hair.”

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Fastest lap update: At 1:10 p.m., #9 Dixon recorded a lap at 227.167 mph, fastest of the month.

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At 3 p.m., the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 35 percent and winds from the north at 8 mph. Skies were cloudy. The track temperature was 108 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

3:04 p.m. – #19 Herb on track for first time since accident on Tuesday.

3:13 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

3:30 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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AAA Hoosier Motor Club Insurance will expand its sponsorship of Sarah Fisher to include sponsorship of her No. 5 AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing race car for the Indianapolis 500. AAA Hoosier Motor Club announced in March that it had signed Fisher to a three-year contract, making her the official spokesperson for AAA Hoosier Insurance. AAA is also the Official Motor Club, Official Travel Agency and Official Auto Insurance Company of the Indianapolis 500.

#### **SARAH FISHER (No. 5 AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing**

**Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “AAA has been so good to me, and adding funding for our race car for the biggest race in the world seems natural for them. AAA really knows how to do things right and their involvement with the Indy 500 spans for decades. They are all great people to work with and I’m happy they will be riding along with me at this year’s Indy 500.”

**GARY MICHELSON** (Senior Vice President for insurance and marketing, AAA Hoosier Motor Club): “Sarah is an extremely talented driver, but what’s even more important to us is the fact that she is a genuinely wonderful person. Honesty, integrity and a strong commitment to the community are characteristics that are very important to us, and those characteristics are plentiful in both Sarah Fisher and Dreyer & Reinbold Racing. We are thrilled to be part of a team like this that truly exemplifies our own beliefs.”

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The forecast for Pole Day is for sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s. Should the forecast hold, it would be the first Pole Day without rain since 2001. Here’s a look at the weather on past Pole Days.

\* 2006: May 13, complete rain out

\* 2005: May 14, complete rain out

\* 2004: May 15, practice delayed to 12:23 p.m. due to rain, temperature 58 degrees, qualifying started at 2:19 p.m., temperature 66 degrees, qualifying ended 6 p.m..

\* 2003: May 11, practice began at 9 a.m., temperature 67 degrees, rain started at 10:24 a.m., track closed at 12:24 p.m. due to rain.

\* 2002: May 11, Practice at 8 a.m., temperature 53 degrees, qualifying at 11 a.m., temp 57 degrees, 3 brief rain delays (one for 39 min and 2 for 12 min. each) between 11:49 a.m. and 4:40 p.m.. Qualifying ended at 6 p.m.. Temperature at 2 p.m. was 65 degrees.

\* 2001: May 12, Practice at 8 a.m., temperature 50 degrees, qualifying at 11 a.m., temperature 56 degrees, temperature at 2 p.m. 65 degrees, qualifying ended at 6 p.m.. NO RAIN.

\* 2000: May 20, Practice at 8 a.m., temperature 55 degrees, Qualifying at 11, temperature 51 degrees, Temperature at 3:25 p.m. 56 degrees, NO RAIN

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The Indiana Section of SAE International announced today the four candidates for this year's 41<sup>st</sup> annual Louis Schwitzer Award sponsored by BorgWarner. The winner will be announced during a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, May 18 in the Economaki Press Conference Room.

The four candidates:

- Delphi Accident Data Recorder 3
- Honda HI7R Engine
- Firestone Firehawk Indy 500 Tire
- Ethanol Racing Fuel

The Louis Schwitzer Award for engineering innovation and excellence at the Indianapolis 500 recognizes individuals with the courage and conviction to explore and develop new concepts in motorsports technology. This prestigious award has been presented annually since 1967 by the Indiana Section of SAE International in honor of early racing pioneer and past Indiana Section Chairman Louis Schwitzer.

The award winner is selected by a committee consisting of Indiana Section of SAE International members and Indy Racing League technical officials. Award sponsor BorgWarner Inc. provides a \$10,000 cash prize to the winner. The Indiana Section of SAE International also provides a \$1,000 scholarship to the engineering school of the winner's choice, and doubles that scholarship amount if the winner was a past Formula SAE participant. In addition, the winner's name is added to a permanent trophy on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.

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Indy Pro Series driver Tom Wood announced his retirement from driving May 11 after sustaining a compression fracture of the T9 vertebrae in an accident during private testing at the Milwaukee Mile on May 8. Wood, who is being treated at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis by Dr. Terry Trammell, intends to focus on team he co-owns in the Indy Pro Series, Team Moore Racing.

**TOM WOOD:** "I love this sport, but I think I've done this enough. I can't thank Dr. Terry Trammell, everyone at Ortho Indy and the Delphi Safety Team enough for all that they've done for me over the years." (About future plans): "This has all come about so suddenly. We need to work on a game plan, but eventually I'd like to develop our own ladder system, developing guys in the Indy Pro Series to compete in the IndyCar Series. This obviously isn't the way I wanted to go out as a driver. But there are new challenges ahead, and I'm looking forward to meeting them."

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4:39 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3.

4:42 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:13 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 2.

5:18 p.m. – **GREEN**.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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**FASTEST SPEEDS OF DAY**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	9	Scott Dixon	D/H/F	227.167 mph
2	10	Dan Wheldon	D/H/F	226.650 mph
3	11	Tony Kanaan	D/H/F	226.236 mph
4	26	Marco Andretti	D/H/F	226.230 mph
5	27	Dario Franchitti	D/H/F	226.189 mph
6	6	Sam Hornish Jr.	D/H/F	225.587 mph
7	7	Danica Patrick	D/H/F	225.295 mph
8	20	Ed Carpenter	D/H/F	225.015 mph
9	3	Helio Castroneves	D/H/F	224.726 mph
10	2	Tomas Scheckter	D/H/F	224.215 mph

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**91<sup>ST</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE SPEED PREDICTIONS**

<b>Driver</b>	<b>Speed</b>
Ryan Briscoe	227 mph
Ed Carpenter	227

**CARPENTER:** “It keeps coming down, I think. I don’t think it’s going to go over 228. I’m thinking maybe high 227.”

Helio Castroneves	228.5
Milka Duno	227
A.J. Foyt IV	227.5
Stephan Gregoire	226.5
Davey Hamilton	227.4
Jon Herb	230
Sam Hornish Jr.	228
Buddy Lazier	228

**B. LAZIER:** “It’s always weather-dependent, but I wouldn’t shy away from maybe a 228.”

Jaques Lazier	227.4
Darren Manning	228

**MANNING:** “Well, I think high 228. I think if anybody does a (2)30, they probably deserve it.”

Kosuke Matsuura	229
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**MATSUURA:** “Last year was, I think, 229, and it depends on tomorrow and the wind direction. But if the wind comes from the south, I think 229.”

Danica Patrick	225.5
Jeff Simmons	228

**SIMMONS:** “Well, whenever anybody asked me earlier, I thought that with the new torque, we’d see 230. But it seems to me that they don’t want us to be there, and they’re starting to take some power away. So I would say we’ll probably see high 227, maybe a 228.”

Dan Wheldon	228
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**WHELDON:** “But I have no idea, to tell you the truth.”

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**91<sup>ST</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE SPEED PREDICTIONS (Cont.)**

Rick Mears, who holds the Indianapolis 500 record with six poles, was asked for his prediction for the pole speed Saturday.

**RICK MEARS:** “No idea. I could not even guess my own when I ran.”

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A total of 40 cars are at the Speedway. Thirty-four have passed technical inspection. Twenty-nine drivers have been on the track to date, turning 1,238 laps today and 3,627 laps this month. Vitor Meira turned 86 laps today, most of any driver. Milka Duno has turned 299 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 97 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were five cautions today for a total of 1 hour, 3 minutes.

**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**BRIAN BARNHART (President, Competition and Operations, Indy Racing League):** “I think it's been disappointing the last couple of years we haven't had a chance to (use the qualifying format). We've had such a solid week of practice. When you look at about 22 cars between 222 and 227 (mph) - 5 miles per hour separating 22 cars. Technically, you've got 28 cars going for 11 spots, but you've got 22 of them within 5 miles per hour, I think it's going to make for a very exciting day, very dramatic and should be very entertaining for the fans.”

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing, Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** “I think this morning as everyone could see lots of people were running early on the track when it was cooler. There was pretty good grip because it hasn't rained that much. On our first run we had a bit of understeer and for our second one, we took some wing out, and it just went quicker. We got a bit of a tow off of Sam (Hornish) Jr. and got a 227. (About qualifying): “Clean laps, healthy cars on the track, time of day (will affect things). I think both of our cars are very quick at the moment. (Tony Kanaan) looks very strong. I think just running the speeds he did out there looked pretty clean. Last year, the groups were quite split, and you didn't have people to work with. I think it is easy to start a lap but then fight traffic quietly on a run and you normally get to see what passes over the length of four laps. We were even talking about it in the meeting early this morning about not running those decisions. I think we will have to do at least one base line but not get too caught up to them. “

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth fastest of the day):** “We worked a lot on the car today and tried to get some laps out there by ourselves. We're pretty happy with where the Team Penske car is going into Pole Day. Tomorrow morning we'll fine tune the car and then go out for qualifications and hopefully put it on the first or second row.”

**DANICA PATRICK (No. 7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone, seventh fastest of the day):** “We haven't been ultra fast. We've been fast, but we haven't been the fastest car. I think the Target (Chip Ganassi Racing) cars are really fast. It's been a little bit hit and miss for us. Every now and again we go out and have a run that's not that great, so I'm hoping that doesn't happen for qualifying. But I think if we get everything right we'll be maybe in the first row probably the first two rows if we get it all right.”

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**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 10<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “We ran consistently strong again today, which is what we were looking for. Unfortunately, a yellow came out just after we put on fresh tires for our final run, so we weren't able to be as high on the speed chart as we might have liked, but tomorrow is what counts. We'll have time in the morning to make our final adjustments before qualifying, and I'm optimistic about our chances.”

**DAN WHELDON (No. 10 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second fastest of the day):** (About today's practice): “There were a few little problems that we couldn't quite get out, but the car is very fast. It's about getting the most out of it tomorrow. I think if we can do that, we'll have a good shot at the pole. At the end of the day, you really can't get too excited. You have to focus on the race. Last year, I saw the real disappointing side of Indianapolis and in 2005 I saw the great side. I can't let anything distract me and understand that the big picture is to win the race. It would be great to be on the front row. It would be great to get the pole because Indianapolis is a special race to me and that's something I haven't achieved yet. We'll just have to wait and see.” (On tomorrow's qualifying format): “It's no different to us. If we were thinking about not being in the top 11, Chip (Ganassi) would kick my butt from here to Milwaukee, and that's the next race. I've been very fortunate at Indianapolis to always be in cars that can contend for the pole and contend for the race wins. It's about maximizing those opportunities. I haven't quite maximized the opportunity to get the pole. That's something I feel I have a genuine shot of so we'll try and do that. But like I've said, it won't distract us from our main effort on the race.”

**TONY KANAAN (No. 11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest of the day):** “It was a much better day for Team 7-Eleven as we worked toward our qualifying car. We had a reasonable speed alone. We've been good all week, and I think we're there. We're competitive, for sure. Tomorrow (Pole Day) is the most stressful day of the month other than the race. The new qualifying format looks exciting and dramatic so I think the fans will have a blast. I do well under pressure. I like the pressure, the atmosphere and hopefully we'll have a good day.”

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest of the day):** “Today was a busy day. We were mostly prepping for Pole Day tomorrow. We really made some good progress on the Canadian Club car. It looks very close for qualifying tomorrow between the top seven or eight. I think it is going to be important to get the weather conditions in your favor to have everything right, and right now, I'm excited about it.”

**SARAH FISHER (No. 5 AAMCO Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 16<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** “We did well today. We have to keep focused on the fact that we have a really great race car and our race package is good. Right now we are trying to find some more speed, and we'll keep digging at it.”

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**BUDDY LAZIER (No. 99 Sam Schmidt Motorsports Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 22<sup>nd</sup>-fastest of the day):** "It was a frustrating day. We're still learning right now. If this were Legos right now, we're just trying every piece in every position. Soon though, we're going to have to start putting the right pieces together. That's the nature of starting from scratch. In a sense, it's both a positive and negative. We're definitely learning a lot right now, but there's still a lot to be learned." (About qualifying): "I'd like to qualify somewhere between 224 and 225, it just depends on how things go. We'll see how our times go, but right now, we're getting tight on the amount of time available."

**BUDDY RICE (No. 15 A1TeamUSA/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 13<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day):** "Today went pretty well. We'd like to be a little closer to the top of the charts. But we have a good shot for the top-11 on Saturday. We had some issues out of our control on Thursday and we had to stop early. Then we had another issue early today that wasn't our doing. So we lost some valuable track time the last two days. It was a little slick on the track later in the day and we learned some more about our car. We haven't been able to test very much this year so we are using this time to catch up. It has been rather unique that the weather has been so good for us. Only the one day with rain. So many years lately we have had to sit around and watch the rain. But this week has been great. It is scheduled to be a little cooler on the weekend and that will help our cars run faster. You don't always see Indy as nice as it has been so far. This time of the year it can be unpredictable here."

**AL UNSER JR. (No. 50 A.J. Foyt Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 23<sup>rd</sup> fastest of the day):** "The team is really coming together. It's great to be out on Fast Friday and working to find more speed. (About making a qualifying run tomorrow): "A.J. and I really haven't had a chance to talk about when we'll make a run. We'll see what tomorrow brings."

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth fastest of the day):** "It's been an up-and-down week for us for sure. The NYSE car got better today after we made a few changes. We've been among the quickest cars all week so I'm hopeful we'll be right where we need to be tomorrow."

**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

7 a.m.	Public Gates Open
8:59 a.m.	Honorary starter: Billie Jean King, former professional tennis champion
9-11 a.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice
Noon-6 p.m.	AAMCO Transmissions Pole Qualifications
6 p.m.	AAMCO Transmissions Pole Award Winner Ceremony (Yard of Bricks)
6 p.m.	Track closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

**\*\*\* END DAY 6 NOTES \*\*\***

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

7 a.m. Public Gates Open  
8:59 a.m. Honorary starter: Billie Jean King, former professional tennis champion  
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Noon-6 p.m. IndyCar Series Pole Qualifications  
6 p.m. AAMCO Transmissions Pole Award Winner Ceremony (Yard of Bricks)  
6 p.m. Track closes  
Note: Subject to change due to weather

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At 9 a.m. the ambient temperature was 61 degrees with a relative humidity of 71 percent and winds from the north-northeast at 3 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 76 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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Today's practice session will be divided into two groups based on Friday's qualifying draw. The top half of the draw will make up Group 1. The bottom half of the draw makes up Group 2.

9 a.m. – **GREEN.**

9:20 a.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris.

9:25 a.m. – **GREEN.**

At 9:30 a.m. the ambient temperature was 64 degrees with a relative humidity of 71 percent and winds from the north-northeast at 3 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 82 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

9:33 a.m. – **CHECKERED.** Group 1.

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Tennis legend Billie Jean King was the honorary starter of today's pre-qualifying practice session.

**BILLIE JEAN KING:** "It's been unreal. The speeds are unbelievable. When Mel (Harder) took me around in the Corvette I don't think he went very fast, but it was the beginning of understanding how fast is 'fast,' probably only 110 (mph) or something like that. I loved it. It was great doing the flags. You just concentrate and wave it. I was trying to visualize, if I were in the car, how soon would I have to see that flag. They're going so fast, so you have to start so early. As soon as I saw them at the end of the track (Turn 4), I thought, 'I'd better start waving because they're going to be here before you know it!' I just kept waving the darned thing because they just kept coming. But it was really fun; the speeds are phenomenal, and the noise." (Your overall impression of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway): "Watching it on TV for so many years and listening to Lyn St. James and Janet Guthrie, I had the privilege to talk to Danica (Patrick), Sarah Fisher. It takes a lot of nerves of steel to do this, and it's fantastic. I'm really appreciative that Lyn St. James has been trying to get me here since '92. It's a tough time of the year for me because tennis is going this time of year, in May, plus I do a lot of other things. It's so great to be here, the place is so huge, and I know there's 400,000 people here race time. I can't wait to spend some time around here."

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9:34 a.m. – **GREEN**. Group 2.

10:04 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection. **CHECKERED**. Group 2.

10:13 a.m. – **GREEN**. All cars.

10:15 a.m. **YELLOW**. Debris.

10:18 a.m. – **GREEN**.

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At 10:30 a.m. the ambient temperature was 68 degrees with a relative humidity of 62 percent and winds from the north-northeast at 7 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 93 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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11 a.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

At 11:55 a.m., the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 54 percent and winds from the north at 9 mph. The track temperature was 101 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

12:03 p.m.	#15	BUDDY RICE/Phoenix A1TeamUSA/DDR - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.5638 – 221.873	Q – 1
		2 – 40.5646 – 221.868	
		3 – 40.6047 – 221.649	
		<u>4 – 40.6005 – 221.672</u>	
		T 2:42.3336 – 221.766	
12:08 p.m.	#9	SCOTT DIXON/Auckland, New Zealand Target Chip Ganassi Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.0006 – 224.997	Q – 2
		2 – 40.1773 – 224.007	
		3 – 40.1643 – 224.080	
		<u>4 – 40.1208 – 224.323</u>	
		T 2:40.4630 – 224.351	
12:12 p.m.	#12	RYAN BRISCOE/Sydney, Australia Symantec Luczo Dragon Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.0407 – 224.771	Q – 3
		2 – 40.1125 – 224.369	
		3 – 40.1139 – 224.361	
		<u>4 – 40.1537 – 224.139</u>	
		T 2:40.4208 – 224.410	

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

12:18 p.m.	#8	SCOTT SHARP/Norwalk, Conn. Patrón Sharp Rahal Letterman Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.3676 – 222.951	Q – 4
		2 – 40.4574 – 222.456	
		3 – 40.5356 – 222.027	
		<u>4 – 40.4388 – 222.559</u>	
		T 2:41.7994 – 222.498	
12:21 p.m.	#10	DAN WHELDON/Emberton, England Target Chip Ganassi Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.2479 – 223.614	Q – 5
		2 – 40.2257 – 223.738	
		3 – 40.2654 – 223.517	
		<u>4 – 40.2011 – 223.874</u>	
		T 2:40.9401 – 223.686	
12:27 p.m.	#20	ED CARPENTER/Indianapolis Vision Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.4670 – 222.403	Q – 6
		2 – 40.4140 – 222.695	
		3 – 40.3927 – 222.813	
		<u>4 – 40.3893 – 222.831</u>	
		T 2:41.6630 – 222.685	
12:31 p.m.	#22	A.J. FOYT IV/Hockley, Texas Vision Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.6079 – 221.632	Q – 7
		2 – 40.6346 – 221.486	
		3 – 40.6394 – 221.460	
		<u>4 – 40.6708 – 221.289</u>	
		T 2:42.5527 – 221.467	
12:36 p.m.	#55	KOSUKE MATSUURA/Aichi, Japan Panasonic - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.5648 – 221.867	Q – 8
		2 – 40.5411 – 221.997	
		3 – 40.6000 – 221.675	
		<u>4 – 40.5544 – 221.924</u>	
		T 2:42.2603 – 221.866	

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

12:40 p.m. #7 DANICA PATRICK/Roscoe, Ill.  
Motorola - D/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.1472 – 224.175 Q – 9  
2 – 40.1514 – 224.152  
3 – 40.1706 – 224.044  
4 – 40.1904 – 223.934  
T 2:40.6596 – 224.076

12:45 p.m. #4 VITOR MEIRA/Brasilia, Brazil  
Delphi Panther - D/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.7146 – 221.051 UA – 1  
2 – 40.7559 – 220.827  
3 – waved off  
4 – –  
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12:48 p.m. #11 TONY KANAAN/Salvador, Bahia, Brazil  
Team 7-Eleven - D/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.0368 – 224.793 Q – 10  
2 – 40.0463 – 224.740  
3 – 40.0869 – 224.512  
4 – 40.1019 – 224.428  
T 2:40.2719 – 224.618  
#11 Kanaan takes pole from #12 Briscoe.

12:53 p.m. #27 DARIO FRANCHITTI/Edinburgh, Scotland  
Canadian Club - D/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 39.9861 – 225.078 Q – 11  
2 – 39.9486 – 225.289  
3 – 39.9435 – 225.318  
4 – 39.9860 – 225.079  
T 2:39.8642 – 225.191  
#27 Franchitti takes pole from #11 Kanaan.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

12:58 p.m.    #2        TOMAS SCHECKTER/Cape Town, South  
Africa  
Vision Racing - D/H/F  
QA-1            1 – 40.3833 – 222.864                    Q – 12  
                  2 – 40.3652 – 222.964  
                  3 – 40.3755 – 222.907  
                  4 – 40.3998 – 222.773  
                  T 2:41.5238 – 222.877  
#2 Scheckter bumps #22 Foyt IV from field.

1:03 p.m.       #39        MICHAEL ANDRETTI/Nazareth, Pa.  
Motorola/Jim Beam - D/H/F  
QA-1            1 – 40.4369 – 222.569                    Q – 13  
                  2 – 40.4448 – 222.526  
                  3 – 40.3686 – 222.946  
                  4 – 40.3377 – 223.116  
                  T 2:41.5880 – 222.789  
#39 Andretti bumps #15 Rice from field.

1:07 p.m.       #17        JEFF SIMMONS/Hartford, Conn.  
Rahal Letterman Racing Team Ethanol - D/H/F  
QA-1            1 – 40.3699 – 222.938                    Q – 14  
                  2 – 40.3448 – 223.077  
                  3 – 40.4258 – 222.630  
                  4 – 40.5212 – 222.106  
                  T 2:41.6617 – 222.687  
#17 Simmons bumps #55 Matsuura from field.

1:11 p.m.       #26        MARCO ANDRETTI/Nazareth, Pa.  
NYSE Group - D/H/F  
QA-1            1 – 40.3030 – 223.308                    Q – 15  
                  2 – 40.3059 – 223.292  
                  3 – 40.3216 – 223.205  
                  4 – 40.2881 – 223.391  
                  T 2:41.2186 – 223.299  
#26 Andretti bumps #8 Sharp from field.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At 1:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 75 degrees with a relative humidity of 50 percent and winds from north-northwest at 9 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 118 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

1:31 p.m. – **GREEN**. Track is open for practice.

3:38 p.m. -- #3 Castroneves starts simulated qualifying run. Final three laps were 225.122, 225.173, 225.194.

At 4 p.m., the ambient temperature was 82 degrees with a relative humidity of 44 percent and winds from northeast at 10 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 126 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

4:07 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection to prepare for qualification attempt by #3 Castroneves.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

4:12 p.m.	#3	HELIO CASTRONEVES/São Paulo, Brazil	
		Team Penske - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 39.9706 – 225.165	Q – 16
		2 – 39.9963 – 225.021	
		3 – 40.0138 – 224.922	
		<u>4 – 40.0281 – 224.842</u>	
		T 2:40.0088 – 224.988	

#3 Castroneves bumps #20 Carpenter from field.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

4:22 p.m. – **GREEN**. Track is open for practice.

4:33 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection to prepare for qualification attempt by #6 Hornish.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

4:36 p.m.	#6	SAM HORNISH JR./Defiance, Ohio	
		Team Penske - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 39.8802 – 225.676	Q – 17
		2 – 40.2548 – 223.576	
		3 – 39.8444 – 225.879	
		<u>4 – 39.9175 – 225.465</u>	
		T 2:39.8969 – 225.145	

#6 Hornish bumps #17 Simmons from field. Hornish nearly hit outside wall between Turns 1 and 2 on his second lap.

Shortly after Hornish's run, Team Penske elected to withdraw his time and requalify the #6 car.

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4:51 p.m.      #6      SAM HORNISH JR./Defiance, Ohio  
Team Penske - D/H/F  
QA-2      1 – 39.9282 – 225.405      Q – 18  
              2 – 39.9263 – 225.415  
              3 – 39.8973 – 225.579  
              4 – 40.1709 – 224.043  
              T 2:39.9227 – 225.109

#6 Hornish was faster than the pole speed after three laps, but his car bobbled between Turns 3 and 4 on his final lap.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

5:02 p.m. – **GREEN.** Track is open for practice.

5:05 p.m. -- #11 Kanaan turns lap of 226.827 mph, fastest practice lap of the day.

5:09 p.m. -- #10 Wheldon turns lap of 225.683, followed by 225.917.

5:16 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

Target Chip Ganassi Racing elected to withdraw the prior qualification run of #9 Dixon, who was sixth on the grid at the time.

5:23 p.m.      #9      SCOTT DIXON/Auckland, New Zealand  
Target Chip Ganassi Racing - D/H/F  
QA-2      1 – 39.9718 – 225.159      Q – 19  
              2 – 39.9426 – 225.323  
              3 – 39.9944 – 225.032  
              4 – 40.0048 – 224.973  
              T 2:39.9136 – 225.122

5:28 p.m.      #8      SCOTT SHARP/Norwalk, Conn.  
Patrón Sharp Rahal Letterman Racing - D/H/F  
QA-2      1 – 40.3937 – 222.807      UA – 1  
              2 – 40.3619 – 222.983  
              3 – 40.4159 – 222.685  
              4 – 40.4494 – 222.500  
              T 2:41.6209 – 222.743

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5:33 p.m. #17 JEFF SIMMONS/Hartford, Conn.  
Rahal Letterman Racing Team Ethanol - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 40.4704 – 222.385 UA – 1  
2 – 40.5119 – 222.157  
3 – 40.4182 – 222.672  
4 – 40.4428 – 222.537  
T 2:41.8433 – 222.437

Target Chip Ganassi Racing elected to withdraw the prior qualification run of #10 Wheldon, who was eighth on the grid at the time.

5:38 p.m. #10 DAN WHELDON/Emberton, England  
Target Chip Ganassi Racing - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 40.0591 – 224.668 Q – 20  
2 – 40.0361 – 224.797  
3 – 40.0580 – 224.674  
4 – 40.1025 – 224.425  
T 2:40.2557 – 224.641

5:42 p.m. #20 ED CARPENTER/Indianapolis  
Vision Racing - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 40.4511 – 222.491 UA – 1  
2 – 40.3985 – 222.781  
3 – 40.4409 – 222.547  
4 – 40.3966 – 222.791  
T 2:41.6871 – 222.652

5:48 p.m. #14 DARREN MANNING/North Yorkshire, England  
ABC Supply Co./AJ Foyt Racing - D/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.4767 – 222.350 UA – 1  
2 – 40.3948 – 222.801  
3 – 40.3915 – 222.819  
4 – 40.4214 – 222.654  
T 2:41.6844 – 222.656

Team Penske elected to withdraw the prior qualification run of #3 Castroneves, who was fourth on the grid at the time.

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5:52 p.m. #3 HELIO CASTRONEVES/São Paulo, Brazil  
Team Penske - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 39.8371 – 225.920 Q – 21  
2 – 39.8845 – 225.652  
3 – 39.8538 – 225.825  
4 – 39.8460 – 225.870  
T 2:39.4214 – 225.817

Andretti Green Racing elected to withdraw the prior qualification run of #11 Kanaan, who was sixth on the grid at the time.

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5:57 p.m. #11 TONY KANAAN/Salvador, Bahia, Brazil  
Team 7-Eleven - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 39.8438 – 225.882 Q – 22  
2 – 39.8238 – 225.996  
3 – 39.8594 – 225.794  
4 – 39.9364 – 225.358  
T 2:39.4634 – 225.757

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#7 Danica Patrick was only car in qualification line when gun fired to end Pole Day Qualifications.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 POST-QUALIFYING NOTES:**

- This is Helio Castroneves' third AAMCO Transmissions Pole Award this season and the 19<sup>th</sup> pole position of his IndyCar Series career, extending his series record for career poles.
- Castroneves won his third pole in four IndyCar Series events. He previously won poles at St. Petersburg and Twin Ring Motegi.
- This is Castroneves' second Indianapolis 500 pole position and his second consecutive front-row start at Indianapolis. He won the pole in 2003.
- Tony Kanaan qualified second, his third front-row start at Indianapolis.
- Kanaan has never qualified outside the top five for the Indianapolis 500.
- Dario Franchitti qualified third, matching his career-best start at Indianapolis in 2004.
- All five Andretti Green Racing cars qualified inside the top-11. It is the first time an entrant has place five cars in the first 11 in Indianapolis 500 history.

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AAMCO Transmissions awarded Helio Castroneves \$100,000 for winning the pole position for the Indianapolis 500. AAMCO Transmissions awards \$10,000 to the pole winner at every other IndyCar Series event this season.

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Indy Pro Series driver Pablo Perez visited his Target Chip Ganassi Racing teammates at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 12 for AAMCO Transmissions Pole Award qualifications, two days after being released from Methodist Hospital. Perez, a rookie from Argentina, sustained leg injuries in an accident during the season-opening Indy Pro Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway on March 24.

**PABLO PEREZ:** “Today’s is my first day going out. Two days ago, I got out of the hospital. Today, I had to come to the track to see qualifications. Just to smell the tires, see the car, hear the noise and everything. I feel fantastic really. I’m really looking forward to getting back into the car and to feel the speed again. That’s my main goal. I’m pushing so hard to walk by myself as soon as I can, so I can race again. I don’t know, maybe it will take a couple of months, four, five. The doctors, every time I go to see them, they tell me that I’m doing better, better, better. So for sure in three or four months I should be walking again. In December, I will be in a car to test, and we’ll see what happens.” (About future plans): “I’m going back to Argentina next Friday to spend a couple of weeks to rest and to do more exercise, more rehab and spend a little time with my family. That will be good for me and my mind. I will return for the 500. I have to be over here to see that race. I’ll be spend a week here for the race, and then I have one more surgery in my right leg to take out a metal plate. That will be the last surgery. I’m so glad to be here today.”

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**SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

7 a.m.	Public Gates Open
10:14 a.m.	Honorary Starters: Kevin O’Keefe, Riley President and CEO, and “Riley Mom,” Angie McGraw
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Indianapolis 500 practice
Noon-6 p.m.	IndyCar Series Qualifications
6 p.m.	Track closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

7 a.m. Public Gates Open  
10:14 a.m. Honorary Starters: Kevin O’Keefe, Riley President  
and CEO, and “Riley Mom,” Angie McGraw  
10:15-11:15 a.m. Indianapolis 500 practice  
Noon-6 p.m. IndyCar Series Qualifications  
6 p.m. Track closes  
Note: Subject to change due to weather

**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At 10 a.m., the ambient temperature was 60 degrees with a relative humidity of 45 percent and winds from the east at 7 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 86 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

10:15 a.m. – **GREEN.**  
10:22 a.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.  
10:31 a.m. – **GREEN.**  
11:15 a.m. – **CHECKERED.**

**FASTEST NON-QUALIFIED DRIVERS:**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	14	Darren Manning	D/H/F	223.486 mph
2	4	Vitor Meira	D/H/F	223.095 mph
3	55	Kosuke Matsuura	D/H/F	222.953 mph
4	8	Scott Sharp	D/H/F	222.848 mph
5	17	Jeff Simmons	D/H/F	222.750 mph
6	02	Davey Hamilton	D/H/F	222.148 mph
7	22	A.J. Foyt IV	D/H/F	221.959 mph
8	99	Buddy Lazier	D/H/F	221.203 mph
9	25	Marty Roth	D/H/F	221.045 mph
10	50	Al Unser Jr.	D/H/F	220.723 mph
11	19	Jon Herb	D/H/F	220.689 mph

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Today is Mother’s Day and several driver’s mothers are at the Speedway today. Among drivers whose mothers are here today are: Sarah Fisher (Reba Fisher), Ed Carpenter (Laura George), A.J. Foyt IV (Nancy Foyt), Jeff Simmons (Judy Simmons, whose other son Chris is an engineer for Target Chip Ganassi Racing), Helio Castroneves (Sandra), Sam Hornish Jr. (Jo Ellen Hornish) and Danica Patrick (Bev Patrick).

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Sarah Fisher’s mother, Reba, is a former go-kart racer, whose karts carried the No. 5, the same number on the AAMCO Transmissions/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Honda-powered Dallara that her daughter is driving in the IndyCar Series.

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Ben Utecht, a tight end for the Indianapolis Colts, is scheduled to sing the national anthem during Opening Ceremonies today.

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At noon Sunday, the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 34 percent and winds from the east-northeast at 9 mph. The track temperature was 106 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Weather comparison: At 11:55 a.m. Saturday, the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 54 percent and winds from the north at 9 mph. The track temperature was 101 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

12:02 p.m.	#8	SCOTT SHARP/Norwalk, Conn. Patrón Sharp Rahal Letterman Racing - D/H/F	
	QA-1 (QE-3)	1 – 40.1403 – 224.214 2 – 40.1683 – 224.057 3 – 40.2303 – 223.712 <u>4 – 40.2652 – 223.518</u> T 2:40.8041 – 223.875	Q – 23
12:07 p.m.	#55	KOSUKE MATSUURA/Aichi, Japan Panasonic - D/H/F	
	QA-1 (QE-2)	1 – 40.4031 – 222.755 2 – 40.4514 – 222.489 3 – 40.4543 – 222.473 <u>4 – 40.4202 – 222.661</u> T 2:41.7290 – 222.595	Q – 24
12:11 p.m.	#99	BUDDY LAZIER/Vail, Colo. Sam Schmidt Motorsports - D/H/F	
	QA-1	1 – 40.7640 – 220.783 2 – 40.7734 – 220.732 3 – 40.7959 – 220.610 <u>4 – 40.9677 – 219.685</u> T 2:43.3010 – 220.452	Q – 25
12:16 p.m.	#17	JEFF SIMMONS/Hartford, Conn. Rahal Letterman Racing Team Ethanol - D/H/F	
	QA-1 (QE-3)	1 – 40.1976 – 223.894 2 – 40.2302 – 223.713 3 – 40.2432 – 223.640 <u>4 – 40.2642 – 223.524</u> T 2:40.9352 – 223.693	Q – 26

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

12:20 p.m.	#25	MARTY ROTH/Toronto Roth Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.9078 – 220.007	Q – 27
		2 – 40.9145 – 219.971	
		3 – 40.9352 – 219.860	
		<u>4 – 40.9618 – 219.717</u>	
		T 2:43.7193 – 219.889	
12:25 p.m.	#14	DARREN MANNING/North Yorkshire, England ABC Supply Co./AJ Foyt Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 40.2646 – 223.521	Q – 28
		2 – 40.2499 – 223.603	
		3 – 40.3001 – 223.325	
		<u>4 – 40.2804 – 223.434</u>	
		T 2:41.0950 – 223.471	
12:50 p.m.	#50	AL UNSER JR./Albuquerque, N.M. AJ Foyt Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.8246 – 220.455	Q – 29
		2 – 40.7125 – 221.062	
		3 – 40.6883 – 221.194	
		<u>4 – 40.6979 – 221.142</u>	
		T 2:42.9233 – 220.963	
12:35 p.m.	#19	JON HERB/Chicago Racing Professionals - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.9414 – 219.826	Q – 30
		2 – 40.9017 – 220.040	
		3 – 40.8926 – 220.089	
		<u>4 – 40.9708 – 219.669</u>	
		T 2:43.7065 – 219.906	
12:39 p.m.	#02	DAVEY HAMILTON/Nampa, Idaho Vision Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.4824 – 222.319	Q – 31
		2 – 40.4959 – 222.245	
		3 – 40.4816 – 222.323	
		<u>4 – 40.4639 – 222.420</u>	
		T 2:41.9238 – 222.327	

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

12:58 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1 p.m. – The ambient temperature was 68 degrees with a relative humidity of 33 percent and winds from the east-northeast at 10 mph. The track temperature was 116 degrees, according to Firestone engineers. Skies were fair.

1:06 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for qualification attempt by #4 Meira.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

1:09 p.m.	#4	VITOR MEIRA/Brasilia, Brazil	
		Delphi Panther - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 40.4026 – 222.758	Q – 32
		2 – 40.4607 – 222.438	
		3 – 40.5260 – 222.080	
		<u>4 – 40.5303 – 222.056</u>	
		T 2:41.9196 – 222.333	

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

1:17 p.m. – **GREEN**.

At 1:30 p.m. the ambient temperature was 71 degrees with a relative humidity of 33 percent and winds from the east-northeast at 9 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 121 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

1:34 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

1:45 p.m.	#20	ED CARPENTER/Indianapolis	
		Vision Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-3)		1 – 40.2700 – 223.491	Q – 33
		2 – 40.2758 – 223.459	
		3 – 40.2705 – 223.489	
		<u>4 – 40.2614 – 223.539</u>	
		T 2:41.0777 – 223.495	

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

1:53 p.m. – **GREEN**.

2:21 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for qualification attempt by #22 Foyt.

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2:24 p.m.      #22      A.J. FOYT IV/Hockley, Texas  
Vision Racing - D/H/F  
QA-1 (QE-2)      1 – 40.4251 – 222.634      Q – 34  
                         2 – 40.4505 – 222.494  
                         3 – 40.4815 – 222.324  
                         4 – 40.5036 – 222.202  
                         T 2:41.8607 – 222.413  
#22 Foyt bumps #25 Roth from field.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

2:33 p.m. – **GREEN**.  
3:06 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.  
3:16 p.m. – **GREEN**.  
3:24 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for qualification attempt by #5 Fisher.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

At 3:25 p.m. the ambient temperature was 74 degrees with a relative humidity of 26 percent and winds from the east at 9 mph, gusting to 19 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 125 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

3:26 p.m.      #5      SARAH FISHER/Commercial Point, Ohio  
AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing - D/H/F  
QA-1              1 – 40.5424 – 221.990      Q – 35  
                         2 – 40.5814 – 221.776  
                         3 – 40.5408 – 221.999  
                         4 – 40.5268 – 222.075  
                         T 2:42.1914 – 221.960  
#5 Fisher bumps #19 Herb from field.

3:34 p.m.      #15      BUDDY RICE/Phoenix  
A1TeamUSA/DDR - D/H/F  
QA-1 (QE-2)      1 – 40.3948 – 222.801      Q – 36  
                         2 – 40.3803 – 222.881  
                         3 – 40.4007 – 222.768  
                         4 – 40.3854 – 222.853  
                         T 2:41.5612 – 222.826  
#15 Rice bumps #99 B. Lazier from field.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

3:42 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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At 4 p.m., the ambient temperature was 71 degrees with a relative humidity of 24 percent and winds from the east-southeast at 8 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 124, according to Firestone engineers.

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Indianapolis Colts tight end Ben Utecht sang the national anthem during pre-qualifying ceremonies today.

**BEN UTECHT:** (What's it like to be here and to be singing the national anthem at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway?): "This is great. It's my first time here. The last three years, I've actually been at my home in Minnesota and never really had a chance to get out here. People kept telling me how exciting it is. When I had the chance to come today, I was just thrilled. This is just incredible. The magnitude of this race and the magnitude of this place is just incredible." (As a professional athlete, what are the similarities you think about as you watch these drivers and what they go through?): "Obviously, this is a very competitive industry, and that's something I can really relate to. The competition level out here is so high. That causes you to be that much more focused and determined in your training regimens, and I know that these guys are doing whatever they can do in the offseason to prepare for days to come. That's what it's all about. We're very similar in the fact that this is our job, and we need to do it to the best of our abilities. It takes focus and determination."

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4:28 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

4:38 p.m. – **GREEN**.

At 5 p.m., the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 22 percent and winds from the south-southeast at 6 mph, gusting to 16 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 116, according to Firestone engineers.

5:26 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for qualification attempt by #19 Herb.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

5:29 p.m.	#19	JON HERB/Chicago Racing Professionals - D/H/F	
QA-2		1 – 40.6658 – 221.316	Q – 37
		2 – 40.6845 – 221.214	
		3 – 40.6818 – 221.229	
		4 – 40.8123 – <u>220.522</u>	
		T 2:42.8444 – 221.070	

#19 Herb bumps #50 Unser from field.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

5:37 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:51 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for qualification attempt by #99 B. Lazier.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 SECOND DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

5:53 p.m. #99 BUDDY LAZIER/Vail, Colo.  
Sam Schmidt Motorsports - D/H/F  
QA-2 1 – 40.6223 – 221.553 Q – 38  
2 – 40.6660 – 221.315  
3 – 40.6634 – 221.329  
4 – 40.6648 – 221.322  
T 2:42.6165 – 221.380  
#99 B. Lazier bumps #19 Herb from field.

5:58 p.m. #21 JAQUES LAZIER/Vail, Colo.  
Indiana Ice / Venture Logistics - P/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.8700 – 220.210 UA – 1  
2 – waved off

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A total of 40 cars are at the Speedway. Thirty-four have passed technical inspection. Twenty-nine drivers have been on the track to date, turning 687 practice laps today and 6,090 laps this month. Buddy Lazier turned 85 laps today, most of any driver. Marty Roth has turned 331 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 97 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were five cautions today for a total of 43 minutes.

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Milka Duno was at the Speedway today, but did not make a qualifying attempt after an accident on Fast Friday.

**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** (About the team’s plan next week): “The plan is that I will be in the car on Wednesday. The guys are working very hard. We hope to have the car ready for Wednesday.” (Regarding her accident): “It’s something that can happen here. Everyone says, ‘Welcome to Indianapolis.’”

**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “We were playing to our strengths today. Tony (Kanaan) is really good at finding the limit of a qualifying car, and I have a good feel for a race car. I got delegated to do that today and give us maybe a head start of where we need to be to start on Wednesday. I think we made good progress with the Canadian Club car. We’ll get all five of us working from now on toward a race car.”

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**BRIAN BARNHART (President, Competition and Operations, Indy Racing League):** “A lot of thought went into the process to develop the new format and there’s so many years of history and tradition here, but realistically, coming out of the first weekend, you usually came out with 20 to 25 cars qualified, and that’s what we’ve got. We’ve got 22 cars qualified, we just got there a little different way that I think was way more entertaining for the fans. And the one thing that I certainly get a closer reaction to immediately is the reaction of the crews and the drivers because of the process that we got through, and while it was tension-filled, especially with the drivers and what’s at stake when they do that, that’s what they’re paid to do and that’s what they have fun doing. When you look at the face of Tony Kanaan when he’s getting ready to go out at five minutes to 6 or waiting for Helio to finish, he was eating it up; he was ready to go. The drivers had fun, the crews had fun, the managers and strategists had fun trying to decide what they wanted to do—to go to impound, to go back to tech. It was a different game to be played and so I know the participants enjoyed it, and I’ve always felt that whether it’s on the track or the formats, if it’s something the participants enjoy doing, then they’re going to entertain the fans. Like I said, the good news is that we came out with just exactly what we’re looking for as we head out into the second week—about the same number of cars qualified. We’ve got 22, which is probably pretty close to the average that used to qualify. One of the things I liked best about it was not just the drama and the excitement that was provided for yesterday, but the fact that we did it with this new format put meaning on today. If we wouldn’t have done this format we’d have probably qualified 22 to 24 cars yesterday and then sat around and ran practice all day today because nobody would have taken a time and we’d have had no meaning for the second day. Now, the second day had meaning. It wasn’t quite as much as the first day, but it shouldn’t be—that’s the Pole Day. But the second day, the middle of the field had meaning. You could tell by what Buddy, Jaques and Jon Herb doing there at the end of the day, they want to know, they at least have a temporary spot reserved in the field and they can work on Race Day setups next week and work with sponsors and make sure they know that at least now they’re in the field, at least right now. It still had meaning for a Second Day Qualifying that in the last several years didn’t exist. So, very successful from our standpoint, the teams, drivers and fans that I’ve talked to. I’ve been overwhelmed by the fans’ response that I’ve had several e-mails and stopping with the fans in Gasoline Alley that it’s all been positive so we’re very pleased.” (About adding another hour to the day): “I think that’s really more a Joie question. In terms of the facility and noise, but from our standpoint, jumping in on it, Don, the cars performance isn’t dramatically affected by temperatures as it used to be either. Again, that’s a testament to our manufacturers and suppliers. Dario (Franchitti) ran his (qualification attempt) at one o’clock in the afternoon. His 25.1 stood up there until five minutes ’till 6. And even though it did cool off, it really wasn’t a temperature-related issue. I think when Helio (Castroneves) and Tony (Kanaan) ran a little faster, it was more wind-related than it was temperature. And, I think, if you remember, I think (Sam) Hornish ran his pole speed, I think in the heat of the day last year as well, so the cars seem to be less sensitive to temperatures than they have been in the past but maybe a little more sensitive to wind. Especially with the gear ratios. I think that’s what caught a lot of people off guard early yesterday, was the direction of the wind. I was just amazed at one point, they ended up starting third, fourth, and fifth, but I thought the closeness of the competition, at one point, for several minutes, we had 225.1 on the pole, 225.1 second, and 225.1 third. **(More Barnhart on next page)**

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**BARNHART (cont.):** Like I said, I think they're third, fourth, and fifth now, but after a 10-mile run, of three teams that were represented that close, it just shows how good the competition is, and it literally came down to a gust of wind, or the wind laying down a little bit that gave Helio and Tony the opportunity to do what they did. And from another standpoint, I hope people understand what it takes to withdraw a time from an incredibly secure starting position at the Indy 500, in the second row, to go out there and make a run. It's just an amazingly brave decision. And it shows what these guys are willing to do, but more than that, it shows what the Indianapolis 500 means to them. They're in the field, in the second row, well, that's not good enough. When you see the look that I saw on Danica (Patrick's) face that I saw who was in the middle of the third row, that she didn't get to go out and run again, and she was looking to move up to the second or the front row and didn't get a chance to do it, these guys are so passionate about this place, that that certainly bodes well for the future. That's a little off track, Joie can answer more on your Daylight Savings, I guess.”

**JOIE CHITWOOD (President and Chief Operating Officer, Indianapolis Motor Speedway):** “I’d say I’d be pleased any day the sun is shining and the temperature is about 78 to 82 degrees. I think we pulled some weather numbers for the last eight years during qualifications; we were either wet or below 70 (degrees), so the fact that we had great weather really felt good and I think Brian and I—it’s typical that we’d be doing this press conference at 3 on a Saturday saying what the format is for Sunday after it had rained out. But it was nice to see it in action. I think our goal was to come up with a process that provided more activity on each day of qualifications, and I think the numbers bore out. I think we had 44 attempts, 11 bumps, two wave-offs, four weren’t fast enough and five withdrew. So, we’re really pleased that it did what it was supposed to and that was not only to provide a run for the pole, a run for the top 11 and then, today, a run for the next set of 11. And it was nice to actually see it in progress, but also to actually see the result because many times when Brian and I sit down and talk about these things, we hope it’s going to play out the way it does; we plan for everything and all-in-all I was pleased. I couldn’t be more happy. I thought the energy was there yesterday, from the plaza area to the garage area, it seemed like there was a great atmosphere and a lot of people seemed to be enjoying the day. (Are you happy with the fan response?): “Absolutely. I think both Friday and Saturday were both outstanding days. From a hospitality standpoint, we were jam packed. All the hospitality rooms, Legends Row Suites, we had great corporate response. And I will tell you, there was a bustle. Whether it was getting in line to get soft drinks, food, or just to get in the gates, folks were getting in here at 7 a.m. excited for the day. I was very pleased. I was very pleased to look up into the Northwest Vista and see a bunch of fans sitting in Turn 4. I was very happy, of course, there's always room to improve. Always room, whether it's a practice day, whether it's a qualification day, whether it's Miller Lite Carb Day. We want to do as many activities and entertainment to draw folks out here. And the key thing for us is to make sure we have things that are compelling for, not only a 5 year old, but a 15 year old, a 25 year old, a 30 year old, and the folks that remember the A.J. Foyts running here and doing all the things they did. That's our job. Yeah, I'm the track president, but at the end of the day, we're all promoters and we're promoting entertainment. I think what we did this weekend is offer a new format for qualification that was a great form of entertainment. **(More Chitwood on next page)**

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I think the fans enjoyed it, I think the competitors did, and I'm excited now because we got to see it in action this weekend. I'm excited to see what it can be for next year. People are talking about how that was pretty exciting, that was pretty fun. 'Wow, did you see Sam Hornish take two shots at it? The first one he almost white-walled it and the second, he had a pretty good wiggle.' That's the kind of entertainment, I think, folks are interested in, and I'm looking forward to what it can do for next year, now that we've had it happen for the first time and people are talking about it.” (About adding another hour to the day): “I get the exciting part of this conversation. You know, at the end of the day, you have to realize that we are a racetrack within a neighborhood. I think that it's always about a fair balance, in terms of operating the property and with the neighbors around us, you know, 6 o'clock has, kind of, always been the standard for when we shut down, and I think, unless there's a real need from the competition side to address it, I think that's a comfortable time for us to be operating.”

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

9 a.m.                      Public Gates Open  
Noon-6 p.m.                IndyCar Series Practice  
6 p.m.                        Track Closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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At a press conference this morning, Panther Racing announced it would field a third entry for seven-time Indianapolis 500 starter John Andretti in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500. Andretti's No. 33 Honda-powered Dallara will be backed by Camping World and RVs.com. Andretti last started the Indianapolis 500 in 1994, when he finished 10<sup>th</sup> in a car with the No. 33.

**JOHN ANDRETTI** (#33 Camping World Panther Dallara/Honda/Firestone): "It's awesome to be back. Seven times I've been here in August (Allstate 400 at the Brickyard). It's such a great facility; it's 'the' place. I drove by here when I went to high school; your whole life is centered around it. So to get back after a long hiatus has been good. It's going to be exciting for me. I appreciate them (Panther Racing) taking me under their wing. They're going to give me a lot of advice to get going hopefully today. It figures the weather was nice last week, and it's going to play with us a little bit this week. But it's going to be nice this weekend, and that's all that matters. Camping World has been really supportive of me the last three years, and to tie all three together ... to come to Indianapolis, bring them to Indianapolis and get back here for the Indianapolis 500 is, I don't know, overwhelming would be an understatement." (It has been 13 years; how quickly do you feel you can get the feel back for the car and also, how nice is it you don't have to fly back to Charlotte?): "Staying here the whole time will help. Hopefully one lap per year, we'll get right back in the rhythm of things. Fortunately for me and the race team, we've got really good teammates. They're going to be helping. So it's not, 'Here you go, John, jump in and make it happen.' It's going to be a strong plan. For me, it's an ideal situation. A more ideal situation would just be to have more track time, but here at Indianapolis you can also spend too much time on the track, too, and wind yourself into the ground. I don't consider it any kind of a handicap in any way. The team is set, they've got two guys in the field, and hopefully we can get the third one in." (Driving a Cup car versus an IndyCar into Turn 1, it must feel like driving without ankle weights after that?): "I've been joking with the guys on the team that Andretti's (going to be) in the grass because the car actually turns. You down there (Turn 1) with a stock car it's pretty much a Hail Mary a lot of times. You drive a race car for what it gives you, and I think when I get in it it's going to be no different than jumping from one race car to another. I need to get back out there, the bugs hitting my visor again, having to use tear off's and all that. It's totally different. I've got a lot of new equipment and decaled the race car. There's so many different things coming back at us, but it's not like I haven't been here before. I think that right now I'm probably about as relaxed as I've ever been at the Speedway. I feel real confident in the team and where we're at. I don't feel like I have to set fast lap right away. We're going to take a real conservative approach to it and make sure we do all the right things, and that's what's great about being here with John Barnes. Not only am I a driver but a friend, and that helps in a lot of ways, too." (When did you decide you wanted to try this again?): "This started for me back in February. I spoke to John (Barnes) early on. It all really started getting serious last week."

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**JOHN BARNES** (Co-owner, Panther Racing): “This completes the story for me. In 1973, I was lead mechanic on Mario’s (Andretti) car at Vel’s Parnelli Jones (team). In 1993, Jeff (Andretti) drove for us at Pagan Racing, and Mikey (Andretti) came back and raced with us, I think it was 2001. And now, to have John here, John and I have been friends for a long time and to have him come back is a treat for us.” (What is the plan to get John Andretti up to speed and in the race?): “Vitor’s (Meira) going to drive the car this morning, probably run about 50 or 75 miles to get the thing set up for what we want John to start with. And then he and Kosuke (Matsuura) are going to work closely with John to get him up to speed. It’s in our best interest and their best interest, also, the more miles we can run here with someone as talented and savvy as John, to help them actually come up with a race setup.” (When did this get serious for you guys?): “John (Andretti) called me about a month ago, and then called me the next day, and the next day, the next day, the next morning, the next evening. (John Andretti interjects: “And he was answering every time.”). And so anyway, we had to get through the first week and make sure we were OK. I want to thank some people for making this happen. Freelance Lettering, Lance and his people have been working tirelessly for the last four days. The car was a Delphi car, and it has been wrapped with vinyl and it looks beautiful. Indy Parts, Jeff Sinden and Dallara helped us get where we are today. It’s not just Panther (Racing). The community here has shown again its grace by helping everyone else.”

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Selected quotes from the Team Leader Motorsports press availability today:

**KENT BAKER** (Co-owner, Team Leader/Dollander Racing): “Forty years ago, in 1967, Parnelli Jones drove the turbine car, the Andy Granatelli turbine car, and the history, the car was number 40, and this is the 40th anniversary of that car, and we are doing a throwback, historic effort based on the livery of that car. We’re number 40. The number is in a black meatball with white letters. It has a very historic appearance, and we’re proud to have Parnelli’s son PJ driving the car. We’ve got some exciting marketing things planned for the program, and I think, based on the initial crowd reaction, I think the colors are going to be a crowd favorite.” (About the 1967 race): “I did talk a bit to Parnelli about the 1967 race, and when the green flag dropped, he literally drove around the field in Turn 1, on the outside. I was thinking about that strategy, and I asked him to tell his son not to do that this race.” (About being competitive this month:) “We’ve got three go-fast guys. We’ve got PJ, and we’ve also got a braintrust of Bruce Ashmore and Matt Staisiack, who we lovingly refer to as Mr. Peabody and Sherman. They’ve been back there poring over laptops for the last 24 hours, and I think we’re pretty lucky to have them. We’ve got Chris Paulsen as the team coordinator, whose got a long history at the track, and three great sponsors, Diversified Partners out of Arizona, an architectural firm who does business with them, KDRA, and a young Internet company called [bidaroo.com](http://bidaroo.com), which I think you’re going to hear a lot more about in the near future.” (About continued involvement in the IndyCar Series): “I love racing, and I like the IRL. I’m good friends with Tony George. It’s a privilege to help him create such a large event. I think the IRL statistics show that the sport’s growing at about 9 percent a year, which is greater than any other sport in the United States. The IRL has 38 million consumers and growing, so I think it’s a good opportunity.”

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**PJ JONES** (#40 Direct Diversified Team Leader Special Dallara/Honda/Firestone): (About the historical livery): “I think it's awesome. I think the spotters will like it because they're going to be able to see it, and all the fans. It's really neat. It came out really nice, a lot better than I thought. When Kent and Ken Dollander came up with this idea and I thought: 'Wow, how can you duplicate that with a new car vs. the old car? Even the look, is it going to come off really well?' But it did. The car's gorgeous.” (About being competitive as an Indy-only team): “It's difficult. I think it would be a lot easier if we could get earlier starts. Every year we try to run the first week, and every year we get to try to run the last week, and I think if we could do that, it would be a lot more beneficial. Obviously, it's all about funding. I think we can be competitive. I think it's a lot easier to be competitive, equipment-wise, because now just about everybody's got a Dallara, just about everybody's got a Honda. And now, at least it's in our own hands. It's not like there's a lot of equipment we can't get. And I've got to go out there and learn as much as possible in a quick time and get more comfortable again. It's not easy. You've got guys out here that you're competing against that do this every week. And that's a big difference.”

**PARNELLI JONES** (1963 Indianapolis 500 winner): “This is very exciting to see them think about the turbine car and thinking back 40 years ago. Somebody walked by the garage the other day, and I heard them say, 'What the hell is the turbine car doing here?' All they could see in that garage was the color and that number on there. But certainly, it stands out, and they did a great job putting it together.” (About disappointing finish in 1967): “It was certainly a disappointment, not only not being able to go in the race, but I didn't know the car was going to be that great. Hopefully this car will be that great. I have two sons and from the day they were born, I think the first toy that they got was a race car. Some of my friends said they were going drive a race car, like their father. So, they've always thought of being an Indianapolis winner. They wanted to come to Indianapolis and win. I know PJ has had a great feeling for the Speedway as well as I have. I love this place, and I think it's been a great part of my career, and I think PJ feels a great warmth for the Speedway itself.” (About breaking 150-mph barrier): “A couple of guys had come really close, including my good friend Jim Hurtubise, the year before, or a couple of years before. Everybody was saying that that was the ultimate, 150 mph. To be the first to do that, certainly put a great mark on my career, and I still have a couple of the silver dollars. They gave me 150 silver dollars and dumped them into my helmet at that time, and I still have a few of them left. It was great memories, and it's been a great part of my resume, so to speak. Even though it doesn't seem all that fast by today's speeds, I can tell you, back then, I was giving it all I had.”

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Selected quotes from the PDM Motorsports press availability today:

**JIMMY KITE** (No. 18 PDM Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone): “When Paul (Diatlovich) called me and asked me if I wanted to drive the car, the first thing I had to do was check the calendar and make sure May hadn't started yet. It was a wonderful surprise. We had a wonderful relationship back in 2002 and 2003 working together. We've worked on stuff the last couple of years trying to put stuff together, and it was a very happy day when he called, and hopefully it can be a wonderful month again.” (About his maturity as a driver): “I behave a lot more. I probably use my head a lot more. I mean, my rookie year here and even the next couple of years after that, it was a lot of learning. I was excited to get out there. Male ego kicked in a little, I guess, and I wanted to be first. **(More Kite on next page)**

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**KITE (cont.):** Everything I've ever done I wanted to be at the top of the charts, and you learned real quick that this place will bite you faster than any other racetrack out there. It's just laps and experience. There's a lot of stuff I've learned. This will be my ninth year being here for the month of May, and there's a lot of stuff I've learned that I definitely won't have to worry about doing again.” (About how career could have been different): “I think there's a couple of races that I think could've gone different. I think Charlotte in '97 that I think if something would've happened. Kentucky, if the motor wouldn't have let go with 40 laps to go, I really feel like we could have won that, but Paul may have done really good, too. I mean, they may have put up a really good fight and had a really big argument with that. There's a lot of teams, a lot of drivers, a lot of cars, that could say if one thing changed, we'd have a lot more wins than we have now, but I don't. I figure that everything happens for a reason, and God had me choose that path and I'm the person I am today because stuff like that happened. It led me to this, and who's to say that the greatest moment in my career isn't going to be the 2007 Indy 500 with PDM Racing?” (About possibly not returning to Indy in his career): “Last year was kind of tough and not running here in '06, when you leave here, I was like, 'Man, was '05 my last one?' But there was a lot of interest this year. Even Paul had called before Kansas City and said: 'I want you in my car, but we're short on money. We're working on some stuff and hopefully we can get something done so I can put you in my car,' and a week later, he called me up and said: 'We're still short on money. We are working on some stuff and I feel confident on a couple of them, but I really want you in my car, so we're going to announce you as the driver and we'll just play it by ear. Fortunately, Z-line hooked up with us, and it's great knowing that before I get on the racetrack, we have a primary sponsor now and we have a great group of guys and a great-looking race car. I'm just really excited to get out there and see what we can do this year. It's different this year because there's going to be bumping this year. We haven't had that the last couple of years. Some teams the last couple of years you knew, you got a guy in, you were in. But the good part about, back in '97 through 2002, we weren't guaranteed a spot here. If you couldn't get that car up to speed, you were going home, and this is going to be the first year in quite a while that it's going to be back to that. I'm very fortunate that I'm the guy that Paul Diatlovich said, 'You're the driver I want in my car because you're the driver that I feel confident that we'll get this thing in together.'”

**PAUL DIATLOVICH** (Owner, PDM Racing): “We're pretty happy right now because this news conference can also correlate with the announcement of a major sponsor that we picked up for the month of May. Z-line Designs out of San Ramon, California, and Jim Sexton, the CEO, we talked to him into the wee hours of the morning, and this morning, we're going to have stickers put on our car. We put our neck out pretty far this May, to just be here knowing that there was going to be bumping this year. We had to put a driver in the car that I felt comfortable with, confident in and that we felt could get the job done. Jimmy is probably one of the best drivers I've worked with at this place. You know, some of the other racetracks he runs good at. I don't care about the other racetracks. This is Indy, and I want a gun fighter in the car, and that's why we hired him.” (About comparing this year to last year): “This place is tough. This place sorts out the people indifferently. I've seen Roger Penske walk out of here in 1995 without making the race. And again, last year was definitely the trials and tribulations by fire, and we persevered and pulled through and we made the race. This year, we hope it's a lot better. I think we're better prepared. **(More Diatlovich on next page)**

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**DIATLOVICH (cont.):** “We went into the month knowing that we had a game plan and knowing that we had a great driver, and we'll take it from there. We'll be on the racetrack today. Jimmy's been antsy for the past week. So have we. Jimmy's ready, we're ready, so we're going to see where we are.” (About perseverance): “I've been privileged. This place means a lot to me. This will be my 30th year of being here. I've been a mechanic, I was a chief mechanic, I was a team manager ,and now I'm privileged enough to be a bill payer here. I have absolutely looked forward to the month of May for a long time now. I'm tickled to be here, and I like to think that one of the reasons why we do stick around is because I try not to lie, I don't steal, and I won't cheat. I think that's kind of a throwback to the way racing used to be. So as long as I continue to get that chance, I'll give Jimmy a chance, and hopefully we'll continue to spread that and go out and show what a lot of hard work and dedication can do.” (About admiration from other owners because of the things PDM does on a shorter budget): “None. They have the budget, and as far as they're concerned, I'm behind them. That's why, on any given day that we can be out in front of them, it makes it that much more special.”

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**Entry update:** #5T AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing entry is now the #24 Wellman Corbier/DRR entry. The driver is Roger Yasukawa.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

Noon – **GREEN.**

12:05 p.m. – First car on track. #39 Andretti.

1:16 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris in Turn 2.

1:19 p.m. – **GREEN.**

At 1:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 58 degrees with a relative humidity of 63 percent and winds from the north-northwest at 15 mph, gusting to 29 mph. Skies were cloudy. The track temperature was 89 degrees, according to Firestone engineersp.

2:21 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.

2:30 p.m. – **GREEN.**

3:15 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection and sweep.

3:32 p.m. – **GREEN.** Vitor Meira is turning laps in #33 car. Car must use tires allocated to the #4 car.

3:54 p.m. – **YELLOW.** #18 Kite does half-spin to the right in Turn 1, hitting SAFER Barrier with left front wheel and left front wing of car. Car then does half-spin to left and slides through short chute between Turns 1 and 2, stopping in grass against inside wall near entrance of Turn 2. There is moderate damage to left front of car. Kite climbed from car without assistance of Delphi Safety Team.

4:10 p.m. – **GREEN.** #23 Duno on track for first time since accident on May 11.

4:39 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris.

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4:42 p.m. – **GREEN.**

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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, Indy Racing League director of medical services:** Jimmy Kite has been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. He is cleared to drive.

**JIMMY KITE (No. 18 PDM Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** “I’m fine. I wasn’t going fast enough to hit anything that hard. We were just shaking the car down. I don’t know if something broke, or what. I was only going 206 (mph) going into the corner. It shouldn’t have been loose, and it wasn’t the corner before. We’ll get it back. We’ll look at it. It didn’t look like we hurt it that bad. I’m sure Paul (Diatlovich) isn’t happy right now. We’ll find out what’s wrong with it and get it back out. We have one car here. We want everyone with Z-line and PDM to be happy, and we will. It’s a setback. Fortunately, we didn’t write a car off. We’ll lose the rest of the day trying to get the car back together. The big deal is we have to find out why it did that. It had no hint of doing that the corner before or even entering Turn 1.”

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T.H. "Ted " Hollingsworth, who conceived and for 15 years organized the mid-winter "Thunder In the 'Dome" USAC Midget event at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, died May 15. He was 79.

Hollingsworth, a native of Terre Haute, Ind., had many roles in the sport of auto racing and was somewhat born into it, his father having been briefly involved in the promotional end in the 1930s of the famed Jungle Park Speedway north of Rockville, Ind.

Hollingsworth was involved in the very early promotions at the Vigo County Fairgrounds in Terre Haute in 1952, his photographs having appeared in the famed racing publication *Speed Age*. After a stint as the public relations representative for Chapman Root's Terre Haute-based Sumar Racing Team, he spent a brief period in 1956 as one of the very first employees of the fledgling United States Auto Club. He was also one of the founding members of the Hoosier Auto Racing Fan Club.

For many years, Hollingsworth was the director of racing for the Bignotti-Bowes Racing team, which fielded Bowes Seal Fast Specials for Johnny Boyd, Freddie Agabashian, Bob Veith, Jimmy Reece, George Amick and Jud Larson, and for two-and-a-half seasons, starting in 1960, A.J. Foyt. Throughout the period of Foyt's first two USAC national championships (1960 and '61) and the victory in the 1961 Indianapolis 500, Hollingsworth was an integral part of the Bowes organization.

After moving to Des Plaines, Ill., in order to work with Andy Granatelli and the STP Corporation in the mid-1960s, Hollingsworth returned to Indianapolis where he became the first marketing director for Market Square Arena, a position he held for five years. He held a similar position with Clowes Hall before re-entering the racing business, forming Par-Motions with Indianapolis 500 veteran Johnny Parsons. "Thunder in the Dome" was presented for the first time in 1985, with Hollingsworth remaining at the promotion helm through 2000.

In 1975, he created the concept of the "Fastest Rookie Qualifier" award for the American Dairy Association, an award the Dairy Association has perpetuated now for over 30 years at Indianapolis.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 17 at Conkle Funeral Home in Speedway. Funeral services will take place at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 18 at the funeral home.

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Jonathan Klein, last year's Indy Pro Series runner-up, will finish the 2007 season with Team Moore Racing, the team announced May 16.

The 19-year-old, who had 10 top-five finishes in 12 starts last season, will add the six remaining oval races to his schedule, beginning with the Freedom 100 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 25. Klein had previously been announced as the team's driver for the nine road-course races and finished third and 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Petersburg.

Klein takes the place of team co-owner Tom Wood, who announced his retirement after suffering a back injury during a private test at The Milwaukee Mile on May 8.

**JONATHAN KLEIN (Driver, Team Moore Racing):** "I'm real excited about this new opportunity with TMR, Mark Moore and Tom Wood. It's just unfortunate that it is under these circumstances. But I'm looking forward to running the ovals and winning some races."

**TOM WOOD (Co-owner, Team Moore Racing):** "Jonathan is a tough competitor. I raced against him last year and he is beyond his years in maturity as a race car driver. He has already showed what he can do on the road courses this year. He has been working with our team at all the tracks even though he was only planning on driving the road courses. He and (team co-owner) Mark Moore work really well together, and we offered him this deal because we are confident he can get the job done."

**MARK MOORE (Co-owner, Team Moore Racing):** "Everything that has happened in the last week, with Tom's accident, has been extremely unfortunate to say the least. The relationship between Tom and me as driver and engineer is a very personal one. We were so close to winning races at times, and now we will have to do it together as owners. We are fortunate to have young Jonathan Klein ready to fill the seat for Tom. Jonathan was at both the Indy Open Test and the Milwaukee Test working with the team, so he knows where we are with the setups. We will have to rely on the hard work Tom has already put forth in both these tests for Klein's success in the upcoming two races. I have 100 percent confidence in Jonathan to bring home TMR's first victory."

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5:30 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

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IndyCar Series officials have announced that John Andretti will be required to complete the final two phases of the IndyCar Series refresher program.

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5:46 p.m. – **GREEN**. #40 Jones on track for first time this month.

5:51 p.m. – #24 Yasukawa on track for the first time this month.

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Willie Ator, a member of the Racing Professionals crew, was injured in a motorcycle accident on May 15.

**JON HERB (No. 19 Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "Our team is sending our prayers to crew member Willie Ator."

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5:59 p.m. – #31 Giebler on track for first time today.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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Ethanol presents \$2,500 to the driver who records the fastest lap on five practice days during the Month of May. The “Ethanol Fastest Lap” will be presented May 9, 10, 16, 17 and 25. In addition to the ethanol awards, Cholula Hot Sauce will award \$7,500 to the driver who completes the Cholula Hot Sauce “Hot Lap of the Day” on May 11 and 18, while the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will award the \$5,000 “Call 811 Before You Dig Award” to the driver who posts the fastest lap May 16.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Award</b>
May 9	Dan Wheldon	226.391 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500)
May 10	Scott Dixon	226.473 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500)
May 11	Scott Dixon	227.167 mph	Cholula Hot Sauce “Hot Lap of the Day” (\$7,500)
May 16	Danica Patrick	221.189 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500); “Call 811 Before You Dig Award” (\$5,000)

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A total of 42 cars are at the Speedway. Forty have passed technical inspection. Thirty-two drivers have been on the track to date, turning 1,210 practice laps today and 7,300 laps this month. A.J. Foyt IV turned 105 laps today, most of any driver. Vitor Meira has turned 408 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 100 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were six cautions today for a total of 55 minutes.

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**POST PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest of the day):** “Usually with the wind and cold weather, the car is a bit harder to drive, but today's conditions could certainly be like Race Day, so we made sure we went out and made the most of it. We worked on the race setup of the car, and we were able to stay out of trouble. All in all, we had a good day, and the Team Penske car was handling well out there. We're looking forward to another day of practice tomorrow, so we can keep making progress leading up to Race Day.”

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth fastest of the day):** “I wanted to get a feel for the NYSE car in race trim today, obviously. I know the conditions weren't ideal, but I knew if we could get the car working in these conditions, it will only be better for when the track is ideal. We're not bad, but we need to get a little bit better in traffic. We've got plenty of time.”

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**DANICA PATRICK (No. 7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** “I would say coming away from this day, I'm the happiest that I've been so far this month. The most predictable car, very consistent. It felt like a race car. It felt like it was good in and out of traffic. So I'm the happiest coming away from today than any other day.” (About the weather today that was cooler than probably expected on Race Day): “I think that was why you didn't see everybody running, running, running. At least that's why some of our guys didn't run. Just wanting to make sure that we're simulating the closest thing that we can to race conditions. We don't know what the weather is going to be like, but the likelihood of it being cold are good, I think. The weather the last week has been wonderful. It's definitely different than what I'm used to here. I know how the Midwest works. Sometimes it's cold for a week and then it gets warm for a week, and you just don't know what it's going to do. Everything in the weather is kind of saying it's going to be a little bit up and down over the next week or so, but we're too far out from the race to know. I really feel like the car was very predictable and very comfortable, and if this does not carry over to a day that's warmer or more than anything just windy - if it's not windy out - I don't think it will change my attitude toward the car and the improvements that we've made. Always when the track picks up grip, it warms up, the cars are stuck depending on the temperature of the air and the downforce it's creating, that can change, for sure, how much downforce you want to run, but the actual balance of the car should stay pretty consistent. Any time you feel good about the car, it's good whether it carries over; it's confidence, anyway.” (About running race trim): “My fastest lap, I didn't see it, actually, but it was my second lap out in my last run we filled up. I was in race trim. We're running more downforce and have got the car tied down much better. That was trying to simulate race condition and what we need out of the car to be able to run in and out of traffic.” (About using Dario Franchitti's setup work from Sunday): “The work that Dario did paid off a lot. We kind of went a different direction to start the afternoon today, and it was not right. We came back to garage after eight laps and me doing a 210 and a bunch of 205s going, ‘OK, we need to pull this back into the garage, see where we're at, check if something's wrong.’ And then when we saw that nothing was really wrong, we just said, ‘All right, this setup is obviously not working.’ So we kind of went to what Dario had run on Sunday, which was a great place to start from. And I'd like to think that we made some good improvements from there.”

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest of the day):** “It was a tough day due to the high winds and the cold conditions in the early afternoon. We did some things with our development program. Hopefully we'll continue to make good progress with the Canadian Club car tomorrow.”

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, eighth-fastest of the day):** “So far this month, almost every day has been warm and sunny, but today was cloudy and much cooler, which gave us some new challenges with the car setup. At first we struggled a bit, but we ended the day strong, and everyone at Team Penske is happy with the direction that we're heading. However, we still have some work to do in order to get to where we want to be on Race Day. We're still looking for a little more speed, but I think we'll get there.”

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**JAQUES LAZIER (No. 21 Indiana Ice/Venture Logistics Panoz/Honda/Firestone, fastest non-qualified driver of the day):** “We’ve been playing catch-up since (last) Tuesday on. We went out Friday, got about 20 laps at speed, another probably 20 on Saturday, tried to put it in the show Sunday, we came up a little bit short. It was definitely not from a lack of effort. I think today showed what we have, we have a really good race car. We can pretty consistently run (2)16s, (2)17s. We learned more information that’s helping our car rotate through the corner. It was a very successful day for us today.” (What do you consider your target speed for qualifying, and how difficult is it to get a clean lap on a day like today, when so many qualifiers are out there running in packs?): “We did not try any qualifying stuff today. Today was a race setup, trying to get more mechanical grip, to get the car to work mechanically better. We had downforce on, were in race trim. We knew after Sunday night, when we missed it by about half a mile an hour. If we had another half an hour, we probably would have fought with my brother for that last spot. Our train of thought after Sunday was to go toward race setup. Obviously at this point in the ballgame, we’re fighting for maybe three or four (starting) spots, maybe a row and a half, so qualifying is no longer that important to us, so now we’re looking at race trim. The weather today was very detrimental toward doing anything for qualifying.”

**ROGER YASUKAWA (No. 24 Wellman Corbier/DRR Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second-fastest non-qualified driver):** “It felt really good to be back out there on the track, and I’d really like to thank the crew for getting the car ready. We weren’t sure if we would be able to make it out there or not. The last time I was in a car was during last year’s race, but once you get back in the seat, it’s just another day at the office. Everything was familiar with the car, but we need to fine-tune some things on the car. I think the outright speed isn’t too bad. I think the baseline platform feels pretty good, and we can certainly work a little more with this car to make it better for the race. Again, I’d like to thank Wellman-Corbier Custom Homes for this opportunity and also to Dreyer & Reinbold Racing for getting this car ready, and hopefully, we’ll have a better day tomorrow.”

**JON HERB (No. 19 Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We suffered a fuel pressure problem during our second qualification attempt on Sunday, so we returned to the track today to determine if the problem was corrected. We successfully ran through a full fuel load, and the car worked great. We had no problems. We were not looking for speed today, just doing some system checks.”

**PJ JONES (No. 40 Direct Diversified Team Leader Special Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “It was a day just to get all of our little odds and ends tidied up and it was nice to be able to go out and run five or so laps at the end of the day just to make sure the car doesn’t leak and everything’s good. We should be ready tomorrow to go after it a little bit more.” (About the game plan for the next few days): “We just need to get up to speed and be comfortable and get the car good for longer runs and, obviously, fast enough to get in the race. We’re kind of focusing on two different things. Obviously, we’d like to get it comfortable and fast.”

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**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “Something is not right, but I have confidence in my team that they are going to find and fix what is happening now. They did a fantastic job to have the car ready for today. But I just need to find what is happening.” (About her confidence heading into qualifying): “I have confidence we will have a good car. The focus now is to have a good car for qualifying on Saturday now that we have to go out in the car.”

**THURSDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

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11:59 a.m. Honorary Starter: Terri Stacy, WIBC-AM  
personality  
Noon-6 p.m. IndyCar Series Practice  
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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

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University basketball coach  
Noon-6 p.m. IndyCar Series Practice  
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Liz Steedman of Ocean City, Md., will have the opportunity to do what no race car drivers has done since 2003: take part in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 in Concord, N.C., in the same day. As winner of the “Jim Beam 1100” promotion, Steedman and three guests will receive VIP treatment for the entire race weekend, beginning with exclusive access to sponsor and celebrity events at the Indianapolis 500 on May 24-26. On May 27, the group will do “double duty,” attending the Indianapolis 500 and then traveling to Charlotte for the NASCAR race at Lowe’s Motor Speedway. At each track, they will enjoy the race from an exclusive VIP suite. Steedman’s group also will have the opportunity to meet the drivers of the Jim Beam Indy car and Jim Beam stock car –Andretti Green Racing co-owner/driver Michael Andretti and NASCAR driver/owner Robby Gordon – and cheer them on during the races.

**BRIAN GALLAGHER (manager of motorsports, Jim Beam):** “The Jim Beam 1100 demonstrates our understanding that race fans, like great drivers, have an almost unquenchable thirst for motorsports. Drivers long considered ‘double duty,’ competing in the Indy 500, then flying directly to Charlotte and climbing aboard a stock car for another 600 miles, to be the ultimate challenge. For fans who share an authentic love for racing, the last Sunday in May is the biggest day in motorsports. What better way for the Official Spirit of Racing to show appreciation for fans than provide this type of opportunity.”

**LIZ STEEDMAN (Jim Beam 1100 winner):** “My husband, Trevor, was not a big racing fan until we went to a race at Dover together two years ago and I let him listen to the audio from my race scanner. Now he is starting to understand why I enjoy the sport so much. The Jim Beam 1100 is going to be an unforgettable experience, two great races at historic race tracks on the same day.”

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Leilani Münter passed her Indy Pro Series rookie test at Kentucky Speedway on May 14. The Indy Pro Series is the development series for the IndyCar Series, competing at the same venues in cars that reach speeds in excess of 190 mph. The next step for Münter, an ARCA stockcar series veteran is finalizing sponsorship to compete in five of the six oval events remaining on the 2007 schedule. She hopes to debut at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the Freedom 100 on May 25.

**LEILANI MÜNTER:** "I didn't know what to expect because I had never driven an Indy Pro Series car before. I really enjoyed driving it. They are incredibly fun cars to drive. I am really looking forward to competing in the Indy Pro Series."

**BUTCH MEYER (Indy Pro Series Technical Director):** “Leilani did a great job testing the Indy Pro Series car. I was very impressed with how quickly she got up to speed and with the feedback she gave the team. She had a real good feel for the car. She will be a very tough competitor in the Indy Pro Series.”

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PDM Racing driver Jimmy Kite provided an update Thursday morning on the status of the team's No. 18 Panoz/Honda/Firestone after Kite crashed during practice Wednesday. Kite was unhurt in the accident in Turn 1, and the car suffered moderate damage to the left front.

**JIMMY KITE:** (About cause of accident): "The gearbox broke right where the left rear lower A-arm hooks into the gearbox, and what it did going in to the corner, basically, the gearbox broke and let the lower A-arm pull out. It unloaded the left-rear suspension and picked up a whole bunch of tow, and I was merely a passenger in that. The positive part was that I was already slowing down and getting ready to come in, and I was only doing about 190 when I spun, so if I was up over 200, it probably would've torn up a lot more than it did. I got lucky that we weren't running that quick." (About return to track): "We'll be back out on track the first thing in the (Friday) morning. They almost have everything apart, have it checked. We know what we need, so it's actually going back together right now. They plan on having it back together, on the pad and ready to go so that the first thing in the morning we can go out and see what we have and pick up where we left off." (About help PDM is receiving to rebuild the car): "I don't know if we're stealing body parts, but I think we're stealing some suspension parts. Some of the teams aren't running the Panoz stuff anymore, and a lot of good teams have some really good parts sitting around that we can use right now. So we've been using as many favors as we can right now."

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At the start of the session, the track will be open to these cars for approximately 30 minutes: #23 Duno, #24 Yasukawa, #31 Giebler, #33 J. Andretti and #40 Jones

At noon, the ambient temperature was 55 degrees, with winds from the north at 16 mph. Skies were mostly cloudy. The track temperature was 73 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Noon – **GREEN**. #33 J. Andretti on track for first time this month.

12:33 p.m. – Track open to all cars.

1:03 p.m. – **YELLOW**. #77 Gregoire does a quarter spin to the left at the exit of Turn 1 and makes moderate contact with the outside retaining wall in the short chute between Turns 1 and 2 with the rear of the car. Car makes light secondary contact with the retaining wall with the rear of the car and slides down the wall, between Turns 1 and 2. Car rolls down the track to the inside of the corner. There is moderate damage to the left rear and rear-wing of the car. Gregoire is assisted from the car by the Delphi Safety Team.

1:17 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** Stephan Gregoire is being transported to Methodist Hospital by ambulance for further evaluation after complaining of back pain. A further medical update will be given when available.

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Team Penske spent part of today's practice session practicing pit stops and in and out laps. Helio Castroneves was timing the crew of Sam Hornish Jr., from the trench between the track and the pit lane before practicing with his crew.

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Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation's "Racing to Recovery" Gala raised nearly \$300,000 on May 14 at Eddie Merlot's in Indianapolis.

Al Speyer of Bridgestone/Firestone received the "Partner for a Cure" award for his generosity and support towards the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation. The Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation's Legendary Driver Award was given to four-time Indianapolis 500 champion Al Unser.

Other Indianapolis 500 personalities attending the event included: Al Unser Jr., Danica Patrick, Buddy Lazier, Jaques Lazier, Jimmy Kite, Kim Green, the Hulman-George family, Roger Bailey, Brian Barnhart, Logan Gomez, Alex Lloyd, Jonathan Klein, Chris Festa, Arie Luyendyk Jr., Jon Herb, Robbie Buhl and Marty Roth.

**IDA CAHILL (President, Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation):** "This event would not have been possible without the many volunteers that helped us out. I know it was a long night, and by the end, a lot of people had sore feet from running around. Still, each year this seems to be the premier social event in May surrounding the race. I think the amount of people that showed up is such a tribute to Sam and the support they show him and the foundation."

**SAM SCHMIDT (Owner, Sam Schmidt Motorsports and founder, Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation):** "Each year, I'm apprehensive that the motorsports community will keep coming and continue supporting the event, but they surprise me every year. It really means a lot to me personally that everyone supports our foundation in such a way. I know I'm definitely biased, but I think this is a great event and a great cause."

**AL SPEYER: (Executive Director, Firestone Racing and Partner for a Cure Award honoree):** "It's incredibly humbling for Bridgestone/Firestone to be honored for doing something we so strongly believe in – supporting the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation. Sam has been a tremendous friend of our company and myself for many years, and his foundation does so much to promote spinal-cord injury research. As I said at the gala, it's extremely gratifying to be singled out for our role in supporting the foundation, but the greatest gift we're all waiting for is the day when Sam and others with spinal-cord injuries can walk again."

**AL UNSER (Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner and Legendary Driver honoree):** "I've admired Sam for many years. The work his foundation is doing to help people with paralysis is very important to me and my granddaughter Cody (Unser), who has transverse myelitis and paralysis. Sam is a true role model for all of us and provides inspiration and hope for many people."

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WIBC-AM morning show personality Terri Stacy served as the honorary starter for today's practice session.

**TERRI STACY:** "This has been an incredible experience. Never in my wildest days. I'm 45 years old; I've grown up with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This has just been a great morning for me, nothing like I've ever experienced in my life. I'm not kidding you. One time I did catch a fairly good-sized bass on the south side of town, that was a pretty great experience. This, on the other hand, I'll never forget it."

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As of 2 p.m., #24 Yasukawa and #33 J. Andretti have completed Indianapolis 500 refresher testing requirements.

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3:20 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection and sweep.

3:40 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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Andretti Green Racing and its drivers Michael Andretti, Marco Andretti, Tony Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and Danica Patrick have chosen not to practice today due to the conditions at the Speedway.

**TONY KANAAN (No. 11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “We looked at the weather forecast, and obviously with it being so cold, it wasn’t going to be beneficial to run today. The temperature and weather looks much better (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, and we expect it will be closer to the weather on Race Day. So we decided not to run today.”

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ESPN on ABC IndyCar Series reporters Jamie Little and Brienne Pedigo shared their thoughts about covering the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 on ABC on Sunday, May 27. The Race Day broadcast starts at noon (ET), with live race coverage at 1 p.m.

Little is covering her fourth Indianapolis 500 for ABC. Pedigo, an Indianapolis native, is covering her first “500” for the network. Pedigo’s first Indy 500 came at age 10, when she and her cousins packed a bag lunch of fried chicken and sat in Turn 1.

**JAMIE LITTLE:** (About two women working as pit reporters for ABC): “Having two women in the pits and hopefully three women in the field is just an example -- it’s a sport that everyone pays attention to, male or female, young and old. It’s showing what’s happening in auto racing.” (About interviewing Marco Andretti after last year’s thrilling finish): “I’ll never forget, I got in there and I had the first interview with him after the race, and he said, ‘Second place is the first loser.’ I stood next to his mom, next to Mario Andretti, and I got to be the first one to get on the car. And those moments are what I do this job for; that is everything.” (About prospects for a similar finish in 2007 to that of 2006): “I could see the same thing happening. With this parity, there’s not just one driver dominating. Danica (Patrick) was fastest in practice (Wednesday). With her experience now, I think she’s got a heck of a chance at winning this year. This is going to be her best chance.” (Her advice to Pedigo): “Take it all in. Absorb everything. Walk out through Gasoline Alley. Look at the fans, and watch the marching bands go by. It’s hard because you’re so focused on your job, but just appreciate it because there’s something magical about Indy that I’ve just never experienced anywhere else.”

**BRIENNE PEDIGO:** (About her excitement): “I think anytime you go to Indianapolis Motor Speedway, there’s such a high level of anticipation that surrounds that track. It’s really hard not to get caught up in that. Having grown up around that track, it helps me to kind of stay calm in what could be a very stressful situation, especially on Race Day. More than nerves or any sort of fear, I’m just very, very excited. Just working this past weekend for qualifications was just magical; it was really neat to be at the track and working, doing what I love.” (About ESPN on ABC analyst Scott Goodyear, a longtime family friend): “You’re immediately taken with how intelligent he is, how much he knows about race cars. We’ve had three other races together so far; he’s been really helpful. Any time I have a question, I feel completely comfortable going to him and getting advice.”

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Willie Ator, a member of the crew for the No. 19 Racing Professionals Dallara driven by Jon Herb, is recovering at Methodist Hospital after being seriously injured in a traffic accident on May 13 near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Ator, a native of Jacksonville, Ill., had just departed the Speedway after Second-Day Qualifications when a car turned in front of his motorcycle at the intersection of W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Lafayette Road. Ator sustained several broken bones, according to a statement released by the team.

**JON HERB (Owner/Driver, Racing Professionals):** “Our team is praying for Willie. He is a good guy and a talented mechanic who will be missed by the whole team.”

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Indianapolis 500 veterans P.J. Chesson and Alex Barron talked Thursday afternoon in Gasoline Alley about their prospects for finding a seat for the final weekend of qualifications.

Chesson made his first Indy start last year, while Barron is a four-time Indy starter.

**P.J. CHESSON:** “Maybe Greg Beck (Beck Motorsports), but I want to be in a Dallara, and that’s what we’re trying to sort out right now. But that’s all we’ve got for now.”

**ALEX BARRON:** “I have a few things going and they're not done yet, but it's kind of one of those things that every half hour the percentage of it happening kind of changes. So at this point, I just have to kind of hang around and talk to everybody, and hopefully we can get something put together in a reasonable time so that we can maybe run a few sessions before we qualify. I'd really like to drive for Greg (Beck). I think he's probably got the best car now, obviously, the Dallara, and I've run for that team before, so we have a little bit of history together. Everything else is going to be even more last-minute, but you never know. When Bump Day comes around, there could be a lot of things that come up last minute that could be a good ride. The main thing is just to be here. I got here, like, three days ago and keep talking to everybody, and I'm really hopeful that something works out and if it can be somewhat of a competitive effort and stay in the race.”

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4:50 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris in Turn 3.

4:54 p.m. – **GREEN.**

At 5 p.m., the ambient temperature was 58 degrees with a relative humidity of 49 percent and winds from the north at 12 mph. Skies were cloudy. The track temperature was 89 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED.**

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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** "An MRI at Methodist Hospital has found Stephan Gregoire suffered an endplate fracture of his third thoracic vertebrae. He is being kept overnight for observation and is expected to be released tomorrow."

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A total of 46 cars are at the Speedway. Forty-two have passed technical inspection. Thirty-three drivers have been on the track to date, turning 795 practice laps today and 8,095 laps this month. Jaques Lazier turned 70 laps today, most of any driver. Vitor Meira has turned 426 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 100 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were three cautions today for a total of 35 minutes.

**POST PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**JOHN ANDRETTI (No. 33 Camping World Panther Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth-fastest unqualified driver):** (About his first day on the track): "I think it was productive, just because now when I go to bed at night, I won't have to worry about getting out of pit road or ... well, I still have to worry about it because I'm not that good at it yet. I just learned a lot of things today. It's a lot to digest, and unfortunately the weather didn't want to cooperate today as much as I'd hoped. I kind of wish this weather would've been last week and played havoc with those guys a little bit and given us nice weather. They say tomorrow is going to be really nice weather, and Saturday and Sunday are going to be really nice, so we can go after it." (About the low line he was running early in the day): "It's OK for stock cars, but yeah, they came over (and told him to run a higher line). I still think it's OK for Indy cars. I just haven't quite figured it out, but I'll be down there in the race, I guarantee it, because I don't know any better. They all do, but that's the good thing about not knowing any better. Sometimes you do things that are unthought of. It taught me a lot to learn my line, though. The problem is the car turns so fast that I got to the point to turn in, and the car turned and I was down there. I guess it was a good thing that I turned too early. Michael (Andretti) came over after my first run and said, 'Man, you can't run down there,' and he said that they need to fix my helmet. Bell Helmets came over, and they've done a good job, and the team has worked on the car and got things worked out, too. We had some issues in the cockpit because when they put the seat in the car, it didn't have suspension on it or anything, and then when we got here, you do some laps, and then it's like, OK, there's things that can change. But when you're in a stock car, there it is and I know the measurements and off you go. But I feel great about today. Considering the weather conditions and all that, and as quick as we ran, we've got nothing to be ashamed about. We came out and had a good, solid day, and if this was last week, this would be a fantastic start. Our window is just starting to get a little bit closer."

**TOMAS SCHECKTER (No. 2 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth-fastest driver of the day):** "The conditions weren't the most favorable again today, but we were able to work through it and put up some good times and get some things accomplished. We were still able to go out and accomplish a lot, but still conserve our tires and mileage, so it was really a successful day. The crew is just working so hard right now to get everything right, and they've been doing a great job, for sure. Hopefully tomorrow the conditions improve a bit, and we can work on more race setups."

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**ED CARPENTER (No. 20 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth-fastest of the day):** “It’s the second day in a row that the weather has kind of not been that great. It’s a little cool and the cars have so much downforce in these conditions that it can be a little deceiving when you are working on race setups. So we just went out and worked on a list of things that we wanted to test, which really aren’t altered by the weather or conditions. Other than that we are just saving some tires up for when it gets a little warmer this weekend.”

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9T Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** “(About topping the speed charts in practice): “It was a good day at the track. We didn’t run too much. The weather conditions were kind of limited and a lot of the other guys really didn’t run. I got plenty of running in with my teammate. We’ll just have to see how it goes the next few days.” (About using the backup car during today’s practice): “A lot of components from the car we will race – wings, dampers, all kinds of stuff – are actually on that car. It’s just some stuff we switch over so we can prepare the main car. Worst case scenario, if you have a crash, you’re not crashing your primary car. That’s the main part of it. So many things are very equal these days that it doesn’t really matter too much.”

**DARREN MANNING (No. 14 ABC Supply Co./A.J. Foyt Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third-fastest of the day):** “I think we've got a better car now than probably what we qualified with. That's pretty good seeing that we're top 15, and we were close to getting into the top 11 on the first day. I think I said it on the second day of qualifying, 'I wish we had this car on Pole Day.' Trimming it out, I think we'd have a really quick car. It's nice to be quick on days like this when it's cold and miserable, you're not very comfortable getting the tires up to temperature, the wind is blowing a gale and all that kind of stuff. It's nice to have a comfortable car underneath me. Every time we go out we're making changes. We make some bad ones, we make some good ones. We're just trying to not go too far away from our basic setup that we've developed throughout the year.” (How much did you risk today?) "Maybe we need to put a bit more downforce in that thing. We're right in the ballpark with everybody, on the high level. It's just somewhere the 14 car hasn't been in a while. Who knows, maybe we can keep it up there the next couple of weeks.”

**AL UNSER JR. (No. 50 A.J. Foyt Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second-fastest unqualified driver):** “Race Day could be any number of things. I've been back here 17 starts, and every Race Day has been different from the one before or the one after, so there's been 17 different days in my career. I'm sure that the 18th is again going to be different from all the ones before that. You need to get out there and you need to run under any conditions from extreme cold to extreme hot to wind blowing out of the south to the wind blowing out of the north. It's all about preparing to make it your day on Sunday. That's what you need to do.” (About trimming out for qualifying vs. practicing race setup) "We ran today for the first time preparing for the race. Both of us were out there concentrating on that. I really feel very confident that my car is quick enough to get in the show. We just need to start preparing for the race, because this is our final week to get that done. Darren and I spent all of our time today doing that.” (About how long it took to get comfortable in the car again): "It took about five to eight laps right in that area. We were trying stuff that A.J. (Foyt) had learned at Motegi and Kansas. Because Darren's car wasn't quite ready yet, I was the guinea pig on the first day. The speeds didn't show what we were doing out there. We were testing some stuff, and I was knocking the rust off all at the same time. The car feels much better today.”

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**ROGER YASUKAWA (No. 24 Wellman Corbier/DRR Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third-fastest unqualified driver):** “Condition wise, between yesterday and today, that’s all the days I had. I don’t know anything better than this, so hopefully today is really a better day. When you are out there through Turn 1 and Turn 2 it is always a concern, so you’ve got to be through those sections, but otherwise the Wellman/Corbier Custom Homes Dreyer and Reinbold guys, they did a fantastic job putting the car together, and for me, it was a really easy transition getting back to the car and getting up to speed quickly. I think today we learned a couple of things, and hopefully, those changes will work for tomorrow’s conditions, and if we can get some drafting runs and traffic runs tomorrow, we will be pretty happy with the car all in all. I think Saturday we’ve got to put the car in the show, for sure, but based on the speed we are running now, I don’t think that will be an issue. Hopefully, we can get out, qualify and spend more traffic time on Sunday, and perhaps a little pit-stop practice since I haven’t done that since last year. And that goes the same for the good guys we have here. We are going to do that and be 100 percent ready by Carb Day.

**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, eighth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “It was much, much better day. The team did a fantastic job to have the car in perfect condition. It was a good day for us. The conditions were so cool and windy and not so good. But, I think for qualifying they expect a warmer day, which is going to be nice.” (About problems with the car yesterday): “They changed everything in the car. We went to the setup we had last week, and the car was much, much better.”

**PJ JONES (No. 40 Direct Diversified Team Leader Special Dallara/Honda/Firestone, ninth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “All day went good. We shook the car down yesterday. Today we just got in and started getting up to speed, and I was flat out within 10 laps, I think. I really ran a lot of flat out laps all the way around. It was real windy, the track was cool and just being real conservative. Our gearing was way off but we just worked on getting me comfortable and worked on some race stuff and really didn’t worry about speed today. It really wasn’t a day to worry about going fast it was more about just getting comfortable, getting the car right and just getting a lot of little things like making sure the telemetry worked good and just working on some race stuff and some comfort stuff. We’re happy with it. I think we’ll be good, and tomorrow will be a better day I think weather wise.” (About qualifying procedures): “I like the way the qualifying procedure is. I think for the way the league is operating now, I think the changes are right for the times. I think we can obviously run in the (2)19’s and I’d like to run in the (2)20’s at least. I don’t know. For us too, we just want to make sure we get in the race. We can race as long as we’re in the race. There’s no use to going out there and post a number that is stretching ourselves and putting our car in jeopardy because we only have one, so really for us it’s just making sure we’re in the race and making sure we have a good race setup. Last year, we came from the last row to 19<sup>th</sup> and we raced pretty hard all day so if we can just get a better car than we had last year then it really doesn’t matter where we start.”

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Ethanol presents \$2,500 to the driver who records the fastest lap on five practice days during the Month of May. The “Ethanol Fastest Lap” will be presented May 9, 10, 16, 17 and 25. In addition to the ethanol awards, Cholula Hot Sauce will award \$7,500 to the driver who completes the Cholula Hot Sauce “Hot Lap of the Day” on May 11 and 18, while the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will award the \$5,000 “Call 811 Before You Dig Award” to the driver who posts the fastest lap May 16.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Award</b>
May 9	Dan Wheldon	226.391 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500)
May 10	Scott Dixon	226.473 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500)
May 11	Scott Dixon	227.167 mph	Cholula Hot Sauce “Hot Lap of the Day” (\$7,500)
May 16	Danica Patrick	221.189 mph	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500); “Call 811 Before You Dig Award” (\$5,000)
May 17	Scott Dixon	219.985 mph ***	Ethanol Fastest Lap (\$2,500)

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11:59 a.m. Honorary Starter: Gene Keady, former Purdue  
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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** “Stephan Gregoire was released from Methodist Hospital today. Though he is feeling well and is experiencing only minimal pain, Stephan will not be cleared to compete in remaining Indianapolis 500 activities this month.”

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**Entry updates:**

Driver of the #77 Chastain Motorsports Panoz/Honda/Firestone is Roberto Moreno.

Driver of the #98 CURB Records Dallara/Honda/Firestone is Alex Barron.

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Chastain Motorsports owner Tom Chastain has named Roberto Moreno to replace the injured Stephan Gregoire in his entry for the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500. Moreno will be required to complete Indianapolis 500 refresher testing, according to IndyCar Series officials

**TOM CHASTAIN (Owner, Chastain Motorsports):** “We've given the ride to Roberto Moreno. He's here today to get his seat fitted. It is very unfortunate that Stephan couldn't proceed with us. I haven't known another driver other than Stephan. He's the only driver that I've ever known, but we need somebody with experience to come in here and do the job real quick, and from what I've been told, Roberto is the guy that can get the job done, so he's here.” (When will we see the car on track with Roberto?): “Tomorrow, on the car. We had a backup car, and we're transferring parts from one car to the other now, so it should be ready for tomorrow.”

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Beck Motorsports has named Alex Barron to drive the No. 98 CURB Records entry in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500. Barron, the 2002 Indianapolis 500 Chase Co-Rookie of the Year, has raced two IndyCar Series events this season with the team.

**GREG BECK (Owner, Beck Motorsports):** “We're going to run Alex (Barron) today. Obviously, he's been in the car all year. He's the best choice for us. We got some things sorted out the last couple of days, and it will enable us to run. We're still working on sponsorship, but hopefully it will come. Alex will be running the Dallara, and we're going to go out this afternoon and run him and see where we are.”

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The Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation and Sam Schmidt Motorsports play host to 65 guests as a part of its "Day at the Races" program at 12:30 p.m. today in the Andretti Green Racing hospitality tent. Also, at 1 p.m., a special presentation will take place. The event includes a catered lunch, a speech from Sam Schmidt and the foundation's president, Ida Cahill, and a tour of the paddock area of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Similar programs are planned for the race weekends at the Milwaukee Mile, Iowa Speedway, Nashville Superspeedway, Kentucky Speedway, and the Chicagoland Speedway.

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The Delphi engineering team of Erskine Carter, Glen Gray, Andy Inman, Tim Kronenberg and Bruce Natvig received the 41<sup>st</sup> annual BorgWarner Louis Schwitzer Award this morning at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for its development of the Delphi Accident Data Recorder 3 (ADR 3).

Delphi Accident Data Recorders have been required safety devices on Indy cars since 1992. The third-generation ADR3 offers significant improvements from the previous design, providing a 37-percent reduction in size and weight, double the sample speed and memory, and 31 additional external signal inputs.

The award, presented to engineers by engineers, honors early racing pioneer Louis Schwitzer, and acknowledges individuals with the courage and passion to explore and develop new concepts in racing technology. BorgWarner sponsors this prestigious \$10,000 award, which is presented by the Indiana Section of SAE.

SAE International also supports the Louis Schwitzer Award by providing a \$1,000 scholarship to the engineering school of the winner's choice. The winner's name will be added to a permanent trophy on display at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.

This is the second time in three years that this Delphi team has won the award. It also was honored in 2005 for development of the Delphi Earpiece Sensor System.

**GLEN GRAY:** (About Indy Racing League's assistance with Delphi team's work): "I would like to thank you for your passion for safety. It makes us want to go back to our offices, our labs, to work on improvements." (About accident sensors in passenger cars): "They're already in there. There's an ability in many, many passenger cars out there to log data from an accident. But this (racetrack) is more of a laboratory environment. Soon we'll have sensors in driver seat belts and harnesses, and maybe soon in the head surround area." (About ADR3 data from impacts with SAFER Barrier): "The data looks a lot better. The wall is absorbing a lot of the energy. It's an enormous improvement."

**ERSKINE CARTER:** "We just do our job. We love what we do. We don't love accidents; we love racing."

**VITOR MEIRA** (Driver, No. 4 Delphi Panther Dallara/Honda/Firestone): "They (Delphi) are much more than a sponsor. They are a partner with their knowledge."

**STEVE HOLMAN** (Chairman, award selection committee, owner of Holman Engineering): "The deliberations took much more time than previous years, but last Tuesday night we got the white smoke to come out of the chimney. It (ADR 3) is the ultimate 'Big Brother,' recording every move a driver makes. This data allows incredibly accurate analysis of crash data."

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

Noon – **GREEN**. Track open to all unqualified cars.

12:05 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on the backstretch.

12:09 p.m. – **GREEN**.

12:30 p.m. – Track open to all cars.

12:51 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection

1 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:21 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection after observers report of spray from #25 Roth.

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1:31 p.m. – **GREEN.**

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**Entry update:** Chief mechanic for #98 CURB Records Dallara/Honda/Firestone is Brad Forth.

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Former Purdue men's basketball coach Gene Keady was the honorary starter before today's session.

**GENE KEADY:** (About waving the flag): "It was fun, very exciting. Kind of intimidating with that car coming at you. I've always been a big race fan. I really appreciate them asking me to do this today. I got the figure-8's down (waving the flag). That's how I hit my golf ball, so I'm a natural." (How was that Pace Car ride?): "We went about 90 (mph). He (Mel Harder) probably would have gone faster had I asked him to, but it was fun."

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3:02 p.m. – #18 Kite on track for first time since accident May 16.

3:14 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection and sweep.

3:26 p.m. – Crew for #98 Barron towing car to pit lane

3:30 p.m. – **GREEN.**

3:36 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris.

3:41 p.m. – **GREEN.**

3:48 p.m. – #98 Barron on track for the first time this month.

3:49 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection.

3:58 p.m. – **GREEN.**

4:11 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris on the frontstretch.

4:13 p.m. – **GREEN.**

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AAA School Safety Patrollers Caleb Jarrell and Taylor Pitzer, from Kettering, Ohio, will be VIP guests of AAA on Race Day, May 27, and will hand the green flag to Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts, the race's honorary starter.

Jarrell and Pitzer are being rewarded and saluted for their bravery while serving as AAA School Safety Patrollers at Southdale Elementary School in Kettering. On the morning of Nov. 8, 2006, Jarrell and Pitzer were on patrol when 7-year-old Tori Roberts attempted to cross the street. At the same time, a van ran a red light, and when they realized the van was not going to stop, Jarrell and Pitzer forced the girl back onto the sidewalk and out of harm's way.

Roberts' mother, Kathleen, states that if it were not for their actions, Tori would not be alive today.

Jarrell, age 10, and Pitzer, age 11, were honored in April with AAA's Lifesaving Award, at a special ceremony hosted by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters in Arlington, Va. The award recognizes patrollers who put themselves in harm's way in order to save the lives of others.

AAA started the national school safety patrol program in 1920. Today, the AAA School Safety Patrol is an organization of 550,000 boys and girls nationwide. Many famous Americans have been safety patrollers, including former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, Senator John Warner of Virginia, three current members of the U.S. Supreme Court, 21 astronauts and six Olympic gold medalists.

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4:19 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 1.

4:23 p.m. – **GREEN**.

4:50 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow-in for #8 Sharp, who has stopped on course at the entrance to Turn 3.

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The No. 18 PDM Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone driven by Jimmy Kite is carrying a decal reading "In Memory of Roxie Lott Strish."

Strish, a former Speedway, Ind., resident, died April 5 at age 45. She formerly raced in quarter-midget, Super Vee, Formula Ford and Formula 3 competition. Strish was a frequent visitor to IMS and Gasoline Alley.

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4:56 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:44 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow-in for #99 B. Lazier, who lost a tire on course.

5:53 p.m. – **GREEN**.

6 p.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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**FASTEST NON-QUALIFIED DRIVERS:**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Car</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>C/E/T</b>	<b>Speed</b>
1	33	John Andretti	D/H/F	222.830 mph
2	24	Roger Yasukawa	D/H/F	222.409 mph
3	25	Marty Roth	D/H/F	221.749 mph
4	31	Phil Giebler	P/H/F	220.992 mph
5	50	Al Unser Jr.	D/H/F	220.344 mph
6	19	Jon Herb	D/H/F	220.037 mph
7	21	Jaques Lazier	P/H/F	219.830 mph
8	23	Milka Duno	D/H/F	218.025 mph
9	40	PJ Jones	D/H/F	217.164 mph
10	98	Alex Barron	D/H/F	216.432 mph
11	18	Jimmy Kite	P/H/F	215.262 mph

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**POST-PRACTICE QUOTES:**

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest of the day):** "It was a nice day out there today, and tomorrow's going to be even better. We're going to put the car away early today and come back out tomorrow to work on it a bit more. We feel pretty good with the Team Penske car thus far, but we know we have to get it exactly right before Race Day because there's no room for error at the Indy 500."

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second fastest of the day):** "We were sort of average in the early afternoon in traffic. We couldn't get as close as we'd like. We had a few changes later in the day, and it was quite nice. We ran with the AGR cars, and everybody was giving each other a fair time behind. I'm pretty happy. We'll make some changes for tomorrow and see how they work."

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**TONY KANAAN (No. 11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third fastest of the day):** “We had a productive day of work today in the Team 7-Eleven car. We turned quite a few laps and definitely learned some things today. There’s always work that can be done, and we’ll get out tomorrow and try some things, but I’m happy with where we are right now.”

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fourth fastest of the day):** “The best way to simulate race conditions is to run with your teammates, and with five cars, it really helps a lot. We didn’t have Michael (Andretti) out there because of some changes being made, but the four cars went out there and ran and even had some other cars join us. I think we got a good feeling for what we are going to need on the Canadian Club car.”

**MARCO ANDRETTI (No. 26 NYSE Group Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth fastest of the day):** “We didn’t run as much as our teammates did today, but we figured out where we stand, and that’s good. The NYSE car is just about where it needs to be for the race. We’ll spend some time tomorrow working in traffic with our teammates and see if we can find a bit more speed.”

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, seventh fastest of the day; polesitter for 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500):** “Today we were working on making the Team Penske car handle well in traffic. Early on, the car was a little inconsistent, but by the end of the day, we made decent progress. We’re pretty limited on our mileage at this point, but we’re hoping to get back out tomorrow to make some final adjustments before Race Day. We’re really close to where we want to be, and we’re going to keep fine tuning the car until we’re forced to park it before Race Day.”

**MARTY ROTH (No. 25 Roth Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, third-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We’re keeping our nose to the grind. We’re limited on mileage right now, so we’re choosing our laps. We go out for a couple of laps and then come in and make a couple changes. I’d love to be out there, pounding out the laps, but unfortunately, we can’t. We do small increments, and then make changes very methodically. Things are going in the right direction. We’re going to go out and run in the morning and then stick it in the show. It’s the best race car I’ve had in a long time. Things are jelling pretty good.”

**AL UNSER JR. (No. 50 A.J. Foyt Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fifth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We found a little more speed today. Our last lap had a little more on it, but then we ran into traffic coming down the backstretch. The car feels very comfortable after the changes we made this morning, so we parked it late today, and we’ll get up to speed again the morning.”

**JON HERB (No. 19 Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone, sixth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We were able to run 46 laps, and the car felt pretty good early in the day. We were able to run several laps in the 219-220 range. The car developed a push as the track temperature increased, and we just tried to run in traffic with a Race Day setup. We will trim the car out and run some laps tomorrow morning, then qualify as earlier as possible and establish a good four-lap average.”

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**JOHN ANDRETTI (No. 33 Camping World Panther Dallara/Honda/Firestone, fastest non-qualified driver):** “The car’s just been fantastic. Panther (Racing) put it together, Vitor (Meira) drove it, the setup has been pretty consistent from where we started. We trimmed it out a little for qualifying, just been on qualifying mode and not running with any traffic. That lap is without a tow; I’m pretty happy with where the car’s at. Just have a couple things I want to do for me, feel-wise. They’re on it, I wish we could line up today and get it out of the way. One thing is if you’re qualified, the other is if you’re qualifying. I’d like to be on Ed’s (Carpenter) program right now, which is race stuff, but after two days, today was awesome. Yesterday was good, but with the weather today, everything just clicked. We made three (qualifying) runs today. The first was in the 219 (mph) average, the second was in the 220s, third was probably 221 average, so I’m pretty happy with that.” (I’d think you had some jitters before yesterday. Does that feel like a distant memory? Does it feel like 13 years?): “I feel really good in the car. I was thinking last night, 13 years, why does it feel so unfamiliar to me, but I haven’t been here for three years either, even in a Cup car. They’ve ground the track since then and done some other things. If somebody’s really good through Turn 1, I’d like to talk to them, that’s probably the most frustrating corner to get to. It’s probably the most frustrating to get to because right now I’m arriving at it as quickly as I can, but I’d for it to somehow arrive a little slower so I can get my line (laughs). I’m all over the place down there, but everywhere else I feel pretty good about it. If I don’t clip the grass in qualifying, I’ll be OK. At least I won’t have Al (Unser) Sr. and my cousin (Michael Andretti) coming down and telling me I can’t do that. They told me, ‘Get off the NASCAR line.’ I don’t do it on purpose. I turn in, I’m going too fast and I can’t just stop and change where I want to be. And then when I try to do something different I mess up and not leave myself enough room on the exit. Everybody gets a push off (Turn) 1 for whatever reason, so I like to leave myself a little room, but then I get too much room clipping down there. If I can do that for four laps and do it right, that will dictate how fast I go because (Turns) 2, 3 and 4 have been really nice for me.” (What has been the biggest change from 13 years ago?): “Some of the electronics and the shift in the car. I’m still trying to understand pieces of it, so I ask a lot of questions. Normally a gearbox guy you’d never talk to, now I spend a lot of time with them and Honda going through some of the different things to learn how to use them and take advantage of them. A 500-mile race here, pit stops are critical if they’re under green. I’m not a rookie, but I’m pretty much a rookie. That’s how I feel when I get in the cockpit. There’s things I haven’t seen before. Nice thing is I don’t have to adjust the boost. Every other race I had here I prayed I got a good pop-off valve and sit there and adjust the waste gates. There are some things that are easier in the car. Weight jackers, back then, used to be hydraulic, and you had to dial them and you didn’t know where you were at. Now you just pull a couple paddles and it tells you up on your steering wheel. It’s all gotten better, tremendously safer. The wings create more stability. I haven’t been in traffic, but watching traffic, I could have never run that close in the past. And the wind yesterday, we would never run in those conditions in the past, so that’s a big deal. It makes the cars more consistent, more raceable, more driveable in that regard. But they’re still plenty difficult, and I’ve got a lot to learn. I’ll be asking a lot of questions coming up to the race.”

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**ALEX BARRON (No. 98 CURB Records Dallara/Honda/Firestone, 10<sup>th</sup>-fastest non-qualified driver):** “It was a long morning. We actually had the car together, and then we had a few things that we had to re-do on the car. We had some data problems, so it stuck us behind about two hours. We actually got about only an hour and a half of running. We were pretty methodical about what we did. We didn't quite go as quick as we wanted, but I think we have a lot that we can learn tonight. A few big things I think that will put us up to the next level. Just a matter of where that's going to be and what kind of day we're going to have tomorrow to see where we're at in qualifying.” (About competing in two races earlier this season): “It can help, but we've also had fuel pickup problems and things like that that have put us behind. I think we got all that situated. It's a different kind of race than Homestead or Kansas. It's a bigger track, flatter. We just have to wait and see, but I've got a good feeling for tomorrow. If we can get out there right away when practice starts, I think we'll be in good shape.”

**ED CARPENTER (No. 20 Vision Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “The race car, two days ago, we got started with it, and yesterday we just went out and tested, some miscellaneous things and didn't run much in traffic. Today we got back into traffic and did some stuff out there, and it felt really good. We went out in the middle of the day, kind of race time, and we didn't do too many laps. We're trying to save some tires for maybe some hotter weather. But it feels really good. I'm really happy with where we're at. I think we've arrived at a pretty good point where we feel that we need to be downforce-wise, and it's just matching it with conditions and verifying it with what we have the next couple of days in practice.” (About differences in team over the past year): “Well, it definitely keeps getting bigger. Every time we keep coming to Indy with more cars, but every challenge that we give the core group of guys we have, they do an excellent job and step up and continue to amaze me. They put in a lot of hard work this season and every month of May getting ready for this. It's hard to really put your finger on one particular thing. I think it's just all the hard work that they keep putting in to it, and there's obviously more sponsors on our cars than we're used to in the past and that's just a huge help and relief to our whole organization.”

**JAQUES LAZIER (No. 21 Indiana Ice/Venture Logistics Panoz/Honda/Firestone, seventh-fastest non-qualified driver):** “In the morning, we were in race trim, and we're happy with our race trim. We got a pretty decent tow but not a great tow. More importantly, the car was good in dirty air, so that was the key, and then we went out and did about a run and a half in qualifying trim and was just really getting everything trimmed out. Then we had our left rear stay break when we were just getting ready to simulate a qualifying run, but I think we're making gains, and I think the car has got a low (2)21 (mph) in it right now. We'll fine-tune it a little bit tonight, and we'll be ready for tomorrow.” (About weekend game plan:) “Just put it in the show. Whatever we get, we get, and it's not going to be a big issue, and we'll go and start doing some more long runs and fuel runs in race trim and get the car as good as possible for Race Day.” (About putting together four good laps for qualifications): “It's a different scenario than it was last weekend. Last weekend, we started throwing stuff at it, and we were playing catch-up, and we weren't really where we should have been. I'm proud of the guys because they worked really hard.”

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**ROGER YASUKAWA (No. 24 Wellman Corbier/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, second-fastest non-qualified driver of the day):** “It’s a great day for the Wellman Corbier Custom Homes car. The crew did a fantastic job overnight getting ready for the race setup, and I think we have a good race setup baseline. I went out in a little bit of traffic this morning, and I felt really comfortable. It doesn’t feel like it’s almost a year since I’ve raced. The main thing is I’m comfortable in the car. This afternoon, we had a bit of a qualifying run at the end, and I think we were showing some decent speed to easily make the field. Tomorrow we’re going to try and get the car in the show, and after that, if we have a little more time to do a little more race setup, we might do that otherwise, things are going real smoothly as planned, and I’m looking forward to tomorrow.” (About qualifying): “It’s third-day qualifiers, so the best you can do is 23<sup>rd</sup>, but I think based on the speed we’re running right now, we don’t see any reason why we shouldn’t be any lower than 25<sup>th</sup>. I’m going to be aiming for 23<sup>rd</sup> spot, and I know a lot of guys are, but if I’m in 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, I’ll be happy tomorrow.”

**PHIL GIEBLER (No. 31 Playa Del Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone, fourth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We’re getting the car better to what we’re looking for, for qualifying. It’s kind of been a mystery the whole time, and just getting the car out there was one accomplishment and then figuring out what direction we needed to take so, it’s been good. The team has been working really hard to get it so we can get out there and just pound laps and get in to a rhythm. Finally today we did, and it’s feeling really good.” (About game plan for qualifying): “Really, just like any lap, I’m trying to be as focused and as smooth as I can every lap, and when it comes down to qualifying, I think that the extra smoothness is going to make a difference. As long as we keep the momentum going to where we’re headed, I don’t think we’ll have any problem making the show. It’s just make four clean laps, make no mistakes, and that’s the biggest thing. No mistakes, and we’ll be fine.”

**JIMMY KITE (No. 18 PDM Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone, 11<sup>th</sup>-fastests non-qualified driver):** “It was more fun than Wednesday. The car stayed going in the right direction. We went out there and got flat. We haven’t even started trimming it out. We just want to get comfortable, and we tried a couple of things today. Basically what we did today was what we would have liked to have done yesterday, but we lost the day. The car’s handling good, but we got to trim it out.” (About being back at Indy): “It’s fun. I was rusty for the first two or three laps. After that it was like ‘Oh yeah, that’s how you drive this place.’ I was fine. We got all the Z-Line people coming to town this weekend, and hopefully they’re here to watch us put this thing in the show.” (About qualifying strategy): “I think the big thing is we’re not going to trim it out. We’re just going to try and find some mechanical speed out of it. Our big deal right now, even though we’re not in it, we’re trying to get a really, really good race car. For some reason, the speed is still not completely there, and then Sunday we’ll pull a little more wing out and I know we’ll be fine.”

**PJ JONES (No. 40 Direct Diversified Team Leader Special Dallara/Honda/Firestone, ninth-fastest non-qualified driver):** “We worked on the car just trying to get some downforce off of it and get some drag off of it. We just got better and better all day long until the very end. The very last hour we just kind of went backward. We just lost the balance of the car and had a vibration.”

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A total of 47 cars are at the Speedway. Forty-three have passed technical inspection. Thirty-four drivers have been on the track to date, turning 1,768 practice laps today and 9,863 laps this month. Tony Kanaan turned 104 laps today, most of any driver. Vitor Meira has turned 446 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 100 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were nine cautions today for a total of one hour, six minutes.

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**Entry update:** #19T Racing Professionals entry is now the #91 Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone. Driver is Richie Hearn. Hemelgarn Racing has withdrawn its original #91 entry.

**PRACTICE REPORT:**

At 10:15 a.m., the ambient temperature was 65 degrees with a relative humidity of 41 percent and winds from the west-northwest at 3 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 85 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

10:15 a.m. – **GREEN.**

10:28 a.m. – #77 Moreno on track for the first time this month.

10:28 a.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris.

10:30 a.m. – **GREEN.**

10:47 a.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris in Turn 4.

10:52 a.m. – **GREEN.**

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The Chastain Motorsports crew has placed decals with the name “Bobby More” and the Brazilian flag under the decals of “Roberto Moreno” and the Brazilian flag on the chassis of the No. 77 Chastain Motorsports entry that Moreno will drive.

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10:59 a.m. – PJ Jones turns 10,000<sup>th</sup> practice lap of the month of May.  
11:15 a.m. – **CHECKERED.**

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Racing Professionals and Hemelgarn Racing have combined efforts to field a car for Richie Hearn. The six-time Indianapolis 500 starter will drive the #91 Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone.

**RICHIE HEARN (No. 91 Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “We're going to get out. Probably not until after the first round of qualifying. We've got to go through tech and stuff, but we'll be out there today. It depends on how good it goes and how everyone else qualifies it may be better just to get it in (today) and get it done with, then we can do a little bit of full-tank stuff tomorrow so we don't have to worry about it. It's been two years, but it's not any different than normal. I just have to focus on just safely getting up to speed quickly because we don't have a lot of time. I've been in this situation before, so I kind of know what to expect. The biggest factor is the weather and it's a good day today, so you don't have to worry about it.

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Danielle Sylvester of Indianapolis was selected as the 2007 500 Festival Queen this morning at the annual Breakfast at the Brickyard presented by ProLiance Energy at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sylvester, 21, is a senior at Ball State University majoring in marketing with a minor in sales. She is a 2004 graduate of Southport High School and is the daughter of Paul and Teresa Sylvester. She will receive a \$2,500 educational scholarship from the 500 Festival and WTHR Channel 13. She also will wear a jeweled crown provided by G. Thrapp Jewelers at 500 Festival events and the Indianapolis 500.

Sylvester is one of 33 young ladies selected for the 2007 500 Festival Princess Program, serving as ambassadors for the 500 Festival and Indianapolis 500.

Princess Danielle Frazier, from New Palestine, Ind., and Princess Brittany Landwerlen, from Greenwood, Ind., were chosen as 2007 Princess Court members.

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At noon, the ambient temperature was 71 degrees with a relative humidity of 28 percent and winds from west-southwest at 13 mph, gusting to 23 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 103 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

Weather comparison: At 11:55 a.m. Saturday, May 11, the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 54 percent and winds from the north at 9 mph. The track temperature was 101 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

At noon Sunday, May 12, the ambient temperature was 72 degrees with a relative humidity of 34 percent and winds from the east-northeast at 9 mph. The track temperature was 106 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 THIRD DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

12:03 p.m.	#23	MILKA DUNO/Caracas, Venezuela CITGO Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.9996 – 219.514	Q – 39
		2 – 41.0536 – 219.226	
		3 – 41.0794 – 219.088	
		<u>4 – 41.0803 – 219.083</u>	
		T 2:44.2129 – 219.228	
12:07 p.m.	#24	ROGER YASUKAWA/Los Angeles Wellman Corbier/DRR - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.4152 – 222.688	Q – 40
		2 – 40.4120 – 222.706	
		3 – 40.4280 – 222.618	
		<u>4 – 40.4303 – 222.605</u>	
		T 2:41.6855 – 222.654	
12:12 p.m.	#19	JON HERB/Chicago Racing Professionals - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-3)		1 – 40.8359 – 220.394	UA – 1
		2 – 40.8275 – 220.440	
		3 – 40.9340 – 219.866	
		4 – waved off	

**JON HERB:** (About wave-off): “I guess you’ll have to ask my guys about that. I completed the run so we could get it in – just for that reason. They waved it off. Obviously, when I’m in the car having a problem, I knew it was going to kill my run. I wanted to fix it and get back out, and I still do. I think they were of the same mind that we are here, to compete. After running 221 last time in qualifying with a similar problem to this last weekend, I think we can put up a better number than what we would have ended up with here.”

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12:17 p.m.	#25	MARTY ROTH/Toronto Roth Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 40.9202 – 219.940	Q – 41
		2 – 40.9679 – 219.684	
		3 – 41.3031 – 217.901	
		<u>4 – 41.2509 – 218.177</u>	
		T 2:44.4421 – 218.922	

**PRACTICE REPORT:**

12:31 p.m. – **GREEN**. Track is open for practice.

12:53 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in advance of qualifying attempt of #33 J. Andretti.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 THIRD DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

12:59 p.m.	#33	JOHN ANDRETTI/Indianapolis Camping World Panther - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.5968 – 221.692	Q – 42
		2 – 40.5817 – 221.775	
		3 – 40.5686 – 221.846	
		<u>4 – 40.5932 – 221.712</u>	
		T 2:42.3403 – 221.756	

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

1:21 p.m. – **GREEN**. Track is open for practice.

2:12 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in advance of qualifying attempt of #50 Unser.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 THIRD DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

2:20 p.m.	#50	AL UNSER JR./Albuquerque, N.M. AJ Foyt Racing - D/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 40.8554 – 220.289	Q – 43
		2 – 40.7589 – 220.811	
		3 – 40.7654 – 220.775	
		<u>4 – 40.6074 – 221.634</u>	
		T 2:42.9871 – 220.876	

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

2:34 p.m. – **GREEN**. Track is open for practice.

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Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Gordon Johncock joined members of his 1982 Indianapolis 500-winning crew – some still active in the IndyCar Series – for a day of reminiscing today at the Speedway. The No. 20 STP Oil Treatment Wildcat/Cosworth that Johncock drove to a 0.16-of-a-second victory over pole sitter Rick Mears was the centerpiece of the reunion, which took place at Rahal Letterman Racing's hospitality tent.

**GORDON JOHNCOCK:** "The race wouldn't have been that close if George Huening (chief mechanic) wanted to go a couple of turns on the wing and I only wanted to go one (on final pit stop). I should have listened to him. But if I would have listened to him, it wouldn't have been such an exciting finish. It was, what I think anyway, the most exciting finish to that time. I've always said if it would have been three or four years later, with Rick's (Mears) experience, I probably wouldn't have won the race. I was the one who had been here a long time. But Rick became the master of the Speedway."

**LARRY FAUST (Sign board for Mario Andretti; current crew member Rahal Letterman Racing):** (About the memories of the 1982 Indianapolis 500): "It's like it just happened this morning. You sit here and watch (the replay of the 1982 race). You see the stuff, and you start remembering the stuff more. Like the start seeing Mario (Andretti) ahead (of his row), Gordy (Gordon Johncock) was the on the radio saying he shouldn't be there, and he should have been back farther in line. It brings back a lot of memories." (About how the race has evolved): "The innovation (is the biggest change). The '82 car hardly had any wires on it. You got more wires (on the new Indy cars) than the space shuttle has. We built these cars at our shop. That's another satisfying deal."

**TIM HOMBURG: (Right rear tire changer, Gordon Johncock in 1982):** (About the memories from 1982): "I was on Gordy's car, so he was close (to the accident at the start). He didn't receive any damage, so we were all very disappointed for Mario (Andretti). We knew what we had to go out and do, and we stayed focus on our goal of winning. The one thing I'll never forget – because the last couple laps of that race when Gordy and Rick (Mears) were right together – the crowd was cheering so loud you couldn't hear the engines of the race cars. The race cars were like watching a silent movie. I'll never forget that." (About whether it was the highlight of his career): "That was definitely the highlight. We won some other races and had some good seasons, but the 1982 Indy 500 was definitely the highlight." (About how close he has stayed with the crew): "We went through the crew member list yesterday, and a lot of the guys are still involved with racing. I've stayed in touch with a couple of them, but it's going to be nice to catch up with the entire crew."

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Darren Manning drove a blistering race in the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg --- literally. The A.J. Foyt Racing driver's hands were badly blistered after a drive that kept him in the top three most of the day until a late-race spin removed him from contention. For advice on how to treat his blisters before his round of golf played two days later at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course, Manning could have consulted with the spouse of a fellow driver.

In the May 2007 issue of *Golf Magazine*, Paul Hostenenthal of the Desert Institute of Physical Therapy in Phoenix offered advice on how to keep irritating blisters from affecting a round of golf. Hostenenthal is also the husband of Andretti Green Racing driver Danica Patrick. Hostenenthal's advice: don't pop blisters unless they're very painful!

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Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race competitor Don Smidt is a guest of Playa Del Racing today and Sunday. The Iditarod, which takes place annually in Alaska, is the world's foremost sled dog race. Smidt, 39, is a native of Iowa who has worked with animals his entire life.

**DON SMIDT:** "The Iditarod is a 1,200-mile race. In order to qualify for the Iditarod, you need a 500-mile qualifier, which is a 200- and 300-mile qualifier. Once you complete that, you are good to go for it as well as the Yukon Quest." (Why did you want to come to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway?): "I was invited (by Playa Del Racing) up here, and it has been amazing. I'll be here tomorrow, but I won't be here for the actual race because I have too much going on that weekend. This place is so big. I never expected it to be this much. I wasn't familiar with the place growing up because I have been involved with animals my entire life. I didn't know what to expect before coming here, but it's so different and so big. I hope to come to a race in the future, but right now I'm just trying to grasp everything that is involved." (About the comparison between sled dog racing and IndyCar Series racing): "It is just about going to the extreme to see how far you can push the limit of whatever you're racing. I'm working with an animal trying to push it to its extreme, and here you're working with a machine trying to see how fast you can go

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3:22 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

3:31 p.m. – **GREEN**.

3:48 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

3:58 p.m. – **GREEN**.

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The #19 Racing Professionals car, driven by Jon Herb, is carrying a decal that says "Get Well Willie," for mechanic Willie Ator, who was injured in a traffic accident on May 13.

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4:18 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

4:28 p.m. – **GREEN**.

5:11 p.m. – **YELLOW**. #98 Barron preparing for qualification attempt.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 THIRD DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

5:14 p.m.	#98	ALEX BARRON/Menifee, Calif. CURB Records - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.8661 – 220.231	Q – 44
		2 – 40.8600 – 220.264	
		3 – 40.7893 – 220.646	
		<u>4 – 40.7717 – 220.741</u>	
		T 2:43.2871 – 220.471	

5:18 p.m.	#21	JAQUES LAZIER/Vail, Colo. Indiana Ice / Venture Logistics - P/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 40.9201 – 219.941	Q – 45
		2 – 40.9524 – 219.767	
		3 – 41.0378 – 219.310	
		<u>4 – 41.1671 – 218.621</u>	
		T 2:44.0774 – 219.409	

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5:23 p.m. #19 JON HERB/Chicago  
Racing Professionals - D/H/F  
QA-1 (QE-4) 1 – 40.7910 – 220.637 Q – 46  
2 – 40.7569 – 220.822  
3 – 40.9318 – 219.878  
4 – 41.0764 – 219.104  
T 2:43.5516 – 220.108

5:27 p.m. #31 PHIL GIEBLER/Oxnard, Calif.  
Ethos Fuel Reformulator - P/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 40.5859 – 221.752 UA – 1  
2 – 40.6738 – 221.273  
3 – 40.7127 – 221.061  
4 – Crashed in Turn 2

#31 Giebler hit SAFER Barrier at exit of Turn 2 with right side of car, then did half-spin to the left across track and made additional contact with SAFER Barrier on inside retaining wall with right rear of car. Giebler climbed from car without assistance from Delphi Safety Team. Moderate damage to right side and rear wing.

5:44 p.m. #77 ROBERTO MORENO/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Chastain Motorsports - P/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 41.5811 – 216.444 Q – 47  
2 – 41.8099 – 215.260  
3 – 41.5659 – 216.524  
4 – 41.5333 – 216.694  
T 2:46.4902 – 216.229

5:54 p.m. #18 JIMMY KITE/Stockbridge, Ga.  
PDM Racing - P/H/F  
QA-1 1 – 41.9694 – 214.442 Q – 48  
2 – 41.9415 – 214.585  
3 – 41.9332 – 214.627  
4 – 41.9663 – 214.458  
T 2:47.8104 – 214.528

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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, Indy Racing League medical director:** Phil Giebler has been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. He is cleared to drive.

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**PHIL GIEBLER (No. 31 Ethos Fuel Reformulator Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** “Well it’s just been a really difficult week to start with. I’ve just decided to give the team another obstacle here with doing that. It’s one of those things that caught me completely off guard in qualifying. We’ve really been struggling with getting time on the track; we weren’t even planning on going out to qualify, we were running out of time so we decided to go out. The car was really running good, and obviously we had the speed to get in no problem. It wasn’t like I was pushing too hard or anything, and all the sudden, the car just had a big understeer into the exit of (Turn) 2, I tried to do whatever I could do to save it, as much lock as I could and backed out of it and scraped the wall. This was my first impact on an oval, and hopefully, my last. Hopefully, the Playa Del Racing team will come back strong, and we’ll get in the show tomorrow.”

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Arie Luyendyk Jr., who made his first Indianapolis 500 start in 2006, was an interested observer today at the track.

**ARIE LUYENDYK JR.:** (Do you have any opportunities to run in this year's race?):  
"I'm not looking to get into a car this year. My focus is on 2008. I don't want to get into a car last minute like I did in 2005."

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**Follow up on Roberto Moreno:** Moreno's car says "Bobby More" directly under his name on the sides of the car. When asked, he said it was his "American name." He came up with it in case he decides to obtain American citizenship.

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A total of 47 cars are at the Speedway. Forty-three have passed technical inspection. Thirty-four drivers have been on the track to date, turning 1,925 practice laps today and 11,788 laps this month. Ed Carpenter turned 96 laps today, most of any driver. Vitor Meira has turned 516 laps this month, most of any driver. A total of 100 IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series drivers have passed physical examinations at the Clarian Medical Center. There were five cautions today for a total of 44 minutes.

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**SUNDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

8 a.m.	Public Gates Open
10:14 a.m.	Honorary Starter: Staff Sgt. Patrick Shannon 76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard
10:15-11:15 a.m.	IndyCar Series Practice
Noon-6 p.m.	IndyCar Series Qualifications
6 p.m.	Track Closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

8 a.m.                   Public Gates Open  
10:14 a.m.             Honorary Starter: Staff Sgt. Patrick Shannon  
                              76th Infantry Brigade, Indiana National Guard  
10:15-11:15 a.m.     IndyCar Series Practice  
Noon-6 p.m.           IndyCar Series Qualifications  
6 p.m.                   Track Closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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Ryan Briscoe, who will start seventh in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 for Luczo Dragon Racing, teamed with Sascha Maassen to win the American Le Mans Series' Utah Grand Prix May 19 at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

10:15 a.m. – **GREEN**. #91 Hearn on track for the first time this month

At 10:30 a.m., the ambient temperature was 74 degrees with a relative humidity of 43 percent and winds from the west-northwest at 10 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 98 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

As of 11:10 a.m., Richie Hearn has completed Indianapolis 500 refresher testing requirements.

11:11 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on the backstretch.

11:12 a.m. – **GREEN**.

11:15 a.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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Staff Sgt. Patrick Shannon, a member of the 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade of the Indiana National Guard based in Indianapolis, was the honorary starter of this morning's practice.

Shannon was awarded the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart for his service in Iraq in 2006 while training the Iraqi army in military police operations. Shannon received multiple small-arms wounds from insurgents.

Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford drove Shannon around the IMS oval in a Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car.

**PATRICK SHANNON:** "This was unbelievable. After coming back from Walter Reed Hospital, the whole atmosphere out here from the track, it's awesome. Going more than 100 mph out there with Mr. Rutherford, it was a great time. I appreciate it." (What does Armed Forces Day, the Speedway's tradition of honoring America's military, mean to you?): "Means a lot to me. Any type of organization or any one person that really takes time to appreciate the military, it's a great feeling. I think the military has been around to protect everyone's freedom and most Americans kind of take that for granted, so it's nice when you're appreciated the way the track has done that for us."

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

Noon – **GREEN**. Track open for practice.

1:06 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow-in #27 Franchitti, who is out of fuel in Turn 1.

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Playa Del Racing has completed repairs on the No. 31 Ethos Fuel Reformulator Panoz/Honda/Firestone in which rookie Phil Giebler crashed during Third Day Qualifying on Saturday.

**PHIL GIEBLER:** “I can’t say enough about this team and what we’re accomplishing out here with the limited track time we’re getting. It’s really amazing what we’re able to do with me being a rookie and the team just getting the car up and running. We only had maybe a half a day of real running in this whole two weeks. It’s been a real frustrating couple of days, but we’re showing great pace.” (About the cause of yesterday’s accident): “The team didn’t give me a bad car or anything. I just got caught out with some wind and maybe some dirt on the track. I exited pretty wide there in (Turn) 1, and there’s been a lot of cars out on the track yesterday, just a lot of dirt outside of the line. I think maybe if I was a little wide exiting 1, I maybe got a little bit of dirt on the tires or got blown wide on Turn 2. It was an unfortunate thing, but everybody’s working really hard. The Playa Del Racing mechanics are just doing whatever they can. We’re hoping to get everything out here really soon and just put it in the show and show what we can do in the race.” (What’s the accident do for your confidence, especially with being a rookie?): “I definitely want to get back out there soon, but as a racing driver, you expect those things every now and then. You can’t go out there and say I’m never going to crash. They say this place bites you, and I found out first-hand that it does. I know what to look for now. I looked at data. I looked at video. Hopefully, I’m smarter for the race.”

**MARK WEIDA (Engineer, No. 31 car, Playa Del Racing):** (About Giebler’s accident): “There were 1,900 laps run yesterday with full tanks. Anything off-line was instantly into the marbles. Basically, Phil got in a little late on the turn-in in Turn 2 and got in the marbles, and it just pushed right into the fence.” (What’s the progress with the car right now and what damage did have to repair?): “As far as the damage, we were very lucky. It was surprisingly light. We didn’t break the gearbox. We did break the engine (and three corners of suspension). It was hard enough that it cracked the engine. The majority of the body work was in good shape, which is what takes a long time to fit as far as doing repairs. The bolt-on stuff is pretty quick. We’re actually probably 15 minutes from getting it done, getting it on the pad and starting to do the alignment process on it. Again we were very lucky.” (Was it an all-nighter for the crew?): “No, actually it wasn’t. We crashed after 5 (p.m.), we got the car around 6, and the guys got everything stripped down. We got the engine in it, and they fired it up last night around midnight, so we got out of here at midnight and were back here at 7 (a.m.).” (Did you have to seek assistance from other teams?): “Absolutely. We had a pretty good supply of spares in our shop, but also we had help from the IRL, we had help from Chastain; anybody that had the Panoz. Chip Ganassi’s team, we got a lot of Panoz parts. We were scrambling from everybody, and everybody was more than willing to help us out.”

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Ellwood "Reds" Stofflet, John Andretti's grandfather, died early Saturday morning, May 19. He was 88. Stofflet is survived by three daughters, including Carolyn "Corky" Andretti, John Andretti's mother.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salem United Church of Christ, 2218 Community Drive, Bath, PA 18014.

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1:14 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:34 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow in for #26 Andretti, who lost a wheel nut on course.

1:44 p.m. – **GREEN**.

1:47 p.m. – #31 Giebler on track for first time since accident yesterday.

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When people think of racetrack food, it's hard not to think of a big bucket of fried chicken, a grill full of hot dogs and a cooler full of drinks. A stroll through the infield will find all of those. But on the third floor of the IMS Media Center, a wide variety of food is served to the media who spend hours and hours working throughout the month of May.

Derek Black is the Media Center chef, and he works closely with IMS Manager of Catering and Beverage Operations Jeff Greenspan preparing the menus.

**RANDY CLARK (Director of Food and Beverage, IMS):** "We've really made an effort to expand the Media Center deli menu the last few years to give the journalists a variety of choices. Many of them work out here every day for three full weeks. We still offer the occasional hot dog and hamburger menu, but we've also added items like mango salmon, beef brisket, pork loin and sushi throughout the month."

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At 2:30 p.m., the ambient temperature was 83 degrees with a relative humidity of 32 percent and winds from the west-northwest at 17 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 136 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

2:31 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for #91 Hearn.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 BUMP DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

2:39 p.m.	#91	RICHIE HEARN/Glendale, Calif. Hemlgarn/Racing Professionals - D/H/F	
QA-1		1 – 40.9286 – 219.895	Q – 49
		2 – 40.9309 – 219.883	
		3 – 40.9602 – 219.725	
		<u>4 – 40.9211 – 219.935</u>	
		T 2:43.7408 – 219.860	

The 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 field has 33 cars.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

2:50 p.m. – **GREEN**.

2:54 p.m. – Kanaan turning laps in the #39 car.

3:32 p.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection in preparations for #31 Giebler.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 BUMP DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

3:42 p.m.      #31      PHIL GIEBLER/Oxnard, Calif.  
Ethos Fuel Reformulator - P/H/F  
QA-1 (QE-2)      1 – 40.8709 – 220.206      Q – 50  
                         2 – 40.9237 – 219.921  
                         3 – 41.0480 – 219.256  
                         4 – 41.0645 – 219.167  
                         T 2:43.9071 – 219.637  
#31 Giebler bumps #18 Kite from field.  
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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

3:52 p.m. – **GREEN.** #40 Jones, who has not qualified for the field, on track.  
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Ryan Briscoe isn't the only member of the Luczo Dragon Racing team to pull double duty this weekend. Briscoe teamed with Sascha Maassen to win the American Le Mans Series' Utah Grand Prix on Saturday at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, Utah.

The ALMS team's head engineer, Nigel Beresford, also is leading Luczo Dragon's engineering effort at Indianapolis, so Beresford joined Briscoe on a red-eye flight Saturday night from Salt Lake City to Indianapolis.

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4:09 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Debris in Turn 2.

4:19 p.m. – **GREEN.**

4:56 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection in preparations for #77 Moreno. Team has withdrawn its qualified time from May 19.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 BUMP DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

Chastain Motorsports elected to withdraw the prior qualification run of #77 Moreno, who was 31st on the grid at the time and the slowest qualifier in the field at 216.229 mph.

5:01 p.m.      #77      ROBERTO MORENO/Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Chastain Motorsports - P/H/F  
QA-1 (QE-2)      1 – 40.9463 – 219.800      Q – 51  
                         2 – 40.8345 – 220.402  
                         3 – 40.8101 – 220.534  
                         4 – 40.8230 – 220.464  
                         T 2:43.4139 – 220.299  
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At 5 p.m., the ambient temperature was 85 degrees with a relative humidity of 28 percent and winds from the southwest at 9 mph. Skies were fair. The track temperature was 127 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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**PRACTICE REPORT:**

5:09 p.m. – **GREEN.**

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**HEMELGARN/RACING PROFESSIONALS BUMP DAY TIMELINE:**

Activity today by Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals to prepare the #91 Dallara/Honda/Firestone that Richie Hearn qualified for the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
7 a.m.	Arrived at track
9:45 a.m.	Team pushed car to pit road
11:03 a.m.	Car left pits for first practice laps
11:07 a.m.	Car returns to pits for adjustments
11:14 a.m.	Car left pits after practice, returned to garage
1:14 p.m.	Car towed to pits for practice
1:15 p.m.	Multiple adjustments made to car in pits
1:25 p.m.	Car on track for practice laps
1:33 p.m.	Car returns to pits for multiple adjustments
2:14 p.m.	All bodywork tightened on car
2:15 p.m.	Seams on front of car taped
2:24 p.m.	Car submitted for pre-qualifying technical inspection
2:39 p.m.	Hearn pulls from pit lane to begin qualification attempt.

**Notes:**

- At approximately 2:15 p.m., longtime Hemelgarn team manager Lee Kunzman joked: "Send money. My wife can't go shopping, and my kids don't have any school clothes. It's all in racing. I actually don't have a wife or kids, but they don't have to know that."

- After qualifying, Hearn wore a 2004 Indianapolis 500 hat for his interview with Vince Welch of ESPN on ABC when Hearn was informed that the team didn't have an official team hat. Hearn was allowed to keep the 2007 Indianapolis 500 hat that he wore during the team's post-qualifying photo.

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5:51 p.m. – **YELLOW.** Track inspection in preparations for #18 Kite.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 BUMP DAY QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY (cont.):**

5:57 p.m.	#18	JIMMY KITE/Stockbridge, Ga. PDM Racing – P/H/F	
QA-1 (QE-2)		1 – 41.9103 – 214.744	UA – 1
		2 – waved off	

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6 p.m. – **CHECKERED.**

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#### PLAYA DEL RACING BUMP DAY TIMELINE:

Activity today by Playa Del Racing to prepare the #31 Panoz/Honda/Firestone that Phil Giebler qualified for the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
1:22 p.m.	Car is rolled on pit lane.
1:27 p.m.	Giebler straps into car.
1:32 p.m.	Team removes engine cover to make adjustments.
1:47 p.m.	Engine fires, Giebler begins practice lap.
1:48 p.m.	Car returns to pit.
1:51 p.m.	Team removes engine cover for inspection, reattaches cover.
2:04 p.m.	Giebler begins practice laps.
2:07 p.m.	Car returns to pit.
2:09 p.m.	Team removes engine cover for inspection, reattaches cover.
2:16 p.m.	Giebler begins practice laps.
2:21 p.m.	Car returns to pit.
2:35 p.m.	Giebler climbs from car while Richie Hearn makes qualifying attempt. Sits on pit wall.
2:48 p.m.	Giebler returns to car.
2:54 p.m.	Giebler returns to track for practice.
3 p.m.	Car returns to pit.
3:09 p.m.	Giebler returns to track for practice.
3:14 p.m.	Car returns to pit.
3:32 p.m.	Car pushed to tech rack for technical inspection.
3:39 p.m.	Giebler strapped into car for qualification attempt.
3:42 p.m.	Engine fired. Team manager Mark Weida shakes Giebler's hand, taps top of his helmet. Giebler begins qualifying attempt.

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#### POST-BUMP DAY QUICK QUOTES:

**MARTY ROTH (No. 25 Roth Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "It's great that it's one minute after six. I've been waiting a long time for that. It's been a long day. Unfortunately, we had a lousy qualifying, and that's the price you pay. You end up taking your turn on the bubble, and it's a very uncomfortable situation. We had a really good car. We were 221's all day long. We're just debating if we were going to stick it in and re-qualify it, or 'No, no. Don't worry about it.' It was quite the drama in our pits today. We're just glad it's over, and we're glad to be in the show."

**JIMMY KITE (No. 18 PDM Racing Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** "We had the car trimmed out as much as we could trim it out. We figured we had plenty left in it yesterday. We would trim it out, and we would gain speed. That was about as free as that car is going to be. It didn't seem to like going down the straightaway. I hate it for everybody. Jim and Z-Line Design came on thinking we'd be here next Sunday. We expected to be there, too. It sucks having to watch the race on TV."

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**PAUL DIATLOVICH (Owner, PDM Racing):** “I just probably wasted the talent of one of the finest drivers to come here. Our car wasn’t up to speed.” (About the investment he made to make the race): “We’ll find out when the dust settles. It’s long. It’s tough. It’s expensive. We didn’t make it. We’ll have a garage sale.” (About the difficulty of qualifying): “This place isn’t easy. It’s not supposed to be easy. This place starts the 33 fastest, best-prepared cars. Obviously, I missed. I have to give credit to the crew. They persevered. They worked for this. We crashed, and we came back. They never missed a beat. The car was mechanically excellent. We didn’t have the right setup. That’s my error. My fault. It was a waste of the talent of Jimmy Kite.”

**\*\*\*POST BUMP-DAY PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPT IS ALSO AVAILABLE\*\*\***

Quotes from driver PJ Jones and team owner Kent Baker about the decision not to make a qualification attempt in the No. 40 Direct Diversified Team Leader Special Panoz/Honda/Firestone on Bump Day:

**PJ JONES:** “Ah, it’s very difficult. You know, you struggle, obviously, trying to make that decision. For us, when I just went through Turn 2 and almost knocked the fence down, you know, you’ve got to think. You don’t want to destroy a car and possibly hurt yourself. It wasn’t like we were running 218s and nipping at the 219 barrier where I would have hung it out a lot more. It was more, ‘We’re sittin’, we’re struggling.’ Most guys right now, with the wing configuration, they should be able to run 220. And we haven’t seen that. I’ve been flat out. I’ve been in all different configurations, and we found a lot of problems this week we had. We’ve been limited on motor mileage today, and that’s hurt us, big time. It just wasn’t in the cards. It’s hard to swallow, but it’s better than wrecking a car.” (The level of disappointment – is there a way to put it into words?): “No, not really. It’s just very disappointing, but if the car’s not right, you don’t want to go run 200 miles on it, either. We’ve struggled. We’ve had a lot of issues that I probably haven’t seen in eight years of Indy car racing. You got new guys that are all great, capable people. It’s just that we hadn’t worked together. We started, really, last Tuesday or so and tried to put this all together.”

**KENT BAKER:** “The decision, Honda did give us a couple of extra laps. They told me after the first run we went out and ran a tough 214. They said, ‘We’ll give you three more laps to figure it out.’ I’m not going to send PJ out on a banzai run. You know, you can’t carry the car here 5, 6 mile per hour. It’s just not happening. It’s not going to happen. It’s not practical. You know, everybody wanted to run. And PJ, he just didn’t have confidence in the car, and I made the call. At some point, it’s a decision somebody’s got to make, and I made it.”

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**PDM RACING BUMP DAY TIMELINE:**

Activity in the final 30 minutes of qualifying today by PDM Racing for the #18 Panoz/Honda/Firestone driven by Jimmy Kite:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
5:39 p.m.	Crew finishes taping front of car.
5:40 p.m.	Engine fired, Kite enters track for practice.
5:44 p.m.	Kite returned to pits, team changed tires.
5:45 p.m.	Kite climbs from car, talks strategy with team owner Paul Diatlovich.
5:47 p.m.	Kite begins walking south on pit road to the qualification line.
5:52 p.m.	Portion of crowd begins chanting, “P-D-M, P-D-M.”
5:57 p.m.	Engine fired, Kite begins unsuccessful qualification attempt.

**BUMP DAY QUALIFYING-91<sup>st</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 FIELD NOTES**

- There are six former Indianapolis 500 winners in the starting field: Al Unser Jr. (1992 and 1994), Buddy Lazier (1996), Helio Castroneves (2001-02), Buddy Rice (2004), Dan Wheldon (2005) and Sam Hornish Jr. (2006). Between them, they have eight victories. The record for former winners in the field is 10, in 1992. The fewest, other than the inaugural race in 1911, is zero in 1912.
- There are two rookies in the field, the fewest since 1979, when Howdy Holmes was the only rookie in the field. This year’s rookies: Phil Giebler and Milka Duno.
- Al Unser Jr. is the most experienced driver in the field, with 18 previous Indianapolis 500 starts. The record is 35, set in consecutive years from 1958-92 by A.J. Foyt.
- Michael Andretti has led 430 career laps in the Indianapolis 500, more than any other driver in this year’s field.
- There are a combined 160 previous Indianapolis 500 starts among the 33 drivers in this year’s field. The record is 260 years of experience, set in 1987 and 1992. There were 93 years of combined experience in last year’s field.
- The oldest qualifier is Marty Roth, 48. The youngest qualifier is Marco Andretti, 20.
- There are 30 Dallara chassis and 3 Panoz chassis in the field
- There are seven graduates of the Indy Pro Series in the field, the most graduates in the field ever. The seven graduates are: Marco Andretti, Ed Carpenter, A.J. Foyt IV, Phil Giebler, Jon Herb, Marty Roth, Jeff Simmons.
- This is the seventh-closest matched field by time Indianapolis 500 history as 5.0207 seconds separate fastest qualifier Helio Castroneves and slowest qualifier Marty Roth. The record is 3.2422 seconds in 2001.
- Thirteen drivers who were not in the 90<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 qualified for the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500.

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. The next on-track activity is Thursday, when preparations for the Freedom 100 begin. The next track activity day is Wednesday, which is American Family Insurance 500 Festival Community Day.

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

8 a.m. Public Gates Open  
9-9:45 a.m. Indy Pro Series Practice  
11-11:45 a.m. Indy Pro Series Practice  
1:15 p.m. Indy Pro Series Qualifying  
3:40 – 4 p.m. Indy Pro Series Practice  
6 p.m. Track Closes

Note: Subject to change due to weather

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**FREEDOM 100 PRACTICE 1 REPORT:**

At 9 a.m., the ambient temperature was 74 degrees with a relative humidity of 44 percent and winds from the south at 9 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 88 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

9 a.m. – **GREEN**. Track open for practice.  
9:06 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow-in #53 Potekhen, who is stopped on course in Turn 3.  
9:10 a.m. – **GREEN**.  
9:22 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow in for #2 Klein who has stopped at the entrance to pit lane.  
9:26 a.m. – **GREEN**.  
9:28 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Tow-in #53 Potekhen, who is stopped on course in Turn 3. Crew reports electrical problem.  
9:33 a.m. – **GREEN**.  
9:42 a.m. -- #6 Williams makes light contact the SAFER Barrier in Turn 3. Car continues to the pit lane.  
9:43 a.m. -- #34 Brownson penalized for pit speed violation. He will not be allowed to run the rest of the session.  
9:45 a.m. – **CHECKERED**.

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Six Indy Pro Series teams that will field entries in the Freedom 100 have direct ties to teams with cars in the Indianapolis 500:

- Andretti Green Racing, which has five entries in the Indianapolis 500, fields a full-time entry for 2005 Freedom 100 winner Jaime Camara.
- Panther Racing, which has three entries in the Indianapolis 500, fields an entry for rookie Hideki Mutoh.
- Playa Del Racing, which has two cars in the “500,” fields an entry for Al Unser III.
- Rahal Letterman Racing, which has two cars in the “500,” has entries for Andrew Prendeville and Joey Scarallo.
- Sam Schmidt Motorsports, which will field a car for Buddy Lazier in the “500,” also fields full-time entries for Alex Lloyd, Logan Gomez and Ryan Justice.
- Target Chip Ganassi Racing, which has two entries in the Indianapolis 500, fields a full-time entry for Chris Festa.

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Four drivers competing in the Freedom 100 have visited Victory Lane at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Wade Cunningham and Jaime Camara are past winners of the Freedom 100 on the famed 2.5-mile oval. Alex Lloyd won the Liberty Challenge on the road course in 2006, while Matt Jaskol won a Formula BMW USA race on the road course in 2004.

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**FREEDOM 100 PRACTICE 2 REPORT:**

At 11 a.m., the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 44 percent and winds from the south at 9 mph. Skies were sunny. The track temperature was 107 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

11 a.m. – **GREEN.**

11:14 a.m. – #52 Brownson penalized five minutes for pit speed violation.

11:17 a.m. – **YELLOW.** #9 Festa does a half-spin to the right as he enters pit lane crosses the track and makes light contact with the outside retaining wall on the front straightaway. There is light damage to the left side of the car, and the right rear tire is flat.

11:24 a.m. – **GREEN.**

11:27 a.m. – #4 Guthrie penalized five minutes for pit speed violation.

11:40 a.m. – #34 Brownson penalized for pit speed violation. He will not be allowed to run the rest of the session.

11:45 a.m. – **CHECKERED.**

**SWE POLE QUALIFYING CHRONOLOGY:**

1 p.m. – The air temperature was 79 degrees with a relative humidity of 72 percent and winds from the south-southwest at 14 mph, gusting to 22 mph. Skies were mostly cloudy. The track temperature was 101 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

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Qualifying specifics:

- The drivers' qualifying speed is the average of two laps.
- Drivers will take the green flag on the second time past the flag stand.

1:15 p.m.	#24	STEVEN SIMPSON/Cape Town, South Africa Kenn Hardley Racing	
	QA-1	1 – 48.5525 – 185.366	Q – 1
		2 – 48.5500 – 185.376	
		T – 1:37.1025 – 185.371	
1:19 p.m.	#11	JAIME CAMARA/Goiana, Brazil Osofresh	
	QA-2	1 – 48.4925 – 185.596	Q – 2
		2 – 48.6885 – 184.849	
		T – 1:37.1819 – 185.221	

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1:23 p.m. #34 JON BROWNSON/Breckenridge, Colo.  
SWE Racing/SWE Race Car Parts  
QA-3 1 – 48.1404 – 186.953 Q – 3  
2 – 48.2763 – 186.427  
T – 1:36.4167 – 186.690

#34 Brownson takes pole.

1:26 p.m. #12 AL UNSER III/Albuquerque, N.M.  
Playa Del Racing  
QA-4 1 – 48.2967 – 186.348 Q – 4  
2 – 48.3543 – 186.126  
T – 1:36.6510 – 186.237

1:30 p.m. #33 SHANE JANTZI/Ayr, Ontario  
Marex Seed  
QA-5 1 – 48.2943 – 186.357 Q – 5  
2 – 48.4802 – 185.643  
T – 1:36.7745 – 185.999

1:34 p.m. #1 BOBBY WILSON/Oconomowoc, Wis.  
Ocala Gran Prix  
QA-6 1 – 48.9489 – 183.865 Q – 6  
2 – 48.9923 – 183.702  
T – 1:37.9412 – 183.784

1:37 p.m. #13 ROBBIE PECORARI/Aston, Pa.  
Cabo Wabo Tequila  
QA-7 1 – 48.8642 – 184.184 Q – 7  
2 – 48.8100 – 184.388  
T – 1:37.6742 – 184.286

1:41 p.m. #27 WADE CUNNINGHAM/Auckland, New Zealand  
Automatic Fire Sprinklers, Inc.  
QA-8 1 – 48.0556 – 187.283 Q – 8  
2 – 48.0259 – 187.399  
T – 1:36.0815 – 187.341

#27 Cunningham takes pole.

1:45 p.m. #8 MATT JASKOL/Las Vegas  
Michael Crawford Motorsports  
QA-9 1 – 48.0621 – 187.258 Q – 9  
2 – 48.3346 – 186.202  
T – 1:36.3967 – 186.728

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1:49 p.m.	#6	MARC WILLIAMS/New Plymouth, New Zealand <a href="http://www.PURENZ.com">www.PURENZ.com</a> - TARANAKI	
	QA-10	1 – 48.6490 – 184.999 2 – 48.9737 – 183.772 T – 1:37.6227 – 184.383	Q – 10
1:52 p.m.	#40	TOM WIERINGA/Oak Brook, Ill. Racing 4 Kids/Sound Wave Productions	
	QA-11	1 – 48.2031 – 186.710 2 – 48.4074 – 185.922 T – 1:36.6105 – 186.315	Q – 11
1:56 p.m.	#52	KEN LOSCH/Ontario, Canada AvenueCommunities.com	
	QA-12	1 – 47.7760 – 188.379 2 – 47.8511 – 188.083 T – 1:35.6271 – 188.231	Q – 12
	#52 Losch takes pole.		
2 p.m.	#4	SEAN GUTHRIE/Albuquerque, N.M. Trace Die-Cast Car Crafters	
	QA-13	1 – 48.2371 – 186.578 2 – 48.4226 – 185.864 T – 1:36.6597 – 186.220	Q – 13
2:04 p.m.	#3	BRAD JAEGER/Cincinnati Brian Stewart Racing	
	QA-14	1 – 48.2561 – 186.505 2 – 48.4357 – 185.813 T – 1:36.6918 – 186.158	Q – 14
2:07 p.m.	#2	JONATHAN KLEIN/Long Grove, Ill. TMR – Xtreme Coil Drilling	
	QA-15	1 – 48.9248 – 183.956 2 – 49.2023 – 182.918 T – 1:38.1271 – 183.436	Q – 15
2:11 p.m.	#38	RYAN JUSTICE/Canby, Ore. Lifelock/Lucas Oil/Sam Schmidt Motorsports	
	QA-16	1 – 48.7173 – 184.739 2 – 48.7193 – 184.732 T – 1:37.4366 – 184.736	Q – 16

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2:15 p.m.	#55	HIDEKI MUTOH/Tokyo Panther Racing	
	QA-17	1 – 47.9021 – 187.883 2 – 48.0804 – 187.186 T – 1:35.9825 – 187.534	Q – 17
2:18 p.m.	#53	MIKE POTEKHEN/Silverthorne, Colo. TRACARES Special	
	QA-18	1 – 47.9049 – 187.872 2 – 48.0001 – 187.500 T – 1:35.9050 – 187.686	Q – 18
2:22 p.m.	#15	JOEY SCARALLO/Smithtown, N.Y. RLR/Andersen Racing GroupAWheels.com	
	QA-19	1 – 48.3915 – 185.983 2 – 48.4698 – 185.683 T – 1:36.8613 – 185.833	Q – 19
2:26 p.m.	#5	ANDREW PRENDEVILLE/Morristown N.J. RLR/Andersen Racing	
	QA-20	1 – 48.1952 – 186.741 2 – 48.3403 – 186.180 T – 1:36.5355 – 186.460	Q – 20
2:30 p.m.	#54	MICKY GILBERT/Golden, Colo. Mile High Motorsports.	
	QA-21	1 – 48.8667 – 184.174 2 – 48.6041 – 185.170 T – 1:37.4708 – 184.671	Q – 21
2:33 p.m.	#23	LOGAN GOMEZ/Crown Point, Ind. Isilon Systems/Lucas Oil/ Sam Schmidt Motorsports	
	QA-22	1 – 48.1808 – 186.796 2 – 48.0675 – 187.237 T – 1:36.2483 – 187.016	Q – 22
2:37 p.m.	#7	ALEX LLOYD/Manchester, England Lucas Oil/Isilon/Sam Schmidt Motorsports	
	QA-23	1 – 47.7745 – 188.385 2 – 47.9297 – 187.775 T -- 1:35.7042 – 188.080	Q – 23

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2:45 p.m.	#9	CHRIS FESTA/Atlanta CRG Indy Pro Series	
QA-24		1 – 48.0735 – 187.213	Q – 24
		2 – 48.2663 – 186.466	
		T – 1:36.3398 – 186.839	

**SWE RACE CAR PARTS POLE QUALIFYING NOTES:**

- This is Ken Losch's first career SWE Pole Award in the Indy Pro Series. His previous best start was 14<sup>th</sup> at Homestead earlier this year.
- This is the first pole position for Apex Racing, which is owned by Losch. The team's previous best start was 10<sup>th</sup> with Mike Potekhen at Homestead earlier this year.
- The winner of the SWE Pole Award has gone on to win the Freedom 100 every year since the inaugural race in 2003. Ed Carpenter (2003), Thiago Medeiros (2004), Jaime Camara (2005) and Wade Cunningham (2006) each won the race from pole.
- Alex Lloyd will start second. He has qualified on the front row for each of the Indy Pro Series races where SWE Pole Qualifying has been held this year.
- Defending race winner Wade Cunningham qualified fifth, matching his best qualifying effort of the season. He also qualified fifth for the season-opening race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. 2005 winner Jaime Camara qualified 18<sup>th</sup>.

**SWE RACE CAR PARTS POLE QUALIFYING QUOTES:**

**KEN LOSCH (No. 52 AvenueCommunities.com, SWE Pole Award winner):** "You couldn't ask for anything better. I was a little bit slow this morning. I was sixth and then 11th in the first two practice sessions. Came in, made a few car changes, went the right way and just got it right." (About his brief racing career): "It's my first few races in this program and a Star Mazda season. It's pretty awesome. I've got a good teacher; I've got a good team. It's everybody. It's the whole program." (About his race plans starting from the pole): "I'm going to have to go figure that out tonight. I've never had to think through that. We've got a good car. I want to get out as far as I can and stay out as far as I can, and make it happen."

**ALEX LLOYD (No. 7 Lucas Oil/Isilon Systems/Sam Schmidt Motorsports, qualified second):** "I'm really disappointed to not be on the pole. I really felt like after the Open Test we were in a good position for the pole. Today the conditions were so much different than they were during the test in April that it didn't work out for us. We had a really good car during qualifying. We got it together; really good job by the team. We just missed out on Lap 2. All in all, we're happy; we're on the front row. I think tomorrow is going to be very tough, but I'm looking forward to it."

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**AL UNSER III (No. 12 Playa Del Racing, qualified 12<sup>th</sup>):** “Qualifying went really good today. The Playa Del Racing Car did excellent. I have to thank Ethos and National Car Rental for getting me in the car. We went out there and ran as fast as we could. That’s about the speed we have. I worked on it during practice to kind of stay by myself and not get out there and draft a lot, which a lot of the guys did, so I ended up down the charts in practice.” (About key to the Freedom 100): “The key to tomorrow’s race is patience. We’ve got to start the race – I mean, it’s not as long as the big guys’ race, it’s not as long as the ‘500.’ But we do have 100 miles, and it’s a decently long race. Right in the beginning, you’ve just got to have some patience and some resiliency and get single file. Once we get single file, we’ll run most of the race like that, I believe. You never can foresee what’s going to happen during the race, but as soon as the last 10 laps come, I think that it will start to get dicey again as long as everyone is close enough to do it.”

**JAIME CAMARA (No. 11 Osofresh, qualified 18<sup>th</sup>):** "I think it was just the track conditions. In the morning, we had a pretty good setup. The track was a little bit cooler. We didn't figure out what to do when the track is this condition. Right now, it's really hot. We need to figure out what to do on the warm-up. We should be really good tomorrow.”

**WADE CUNNINGHAM (No. 27 Automatic Fire Sprinklers, Inc., qualified fifth):** “It was solid. We know that there wasn't 2 more miles an hour to go. I think we left a little bit on the table. We know that time's not good enough for pole. Its just not.” (Do you think your car has what it takes to win again this year?): “There is no reason why we shouldn't be battling for the win. Actually going out and winning it is a little harder than talking about it.”

**ANDREW PRENDEVILLE (No. 5 RLR/Andersen Racing, qualified 10<sup>th</sup>):** "The car was real good. The wind didn't affect it too much. I think the RLR/Andersen Racing guys did a good job with the setup. I think there's a little more speed in the Best Friends Animal Society car, and it's a big improvement from how we started at Homestead. We keep improving every time we go out. Hopefully we can keep improving. I hope all the fans will go to [racinglapsforbestfriends.com](http://racinglapsforbestfriends.com) and make their pledges. We'll do our best to complete all the laps tomorrow and get a good finish."

**HIDEKI MUTOH (No. 55 Panther Racing, qualified fourth):** "It wasn't too well. I wanted to really hold the pole position. It was a little disappointing." (Were you running a race setup?): “We were running a qualifying setup now and will change tomorrow for the race.”

**LOGAN GOMEZ (No. 23 Isilon Systems/Lucas Oil/Sam Schmidt Motorsports, qualified sixth):** "The car felt real good. The team did a great job putting it together, Getting me real confident with the car and the setup. We were pretty quick in practice, and I am glad we could back it up with a good qualifying position. The teammates did really good and were a great help in getting a good setup. Hopefully we can move to the front in the race and stay there and have a good, successful run." (Do you enjoy this track?): “Yeah, this is my home state track. It's an honor to be here and race on this at such a young age. Hopefully I have quite a few supporters from Indiana behind me and should put on a good show.”

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**CHRIS FESTA (No. 9 CGR Indy Pro Series, qualified seventh):** (How badly damaged was your car this morning?): "Nothing really, just a couple of suspension pieces. We had a brake failure, which caused one of the wheels to lock up as we were coming into the pits. I was barely touching the brakes. We got it sorted out and got the car back together, and it was fine." (Did it have any impact on the run today?): "No. The car just didn't have the speed we were expecting it to have today. We aren't really sure what happened there. We just did not expect it to be that slow. But we'll get it back."

**MIKE POTEKHEN (No. 53 TRACARES Special, qualified third):** "It was a good run. My teammate got me by just a tick there. Our cars are great in traffic, and they're good by themselves. The team has been doing their homework. The cars were both brand new coming into this year, and to be honest, we were behind the 8-ball going into the first race. We've had some time over the last couple months to get the body work to fit better and get the crew a little more organized, and I think it shows by our performance today, and I'm looking forward to the race tomorrow."

**MATT JASKOL (No. 8 Michael Crawford Motorsports, qualified eighth):** "You've got to have so much respect for this place. If this place wants you to do good, it will let you. You can have a really solid, stable car, but you've got to be so smooth and respect this place, I can't emphasize that enough. The car was good. Crawford Motorsports gave me a really good car, and I was comfortable." (About winning a Formula BMW USA support race here during the 2004 USGP): "It was, obviously, one of the greatest accomplishments of my life to win at Indy, but it was going that way (clockwise on the F1 track). To possibly win on this course going the right way, and to be the first driver to win on both tracks and to keep that record at home with an American would be a dream of mine."

**JON BROWNSON (No. 34 SWE Racing/SWE Race Car Parts, qualified ninth):** "I think that qualifying went really well today, and only time will tell. We gave it the best we could. We were flat out for two laps, so life is good." (About confidence): "My confidence going into tomorrow is at an all-time high. We came here with a great setup and with a great car thanks to the SWE crew and Tim Wardrop, my race engineer, and Steve Eppert, my team owner, provided me with the best package a driver could ask for. It makes this part easy."

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**FREEDOM 100 FINAL PRACTICE REPORT:**

3:40 p.m. – **GREEN.** #23 Gomez penalized five minutes for pit speed violation.

3:44 p.m. – **YELLOW.** #3 Jaeger did a three-quarter spin in Turn 1 and made light contact with the outside retaining wall with the left front and nosecone. #24 Simpson, following behind, spun to avoid but makes no contact with the wall. Both cars come to rest in the short chute between Turns 1 and 2. There is light damage to the nose and left front of #3 Jaeger. Jaeger climbs from the car without assistance of the Delphi Safety Team.

3:52 p.m. – **GREEN.**

4 p.m. – **CHECKERED.**

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**FREEDOM 100 FRONT-ROW QUALIFIERS PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES:**

**KEN LOSCH:** “It was a little slow this morning. I was sixth and 11<sup>th</sup> in the first two practice sessions. We mad a few changes to the car and made a few changes to the driver line and so on. It was a combination of all of those things. The car just got better. It got better in that second session. Without a pull down that straightaway, we were 11<sup>th</sup> and some pretty good time. We just hit it right. It's got the right line and got the car set up perfectly. Essentially, all I had to do was steer the car through the corner. What we did was change the car and then changed the line. We did some car changes and then tried it on the same line and on a different line, and the car preformed. The thing is that we're a very late entry into the Indy Pro Series, so we have a lot of new people and you could really feel, today, the team really come together. We were tripping over our own shoelaces in the earlier races, and even this morning, we were saying, 'It's working, it's sweet.' We seem to be on a roll, no pun intended.” (About racing at Indianapolis): “The track sneaks up on you a little bit because it is so large. You tend to relax a little bit more. It's an intense track, but coming down those straightaways, you can relax a little bit more so you have to stay focused. You kind of go in relaxed mode to focused mode, and you find it's really intense. The thing that I like about this series so much is how professionally it's run. I've ran in other series before, a series last year, and we have a lot of confidence in how the management is running this series, in terms of rules and regulations, the upkeep of those. It's very professional, and therefore, very safe.” (About the pole sitter winning every Freedom 100): “As Alex (Lloyd) said, not only can the track change throughout the day, but it can change throughout the race. We've got IndyCars going out. There's going to be different rubber on the track, and a car that's great in qualifying isn't necessarily the best car on the last three laps. It's going to be important to run that whole race consistently, and we may not be out front the whole time, but we'll try to be.” (About making car work with adjustments vs. driving): “I think it's a combination of both. I think it's about 70 to 80 percent adjusting the car. I think the secret here is to be able to adjust the car, be able to give your engineer the right feedback, and I'm just starting to get to the point now – from the Star/Mazda series last year, this is just my fourth race or whatever we're in now – where you can give good, solid feedback and notice that input right away so that you're not chasing and getting ahead of yourself. You're getting the right changes and going the right way. I'd say it's about 70 to 80 percent changes because if the car's not going to work, there's nothing you can do. There are a lot of great drivers out here who have their foot to the floor today, and the car was either going to do it, or not going to do it.”

**ALEX LLOYD:** “I was pretty pleased with our qualifying run, to be honest with you. We really struggled during the day. Qualifying sims in session two, we were a long way off. Conditions changed so drastically from when we were here on April 27, it was a 60- or 70-degree day, and here we are in the mid- to high-80s. It's changed a lot. Not really caught us off guard, but it was a lot different than what we were expecting. So we put on a setup that was untested for qualifying and hoped for the best. Like I said, we didn't do any runs, and I thought we were going to be in the wall a couple of times in session two. But all credit to the team, they put a great setup on it, and we went out there, and we did a good job. We didn't quite have enough, unfortunately. I think that second lap cost us a little bit. **(More Lloyd on next page).**

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**LLOYD (cont.):** “We were very quick lap one, but lap two we lost a little bit. We had a bit of understeer, but all in all, we're very happy. We're on the front row. It's obviously not the number-one spot, but I think a lot of people found difficulty today in the conditions. So I'm happy we got it all together and were able to pull off a good result.” (About competition in the race): “There's a lot of competition in this race. The field has greatly improved. There's a lot more depth in this series this year. I think last year, we had maybe four or five guys toward the front that you thought were capable of winning at one time. Now we have 15 or 16 drivers that are capable of winning and have a team behind them that are capable of winning, so for sure it makes it very difficult. Hopefully with myself and Ken on the front row, we won't see too much of those other guys behind and we won't have to worry about more cars for this race than last year. I'm hoping we can just have a few of us break away at the front, but we'll see what happens. This is Indy, and a lot can happen. Track conditions can change drastically overnight, so we'll see how it all plays out. But I think it's going to be a very close race. I don't see anyone running away with it.” (About what it means from racing at Indy): “It's a racecourse that's different to every other. It's not like the normal, traditional oval that we'll visit at Homestead or Chicago or Milwaukee. It's a place of its own. For some reason, this track seems to change more than any other. And it seems to change, not just from day to day, but within a half an hour. On one run, you go out with exactly the same setup and it's completely different, so it's something. And the wind, as well. The wind was really something today, as well, and it really played havoc with our car. I'm sure it did with everybody else, and that's just something you have to take in to account because that can change during the race. It's a tough track that requires a lot of concentration. There's very long straights here, and the point at which you have to turn in, at such a very high speed, is so small, and you have to be very focused all the way through to make sure that you keep hitting those points. It's just one of those places that, I think, the concentration required to do the job is more so than other tracks. You need a good car, and you have to be committed, really, all the way around.”

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U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) named Indianapolis Motor Speedway Chief Executive Officer Tony George as the May 2007 Lugar Energy Patriot for his leadership in the IndyCar Series' decision to fuel its cars this season with 100 percent fuel-grade ethanol.

The award is part of an ongoing effort by Lugar to recognize members of the business community, professionals, scholars or students who demonstrate leadership and initiative in taking concrete action to reduce America's dependence on foreign energy sources.

**TONY GEORGE:** “The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has a long history of innovation. Ethanol-powered race cars are the latest example. We are pleased that the Indianapolis 500 and the IndyCar Series are contributing to energy independence.”

**RICHARD LUGAR:** “Tony George's decision to power IndyCar Series cars on ethanol at venues such as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway signals to the American public that ethanol is a premier, high-performance fuel. It has tremendous environmental benefits and is a key component to energy independence for our country.”

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One of the most popular and exciting events of the month of May at Indianapolis returns for the 31<sup>st</sup> time Friday: the Checkers/Rally's Pit Stop Challenge on Miller Lite Carb Day.

The Challenge, which determines the fastest pit crew in the IndyCar® Series, starts at 1:30 p.m. Television coverage of the Challenge will start at 4 p.m. (ET) on ESPN2.

Ten pit crews will compete this year in the Challenge for a \$50,000 first prize from a \$100,000 purse. Crews include the defending Challenge champion, the No. 3 Team Penske crew led by chief mechanic Rick Rinaman. It was the record ninth victory in the Challenge for Team Penske.

Six of the qualified 2007 Challenge crews earned their spots through speedy pit work at IndyCar Series races following the 2006 Indianapolis 500. Those crews include the Team Penske crew of No. 3 Castroneves, the Andretti Green Racing crews of No. 7 Danica Patrick, No. 11 Tony Kanaan and No. 27 Dario Franchitti, and the Target Chip Ganassi Racing crews of No. 9 Scott Dixon and Dan Wheldon.

Three crews qualified due to their position in the IndyCar Series points, including the Panther Racing crew of No. 4 Vitor Meira, the No. 2 Vision Racing crew of Tomas Scheckter and the Rahal Letterman Racing crew of No. 8 Scott Sharp.

The 10<sup>th</sup> participant, the No. 6 Penske Racing crew and driver Sam Hornish Jr., 2006 Indianapolis 500 winners and IndyCar Series champions, was added to the Challenge as a promoter's option.

As in 2006, the Checkers/Rally's Pit Stop Challenge is split into a Qualifications Round and Eliminations Rounds.

All 10 crews will complete a simulated pit stop in the Qualifications Round, with the fastest and second-fastest crews automatically advancing to the semifinals of the Eliminations Round. The crews with the third- through sixth-fastest times will move to the quarterfinals of Eliminations. The four slowest crews in Qualifications are eliminated and will earn sixth through 10<sup>th</sup> place based on their Qualifications Round times.

Crews with the third- through sixth-fastest times in Qualifications will participate in the quarterfinals of Eliminations. Those winners will advance to the semifinals against the two fastest crews from the Qualifications Round, with the winners of those pairings squaring off in the finals.

During every pit stop in Qualifications and Eliminations, crews must change all four tires while making a simulated fuel hose connection to the car. Fuel is not used in the Challenge.

Time penalties of various lengths will be assessed for violations, such as running over an air hose, leaving the pits before the wheels are properly tightened and pit crews and equipment straying from the marked pit box during the stop.

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At a press conference today, the Indy Racing League, the sanctioning body for the IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series, announced a Funded Educational Project with Pasadena, Calif.-based Art Center College of Design called "IndyCar 2011."

The educational project will challenge students in the school's Transportation Design, Environmental Design, Product Design and Illustration/Entertainment Design departments to imagine the future of the IndyCar Series and to address a real-world challenge in smart and stylish ways.

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**TONY GEORGE (Founder and CEO, Indy Racing League):** “This really is a result of my getting to know the Art Center over the last year. It was late last summer when I became aware, of course I knew of the Art Center, but I didn’t know much about it. It kind of dovetailed nicely with some of the things we were doing in our organization. Looking at our future and how we were going to organize? How are we going to present our company going forward and take advantage of the opportunity? And it was early March when I was first able to visit the Art Center. My first experience was really... I was blown away. I came back and was pretty enthusiastic about what I had seen and shared it the group here, really it started building momentum from there. We’re looking at what Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis 500 has meant to the automotive industry over the last 100 years, and we’re looking at what the next 100 years will look. With our centennial events coming up, both the centennial activities surrounding the founding of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the first running of the Indianapolis 500, we thought, ‘What better way to try incorporate a project like this into what the future of Indy car racing and racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis 500 might look like.’ (About goals of the program): “I think the interesting thing is their reputation and their results that they have delivered throughout their history. It speaks for itself. You look at the list of companies that have engaged them for projects and their results of their work. It’s fully my expectation that we’re going to come out of this with a lot of great ideas that we will go out and figure out how to implement in our future consideration. There’s all kinds of dynamics that will take place, as you expect with this sport and business, but this will give us a solid foundation as we move to the next step.”

**TERRY ANGSTADT (President, Commercial Division, Indy Racing League):** “I’d first like to thank our friends at Honda. Honda has worked with this school in the past and really made the introduction for us. On first walking into the facility, you get this sense of energy and innovation; it’s an unbelievable environment. We’re excited to have a chance to work with them. This is all about imagining, not only the car, but the entire experience of the future. It’s really across a number of disciplines. We have students in the room here and we welcome them. Twelve in transportation design, five in product design, five in environmental design. One photo and graphic design and two in entertainment design. If we get a few good ideas out of that group, across those disciplines, it’s going to be a wonderfully exciting project.”

**STEWART REED (Chairman, Transportation Design Department, Art Center College of Design):** “All the faculty, department chairs and students that are here appreciate the opportunity, and it’s a honor to be invited by (Tony George) and the Indy Racing League to do this. My transportation department is the host department for this project, and, of course, the future automobile designers and transportation designers couldn’t be more excited about a project that has all the pure, essential elements of man machine. An exciting racing machine that has all the fundamental principles of packaging and aerodynamics and all those great things, so we’re expecting some results that are going to be exciting that way. In a broader picture, because we’re including environmental design students and illustration, graphic design and product design students, we’re going to be looking at the whole experience at the motor speedway and see what that could look like. We’re very excited. The students on the plane were asking great questions, and we didn’t have the answers for all of them. **(More Reed on next page)**

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**REED (cont.):** “We’ll look for the answers. Half the students here have a keen interest in what’s going on with open-wheel racing and motorsports in general. Some of them are rather fresh to it. We’re going to have a nice combination of fresh eyes and experienced eyes together. We’re very excited and looking forward to the results we’ll have in three short months.” (About goal for the project): “We’ll present the ideas to Tony and the team. Where they will go, I can only imagine. When you turn a lot of young creative minds to a problem that’s really expansive like this one is. I can expect any results.”

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**FRIDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

8 a.m.	Public Gates Open
11 a.m.- Noon	IndyCar Series Practice
Noon-12:30 p.m.	Freedom 100 Pre-Race
12:30 p.m.	Freedom 100 Indy Pro Series Race
1:30 p.m.	Checkers/Rally’s Pit Stop Challenge
3:30 p.m.	Vintage car laps
3:30 p.m.	Miller Lite Carb Day Concert featuring Kid Rock
6 p.m.	Track Closes

**\*\*\* END DAY 14 NOTES \*\*\***

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**TODAY AT THE TRACK (all times local):**

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Dreyer & Reinbold Racing principals and drivers conducted a press conference this morning on the fourth floor of the Media Center. Selected quotes:

**DENNIS REINBOLD (Co-owner, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** "It started in the offseason last year. We've added a lot of people to our team. Now, for the first time, we're a three-car team. We're really excited about that, and excited that Roger (Yasukawa) could join us. In order to add and grow to our team like we've had, we've had to add some partnerships to grow with us. As we grow, we try to grow in a very calculated way so it makes sense. We can benefit by that. The whole program with Roger has been a blessing for us. It has been so easy and turn-key to plug him in. Just knowing his personality and knowing our personality, it has worked out well. Also, with Buddy Rice's program, for the second year in a row Rick Weidinger, the owner of A1TeamUSA, is here as a co-entrant, as well. This is our second year working with Rick, and we appreciate his help and expertise in coming to us to raise our program to another level. We are going to continue to grow and build our team and be here a long, long time. We're the third-oldest (IndyCar Series) team now, and hopefully we can keep that streak. Our name came up in the press this past week a couple times in regards to a fine we received. That's all true, and I just wanted to make the statement that it was a dumb mistake. It was two weeks ago, and that's in our past. We've moved forward, and that is ancient history now for us. We regret that it happened, and we're looking forward to Race Day. That's all we've been thinking about for the past two weeks. The fact that it even came up this week kind of surprised me, because we've moved on from that for some time."

**BUDDY RICE (No. 15 A1TeamUSA/DRR Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "I think both Robbie and Dennis need to be given a lot of credit. To do the steps that they did in the offseason with the personnel, engineers and the commitment that they've made to take their team from where it's been and to get it where it's at at this point. We've gone over a lot of big hurdles to get to this point. We haven't tested that much. We've been very competitive. We've ran inside the top 10. With the exception of Kansas, which we had no control over, we've run very competitively and have been right where we want to be. With the associations and mergers that we're all working on, the strive that Sarah and I have for the whole year, and with the help of Roger coming in as a third car, we're definitely working to get this team progressing and moving up the ladder. It's going to take a lot of work. It's going to take us polishing our craft and getting a lot better. That's the whole drive right now. It's great to be back here. I'm glad to be in a very competitive car. I think we're looking at a pretty good position in all three cars."

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**SARAH FISHER (No. 5 AAMCO/Dreyer & Reinbold Racing**

**Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "To be here again is an incredible opportunity. Thanks to Dennis and Robbie, I get a second chance, and not a lot of people get to do that. It is really great to be a part of a growing team. There has been a lot of emphasis on trying to make out team better and get it to the next level. I think I have a really great car for Race Day: Full fuel, out of fuel, cars, no cars. So it should be a good day for us all." (Is there a race to be the first woman to win a race?): "I don't think that there is a race, at least not from my perspective. We're totally focused on what we're doing and our race car. We're going to go out there and give the best performance we can. We're looking for a real, good solid top-10 finish. That'll keep us rolling for the rest of the year."

**ROGER YASUKAWA (No. 24 Wellman Corbier Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "We've been talking about this deal for a while and, my objective, we've been talking about doing a second-week program. And we want it to be something that not the objective of winning the race but actually being competitive in the race. Dreyer & Reinbold made a big improvement over the winter with personnel and resources. So I had no questions coming into the team that I would have a good car."

**RICK WEIDINGER (Owner, A1TeamUSA):** (Why A1 Team USA participates in the Indianapolis 500): "Why A1 Team USA, it's about three things for us: Awareness, synergy and purpose of getting in the buddy system. First of all, awareness. What better race, what better sporting event in the world, than 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing?' This is the platform we chose to use to really expand and to qualify our relationships with our fans." (Synergies between A1 Team USA and Dreyer & Reinbold Racing): "A couple of things. I hope Dennis doesn't mind me talking about this. We have actually sat down and talked about a couple of things. One is A1 Team USA may get involved in some, if not all, of Dennis' and Robbie's (IndyCar Series) road races. Number two, we are also talking about, and these conversations are just preliminary, we talking about maybe merging our commercial operations because my racing season is a six-month winter season and Dennis and Robbie's is six months, complimenting each other. So, you know, a lot of sponsors have come up to us, if we had a full 12-month calendar that you could offer us, that would be pretty potent and compelling. If that goes well, we may even think about merging our race teams together."

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 FINAL PRACTICE REPORT:**

At 10:45 a.m., the ambient temperature was 77 degrees with a relative humidity of 67 percent and winds from the west at 8 mph. Skies were mostly cloudy. The track temperature was 104 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

11 a.m. – **GREEN**. First car out is #8 Sharp.

11:11 a.m. – All 33 qualified cars have turned at least one practice lap.

11:18 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Track inspection.

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Dan Wheldon has included graphics of the Indianapolis 500 logo and the Borg-Warner Trophy on his helmet.

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11:27 a.m. – **GREEN**.

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Actor-entertainer Jim Nabors will not attend the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 27 and sing “Back Home Again in Indiana” during pre-race ceremonies due to illness.

Nabors will address the Race Day crowd on the video boards at IMS from his home in Hawaii and then ask the fans to sing the beloved song together in his place.

“It’s a shame that my good friend Jim Nabors is not going to be here on Race Day, and everyone here at the event will miss him tremendously,” said Mari Hulman George, Indianapolis Motor Speedway chairman of the board. “We hope that the fans’ rendition of ‘Back Home Again in Indiana’ serves as a get-well card to Jim from hundreds of thousands of his close friends here at the track.”

Nabors has become a legendary figure in Indianapolis 500 lore since he began his stirring rendition of “Back Home Again in Indiana” during pre-race ceremonies in 1972. He has sung the tune before 29 Indianapolis 500-Mile Races since 1972, including every year since 1987.

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The crew chief whose mechanical skill helps a driver win the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 will be presented the Honda Motorcycle Indy 500 Winning Crew Chief Award, a Honda Valkyrie Rune cruiser motorcycle.

Matt Jonsson of Team Penske won the award and a Valkyrie Rune last year for helping Sam Hornish Jr. capture a thrilling, last-lap victory in “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

With the Honda Valkyrie Rune, cruiser styling is taken to all-new heights and blended seamlessly with Honda’s most advanced technology. The motorcycle features an 1832cc liquid-cooled, horizontally-opposed six-cylinder engine, a five-speed transmission and a shaft final drive.

Honda Racing HI7R Indy V-8 engines will power all 33 starters in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500, which starts at 1 p.m. (ET) Sunday. Honda Performance Development became the single provider of engines for the IndyCar® Series in 2006, and the last three Indianapolis 500 winners have used Honda engines.

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The 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 will be televised Sunday, May 27 to more than 200 countries and more than 442 million households worldwide through ESPN and its international distribution efforts. ESPN, the exclusive worldwide television representative of the IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500, will televise the Indianapolis 500 live to 166 countries and territories outside the United States.

ESPN’s international networks will televise the race throughout Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and the Pacific Rim. The green flag falls on the 33-car starting field of “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” at 1 p.m. (ET) Sunday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In the United States, ABC’s coverage starts with a pre-race show at noon (ET), followed by the race at 1 p.m. The broadcast team of host Brent Musburger, lead announcer Marty Reid, analysts Rusty Wallace and Scott Goodyear, and pit reporters Jack Arute, Jamie Little, Brienne Pedigo and Vince Welch will cover all of the stories from Indianapolis.

ESPN is also responsible for the global syndication of the Indy 500 for live broadcast in Belgium, Bosnia/Serbia, Baltic States, Canada, Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, and the U.K. In addition, ESPN will distribute the Indy 500 to the American Forces Network, which serves military personnel stationed in 176 countries and U.S. territories.

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Bombardier Learjet will provide the winner of the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 with round-trip transportation on a Learjet 45XR from the winner's city in the United States to the Bombardier Learjet 550k on June 9 at Texas Motor Speedway.

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American Le Mans Series competitor Duncan Dayton will turn laps in the Joe Hunt Magneto Special, a Ewing/Offy from the golden years of roadster racing, during the Vintage Car Parade at 3:30 p.m. today at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Dayton, who has been collecting vintage race cars for more than 20 years, will mark several firsts with this outing. It is both his first time driving the car, which he co-owns with James King and Marnix Dillenius, and his first time around the famed 2.5-mile oval.

**DUNCAN DAYTON:** "When you're driving one of these machines, all your senses are fired up- it's really sensory overload. You've got to step back and admire these guys for their sheer gutsiness in pushing the limits. Although I plan on wearing slightly more protection that they did in the heyday of roadster racing, I hope to experience some of the same adrenaline-packed thrills they must have felt in these cars."

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 FINAL PRACTICE REPORT: (cont.)**

11:47 a.m. – **YELLOW**. Debris on the frontstretch

11:49 a.m. – **GREEN**.

Noon – **CHECKERED**.

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Dennis LaCava, chief mechanic for the #91 Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone driven by Richie Hearn, was named the winner of the 2007 True Grit Award. Chris Paulsen, owner of C & R Racing, Inc., announced LaCava as the 10th winner of the True Grit Award, which was presented earlier today. Paulsen, an Indy-style chief mechanic for many years, presented the \$5,000 award to LaCava.

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John Jones, chief mechanic for the #77 Chastain Motorsports Panoz/Honda/Firestone, was named the winner of the 21<sup>st</sup> Clint Brawner Mechanical Excellence Award. Presented annually since 1987 by the Clint Brawner Foundation and underwritten by Firestone Racing, the award pays tribute to the memory of the late Clint Brawner, chief mechanic on six national champion cars in AAA- and USAC-sanctioned series. It rewards a chief mechanic at Indy each May who "exemplifies the mechanical and scientific creativity, ingenuity, perseverance, dedication, enthusiasm and expertise" of Brawner.

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**FREEDOM 100 RACE SPECIFICS:**

**(Selected information from this morning's drivers meeting):**

- The race is 100 miles, 40 laps on the 2.5-mile oval.
- Pit road speed limit is 45 mph.
- The green flag to start the race will be shown on the third time past the flag stand.
- Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford will drive the Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car. He will bring the field to the line between 80 to 100 mph.
- The restart zone is located between Turns 3 and 4.

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1969 Indianapolis 500 winner Mario Andretti was an interested observer of Miller Lite Carb Day final practice today from the Andretti Green Racing pits.

Andretti's son Michael, grandson Marco and nephew John are in the starting field Sunday.

**MARIO ANDRETTI:** "My wish list? Michael would win, Marco would get second, and John would finish third. All I can see is that all five of the AGR cars are quite happy here. I'm listening to the comments from most of the drivers, and all of them are doing very well. They have done their work. We don't know how the conditions will fare out on Race Day, but I think the cars are better on paper this year than they were last year. We will see how it goes."

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Aldo Andretti offered comments today about his son (John Andretti), nephew (Michael Andretti) and great-nephew (Marco Andretti) starting the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 on Sunday.

**ALDO ANDRETTI:** (How does it feel seeing three of your Andretti boys in the race?): "I'm overwhelmed, obviously. Because it was not as much planning for this, this year. It all happened, and I'm really ecstatic that everything is working out as well as it is. I keep repeating myself when I say that John (Andretti), you have a hill to climb in three days. He's looking good. He's very happy with the car. So I'm very happy, obviously."

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**FREEDOM 100 PRE-RACE:**

At 12:15 p.m., the ambient temperature was 81 degrees with a relative humidity of 54 percent and west-northwest winds at 6 mph. Skies were partly cloudy. The track temperature was 116 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

12:30 p.m. – Command to start engines Phil Panci, and grand marshal of the event. All 24 starters on track for pace laps.

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**FREEDOM 100 RACE RUNNING:**

**Lap 1: GREEN.** #52 Losch leads field into Turn 1. #7 Lloyd makes pass for lead entering Turn 1. Behind, #27 Cunningham makes and inside move and makes contact with #53 Potekhen. **YELLOW** for debris in Turn 1. Indy Pro Series officials have black flagged #27 Cunningham for jumping the start. Car will be moved to the rear of the field.

Lap 2: Pit Report: #53 Potekhen on pit lane. Crew replaced nosecone on the car.

Lap 3: Pit Report: #55 Mutoh on pit lane. Crew replaces left-front tire.

Lap 4: **GREEN.** #7 Lloyd leads field into Turn 1.

Lap 5: **YELLOW.** #33 Jantzi and #38 Justice make light contact in Turn 1. #38 Justice does a quarter-spin and makes light contact with #1 Wilson, but saves the car and continues.

Lap 7: Pit Report: #38 Justice to pit lane to replace right rear tire. Fans give Justice a standing ovation as car entered pit road.

Lap 8: Pit Report: #1 Wilson to pit lane to replace nosecone. Repeated attempts to fire car have failed.

Lap 10: **GREEN.** #7 Lloyd leads field into Turn 2. #52 Losch, running second, slows on restart and heads for pit lane. #27 Cunningham has flat tire on course.

Lap 14: #27 Cunningham on pit road to replace right rear tire.

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Lap 15: #4 Guthrie makes light contact with the wall at the exit of Turn 1. #7 Lloyd leads #9 Festa by 2.0517 seconds.

Lap 16: #4 Guthrie on pit lane for right front tire change.

Lap 18: Crew for #52 Losch reports car is out of the race with a gearbox failure.

Lap 20: #7 Lloyd leads #9 Festa by 2.5166 seconds. #1 Wilson rejoins the race, many laps down.

Lap 25: #5 Prendeville passes #9 Festa for second place entering Turn 1. #7 Lloyd leads #5 Prendeville by 3.1155 seconds.

Lap 26: #9 Festa passes #5 Prendeville passes for second place entering Turn 1.

Lap 30: #7 Lloyd leads #9 Festa by 2.1767 seconds.

Lap 31: **YELLOW**. #15 Scarallo makes contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 3 after wheel-to-wheel contact with #34 Brownson. Scarallo climbs from the car without assistance from the Delphi Safety Team.

Lap 36: **GREEN**. #7 Lloyd leads field into Turn 1. **YELLOW**. Moisture in Turn 2.

Lap 40: **CHECKERED and YELLOW**. #7 Alex Lloyd wins the Freedom 100.

**FREEDOM 100 POST-RACE NOTES:**

- This is Alex Lloyd's fourth win of the season and the sixth victory of his Indy Pro Series career.
- Lloyd ties Thiago Medeiros' 2004 series record of four consecutive victories. He is the first driver to win the first four races of the season.
- Lloyd is the first driver to record victories on the oval and road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He won the Liberty Challenge in 2006.
- Chris Festa matched his season-best finish of second, which last occurred at Homestead-Miami Speedway in March.
- Jaime Camara recorded his season-best finish of third. His previous best finish was fourth at Homestead-Miami in March.
- Rookie Andrew Prendeville finished a career-best fourth. His previous best finish was fifth at Homestead-Miami in March.
- Hideki Mutoh finished fifth, his fourth consecutive top-five finish, while Mike Potekhen finished a season-best sixth. Both were involved in the first-lap incident.
- The pole sitter failed to win the Freedom 100 for the first time in Freedom 100 history.

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**RESULTS OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> CHECKERS/RALLY’S PIT STOP CHALLENGE:**

**Qualification Round**

1. Team Penske (#3 Castroneves), 8.093 seconds.
2. Team Penske (#6 Hornish Jr.), 8.376 seconds.
3. Target Chip Ganassi Racing (#9 Dixon), 8.654 seconds.
4. Andretti Green Racing (#27 Franchitti), 8.907 seconds.
5. Target Chip Ganassi Racing (#10 Wheldon), 9.311 seconds.
6. Vision Racing (#2 Scheckter), 9.438 seconds.
7. Andretti Green Racing (#7 Patrick), 9.925 seconds.
8. Panther Racing (#4 Meira) 9.179 seconds
9. Rahal Letterman Racing (#8 Sharp), 9.186 seconds
10. Andretti Green Racing (#11 Kanaan), no time. (Team withdrew due to issue with the car).

Note: Positions 7-10 are eliminated from the competition.

**Quarterfinals**

Rahal Letterman Racing (#8 Sharp) 8.466 def. Target Chip Ganassi Racing (#9 Dixon), 11.650.  
Panther Racing (#4 Kanaan) 10.095 def. Andretti Green Racing (#27 Franchitti), 11.773 (three-second penalty assessed.)

**Semifinals**

Team Penske (#3 Castroneves), 7.677 def. Rahal Letterman Racing (#8 Sharp), no time. (Sharp stalled on exit).

Team Penske (#6 Hornish), 8.4471 def. Panther Racing (#4 Meira), 11.7395.

**Final**

Team Penske (#3 Castroneves), 8.335 def. Team Penske (#6 Hornish), 8.888. Castroneves climbed the fence after winning the Pit Stop Challenge.

**CHECKERS/RALLY’S PIT STOP CHALLENGE NOTES:**

- The winner of the Checkers/Rally’s Pit Stop Challenge has gone on to win the Indianapolis 500 five times: Bobby Unser, Penske Racing (1981); Danny Sullivan, Penske Racing (1985); Jacques Villeneuve, Team Green (1995); Helio Castroneves, Team Penske (2002), Buddy Rice, Rahal Letterman Racing (2004).
- Team Penske won \$65,000 of the \$100,000 purse for winning the Checkers/Rally’s Pit Stop Challenge.
- This is Team Penske’s 10<sup>th</sup> win in the Checkers/Rally’s Pit Stop Challenge. It is the winningest team in the history of the contest. It has won the last three contests (Hornish 2005) and Castroneves (2006). This is Helio Castroneves’ third win overall and his second consecutive win. He also won in 2002, when he went on to win the Indianapolis 500 that year.
- Castroneves’ team recorded the fastest pit stops in the history of the competition. His semifinal time of 7.677 seconds was the fastest time recorded, according to IRL Timing & Scoring, breaking its record from 2006 (7.7375).

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Inta Juice, one of the nation's fastest-growing smoothie and juice bar franchises, announced it will sponsor Sarah Fisher for the remainder of the 2007 IndyCar Series season beginning with the 91<sup>st</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500.

**HEATH PICKETT (Co-founder and chief operating officer, Inta Juice Enterprises):** “This relationship with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing and Sarah Fisher will play a major role in Inta Juice’s future growth because several of the locations on the IndyCar Series circuit are strategic development areas for us. With the popularity of IndyCar Series and with this sponsorship, we will increase franchise activity in target markets and brand awareness nationwide.”

**DENNIS REINBOLD (Co-owner, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing):** “We are extremely honored to introduce Inta Juice to the IndyCar Series’ growing fan base. Using the power of the IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis 500 will be a valuable marketing tool for a fast-growing company like Inta Juice.”

**SARAH FISHER (No. 5 AAMCO Transmissions/DRR Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “Competing on a professional athletic level requires that I stick to a strict diet, and Inta Juice’s smoothie products are a perfect addition to my daily diet. Strawberries are my favorite fruit and what I eat just before I race, so I’m really excited to help promote a powerful growing brand like Inta Juice. I’m a down-home, Midwestern girl, so I’m always looking for fast food.”

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GO FAST Sports & Beverage Company will sponsor the Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals entry driven Richie Hearn in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500.

**JEFF REVIOUS (GO FAST Sports & Beverage Co.):** “When we saw the news of Richie’s qualifying on ESPN.com, we envisioned a GO FAST car on the track and said to ourselves, ‘We should reach out to Richie and see if we can make this happen.’ Within hours, we were in touch with Jay Rathman, CEO of J. Rathman Sports, and he was able to work out all of the details and pull everything together at the last possible minute. The opportunity coming with just two days to put it all together is typical for GO FAST – that tends to be how we operate – hence the name of the company. In fact, the poor artists were still decaling the car at 6 a.m. on Friday morning.”

**RON HEMELGARN (Co-owner, Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals):** “In the 29 years that I have been entering cars in the Indy 500, I thought that I had seen it all until Wednesday night. It started when Richie was able to somehow find the courage to qualify the car with only 21 laps of practice on Sunday, and then putting together a huge program with GO FAST within 48 hours, has been a learning experience, to say the least. Let’s hope GO FAST can help us stay true to our colors and help the #91 GO FAST Dallara Honda win the 91st running of the Indianapolis 500.”

**RICHELIE HEARN (No. 91 Hemelgarn/Racing Professionals Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “Living just outside of Las Vegas, I was turned on to GO FAST Energy drink because it is very popular there. Not only am I grateful that they bailed us out at the last second, but as a driver, how cool is it to have GO FAST all over your race car at the Indy 500? I hope that this is just the start of a long-term relationship with Troy, Jeff and all of the cool people at GO FAST. Maybe if I win for them on Sunday, they will let me pilot the GO FAST Jetpack.”

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Lenovo, a leading computer company, announced a sponsorship agreement with the CURB/Agajanian/Beck team the Indianapolis 500. The Lenovo logo will be placed on the black No. 98 CURB/Agajanian/Beck Motorsports Dallara/Honda/Firestone car, driven by Alex Barron, for this weekend's Indianapolis 500. In addition, Lenovo will provide PC technology to be used throughout the team's functions – ranging from ignition checks to race operations and inventory.

In an innovative cross-promotion, the Indy 500 sponsorship also showcases Lenovo's support for the NBA and The Finals, marking the first time the league's marquee event has been promoted during an auto race. The front wings on the car will brand The Finals on ABC on June 7. Greg Oden and Mike Conley Jr., expected top selections in the NBA Draft in June and both Indianapolis natives, will be in the pits Sunday as guests of Lenovo and Barron.

**TONY GEORGE (Founder and CEO, Indy Racing League):** "IndyCar racing is a data-intensive, computing-intensive endeavor, highly focused and invested in innovation and development and highly dependent on information technology. We welcome Lenovo to this community and are excited to be working with the best in the business for PC technology."

**DEEPAK ADVANI (senior vice president and chief marketing officer, Lenovo):** "Lenovo creates the best-engineered PCs in the world, and the IndyCar Series provides an exciting platform to build Lenovo awareness in the U.S. market, and to showcase our products and their reliability. The Indy 500 race will provide an excellent opportunity for us to unleash the value of the IndyCar Series as a marketing platform."

**MARK TATUM (NBA Senior Vice President, Marketing Partnerships):** "Lenovo is an innovative NBA partner, and their placement of The Finals logo on the CURB/Agajanian/Beck car showcases their commitment to our relationship and their PC technology support for The Finals."

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The University of Toledo will support driver Jon Herb and the No. 19 Racing Professionals Honda-powered Dallara in the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500. Herb's parents, Marvin and Judith Herb, are both alumni and long-time supporters of the university.

**THOMAS SWITZER (Dean, University of Toledo):** "I was seated next to Judy assuming, of course, that we would talk about education and her support of the UT College of Education. We did some of that, but I soon discovered that Judy and Marvin have a son, Jon, who drives race cars in the IRL. This Memorial Day, I will attend my 29th consecutive Indianapolis 500, so Judy and I had something to talk about other than education. I told my wife that Judy Herb is a really nice person. That was the start of our relationship."

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**CHECKERS/RALLY'S PIT STOP CHALLENGE QUOTES:**

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "You really have to hand it to both Team Penske crews. To have two cars in the finals really speaks to the strength of our pit stops and all the hard work that these guys put in. Today is the team's chance to shine because the competition highlights all of their efforts. I'm happy that my guys made it to the finals, but Helio's crew was just too tough today. They did a great job and definitely deserve the win."

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**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** “These guys are just incredible. It was a great team effort. I don’t know if you saw on TV, but they have been practicing all offseason. This is their competition (pointing to the team). I was worried I would screw it up. Thank God I didn’t. Can I do a surprise for these guys here, because you guys did such a good job today? I have a present for all of you. It’s a watch for each of you. It’s a Ritmo watch worth about \$1,000. Again, you guys deserve it.” (About your start in the final round and compare that to your strategy last year?): “Actually, it wasn’t a strategy. I let the car stall. I was having a little trouble. The revs were really high, and for me it is horrible. You want to make sure that you control the car. In those stops, the idle was really high. So I kind of waited for the idle to go back, and at that time I was putting it into first gear and to release the clutch a little bit to make sure the idle comes down, and unfortunately the guy threw the green flag and the car stalled. It is not very good because you want to keep the momentum, especially with these guys. So finally I was able to go out there, and it was a good stop and we didn’t make any mistakes.

**RICK RINAMAN (Chief mechanic, No. 3 Castroneves):** (What does it mean winning this contest to the team?): “You know we come here with three races in mind: the run for the pole; believe me, the pit stop is just as high up there for everybody as the pole run, and then we’ve got the race. We’ve got one more to do. This puts us in the race with a lot of confidence in ourselves, and not just ourselves, the (No.) six car guys. To make it in the finals is a pretty challenging thing. We’ve got two teams that are going to fight for this win. We’ve accomplished two things, and now it is time to set our sights on the race.”

**TIM CINDRIC (President, Penske Performance Inc.):** (About having both teams in the final): “It’s all about the guys here. To have them come home one-two is great. For all of Penske Racing, we were able to take the NASCAR All-Star Challenge last week for the pit stop contest, and to do that again with both Indy Cars is great.” (Does it make it a little more special beating the other half of the team in the final? Are your guys going to enjoy having bragging rights now?): “Well, it’s pretty cool going into the finals knowing that one of us is going to win. It’s also pretty cool to take a little money out of R.P. (Roger Penske)’s pocket. I think its real special. This team’s gone through a lot here in the last year, relocating ourselves from Reading (Pennsylvania) to Mooresville (North Carolina). There’s a couple guys that were sitting here last year that aren’t sitting here this year. My hat’s off to Rick (Rinaman) and the guys to fill those voids, because they were voids to fill. They stood the test today.”

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**SATURDAY’S SCHEDULE (all times local):**

8 a.m.	Public Gates Open
9-10 a.m.	Indy 500 Driver Autograph Session, Pagoda Plaza
11 a.m.	Public Drivers Meeting, pit lane in front of Tower Terrace
6 p.m.	Track Closes

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Good morning. Anton H. (Tony) George, chief executive officer of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation, members of the Hulman-George family and the entire Speedway and Indy Racing League staff welcome you to the World's Greatest Race Course and the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500-Mile Race.

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**91<sup>st</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 ORDER OF THE DAY (all times local):**

6 a.m.	Public Gates Open
8 a.m.	Spectacle of Bands
10 a.m.	Celebrity Red Carpet Walk, Pagoda Plaza
10:30 a.m.	Cars Begin Entering Pit Lane
11 a.m.	500 Festival Princess Lap
11:15 a.m.	“On the Banks of the Wabash” – Purdue University All American Marching Band
11:30 a.m.	Celebrity/VIP Laps
12:03-12:23 p.m.	Live Music Performed by Daughtry, Coca-Cola Stage, Pagoda Plaza
12:32 p.m.	Driver Introductions, Yard of Bricks
12:36-12:40 p.m.	Live Music Performed by Daughtry, Coca-Cola Stage, Pagoda Plaza
12:40 p.m.	Military Recognition March
12:48 p.m.	Speech by General R. Martin Umbarger, Adjutant General of Indiana
12:51 p.m.	“God Bless America” – Florence Henderson, Victory Podium
12:55 p.m.	National Anthem Performed by Representatives from Each of the Five Branches of the U.S. Military, Victory Podium. Singers: Senior Master Sergeant Angela Burns, U.S. Air Force; Petty Officer Lisa Williamson, U.S. Coast Guard; Staff Sergeant Colin Eaton, U.S. Army; Petty Officer J. David Sigmon, U.S. Navy; Sergeant Terri Kopetzki, U.S. Marine Corps
12:56 p.m.	Flyover by four F-22 Raptor jets from Langley AFB, Va.
12:57 p.m.	“Drivers to Your Cars” Announcement
12:58 p.m.	Invocation – Rev. Daniel Buechlein, Archbishop of Indianapolis
12:59 p.m.	Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Video
1 p.m.	“Taps”
1:02 p.m.	Jim Nabors Video Message
1:02 p.m.	“Back Home Again in Indiana” – Race Fans and Purdue University All American Marching Band/Balloon Spectacle
1:03 p.m.	Command to Start Engines – Mari Hulman George, Victory Podium
1:04 p.m.	Parade Lap
1:09 p.m.	Pace Laps – 2007 Chevrolet Corvette, driver Patrick Dempsey
1:11 p.m.	Green Flag for 91 <sup>st</sup> Running of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race waved by Super Bowl XLI Most Valuable Player Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts quarterback
6 p.m.	Track Closes

*Note: Subject to change due to weather.*

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Rain fell overnight at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Track drying began shortly after 6:10 a.m.

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The Speedway's Daily Trackside Report system will provide you with information throughout and after the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis-500 Race, including race running, statistical and scoring information, records and the unofficial and final box scores. Prize money will be announced at the Victory Celebration on Monday night.

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The 92<sup>nd</sup> Indianapolis 500-Mile Race is scheduled for Sunday, May 25, 2008. Ticket information can be found in a foldout page between pages 16-17 of the 2007 Indianapolis 500 Official Program. Ticket information also can be obtained by calling the Speedway's ticket office, (317) 492-6700 or (800) 822-INDY, or by logging on to [www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com](http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com).

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Brian Barnhart, an Indianapolis native, is the president of the competition and operation division of the Indy Racing League, sanctioning body for the IndyCar Series. He is the chief official of the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500-Mile Race.

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Award-winning actor Patrick Dempsey will drive the Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Official Pace Car leading the field to the start of the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. During caution periods in the race, three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford, from Fort Worth, Texas, will be the driver. Jim Haynes, from Phoenix, will serve as observer from the Pace Car. Under the caution, cars will close up behind the Pace Car.

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The 33-car field, aligned in the traditional 11 rows of three, will get the green flag on the third time past the flag stand. The starters for the Indy Racing League are Bryan Howard of Lomita, Calif., and Paul Blevin, of Riverside, Calif. Both are in their 11<sup>th</sup> year.

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Kevin Swindell led all 50 laps to win the 62<sup>nd</sup> "Night Before the 500" USAC National Midget Car Series event Saturday night at O'Reilly Raceway Park.

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Eric Gordon won the 59<sup>th</sup> "Little 500" USAC Sprint Car event Saturday night at Anderson Speedway. It was Gordon's eighth win in the event.

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Five members of the United States Armed Forces – one each from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy – will sing the National Anthem before the start of the 90<sup>th</sup> Indianapolis 500 today at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The singers are: Senior Master Sergeant Angela Burns, U.S. Air Force; Petty Officer Lisa Williamson, U.S. Coast Guard; Staff Sergeant Colin Eaton, U.S. Army; Petty Officer J. David Sigmon, U.S. Navy; Sergeant Terri Kopetzki, U.S. Marine Corps

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**PRE-RACE HISTORICAL RACE NOTES:**

- The best finish by a woman in the Indianapolis 500 was fourth by Danica Patrick in 2005.
- Marco Andretti and Michael Andretti are the fourth father-son combination to race in the same Indianapolis 500. The other father-son duos: Mario and Michael Andretti, Mario and Jeff Andretti and Al Unser and Al Unser Jr.

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Television personality and actress Melissa Rivers took a few laps around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Pace Car on Saturday with IMS President and Chief Operating Officer Joie Chitwood behind the wheel.

**MELISSA RIVERS:** "It's unbelievable. It's absolutely mind-boggling to see in person. You know, I've seen it in person my whole life and to see it up close and personal is quite an experience." (Was it scary riding with Chitwood): "He was very kind and very gentle. We were both a little concerned about the camera mount, so we didn't open it up completely. Maybe I can talk him into a lap without the cameras later on." (About riding in the Pace Car): "It felt like we were barely going at all. We were definitely close enough to the walls. We were talking about the fact that people don't realize how narrow the track is, and he (Chitwood) was saying when you have 11 rows of three Indy cars behind you chomping at the bit before you get out of the way, it's pretty intimidating."

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The latest race technology was created for airplanes but it is now a unique new addition to Andretti Green Racing's arsenal of strategic tools. The team, which will field five cars in the Indianapolis 500, has exclusive access to real-time weather data, through its partnership with XM Satellite Radio, delivered trackside to team computers by XM's satellites.

The result is up-to-the-second information about critical weather elements that can impact race car performance, from wind speed and humidity to storm cells and lightning strikes. Andretti Green Racing's engineers receive a constant stream of localized weather data directly to pit computers. The data is overlaid on a GPS map, and can be viewed in multiple formats. The result is an extensive system of current and approaching weather measurements, all of which allow AGR to customize racecar set-up and formulate strategy.

**KIM GREEN (Co-owner, Andretti Green Racing):** "With the weather forecast to be a major factor in this year's Indy 500, we're happy to have XM Weather technology available as an additional strategic tool. Racing is both science and art, and successful racing requires the absolute best combination of both."

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7:57 a.m. – Rain showers are falling over the Speedway

9:43 a.m. – Track drying process has begun again.

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Sam Hornish Jr. has altered his helmet design for the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500 to commemorate his 2006 "500" win. Hornish's helmet will continue to fly the red-and-white stripes of the American flag but will be intersected by a row of bricks running the length of Hornish's helmet. In addition, the face mask of the helmet will feature white stars but will be flanked by wings similar to the logo of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Jason Beam painted Hornish's new helmet.

**SAM HORNISH JR. (No. 6 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "I think the helmet came out really well. The design is very personal, because the Indianapolis 500 has always been a very special part of my life. The wings and bricks are two symbols that really speak to the history of the race and the reasons why the Indy 500 is truly 'The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.'"

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**91<sup>ST</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 PRE-RACE CELEBRITY QUOTES:**

**PATRICK DEMPSEY (Actor, Pace Car driver):** (About driving the Pace Car): “I’ll never get the opportunity to race here, so this is the closest I’ll come. It’s hard to find the words to describe it. It’s a memory I’ll always cherish. This means so much to me. This is my fourth year here, but I’ve been watching it as long as I can remember.” (Who do you think will win today?) “I think TK (Tony Kanaan) has a really strong shot. He’s always good on the ovals. I think he may take it. Dan Wheldon also is very strong. Penske, you never know, he always finds a way to win the race. And Dario (Franchitti), he did a phenomenal job qualifying. It’s a shame he didn’t get the pole. And Tomas (Scheckter), he’s an incredible driver. He never holds back. He’s very passionate about it, and you’ve got to respect that. Some days are good; some days are bad. He’s got some great results this year, so hopefully that continues.” (About convincing colleague Eric Dane from “Grey’s Anatomy” to come to the “500”): “I was like: ‘Do you want to come? You’ll have a great time.’ He really has fallen in love with the ‘500,’ and I’m happy to see that, that someone else gets it, as well.”

**ERIC DANE (Actor):** (First time to an Indy-car race?): “No, I saw Danny Sullivan race in Laguna Seca back in ’86 or ’87. This is the first time I’ve been to the ‘500.’ This is the granddaddy of them all, THE spectacle. The Indy 500 is the Indy 500, and that’s what got me interested in coming here. There is no comparison as far as races go.” (About riding with Patrick Dempsey on the track Saturday in the Pace Car): “150 miles an hour, 120 in the turn. I’ve never been that fast in a car before. 150 miles an hour -- you better hope you’re on a racetrack! He (Dempsey) was very relaxed throughout the whole thing. I kept looking at the speedometer, then looking at him to make sure he was still calm. As long as he was cool, I figured we were all good. No fear, I trusted him. He does this – he’s a race car driver. I’m ready to go as fast as you take me. I’m driving one of the pace cars today, one of the 80 mile-an-hour pace cars.”

**RICHARD PETTY (Seven-time NASCAR Cup champion):** “I’m here to support John Andretti. He’s going to drive for Kyle (Petty) later on in the year. You know, he’s drove for us before. This is his first time in 10 or 12 years since he’s been here. So I’m here to give him moral support.” (About IndyCar Series cars compared to stock cars): “They are just so much different. They are just airplane wings with wheels on them. They put on a heck of a show, and that is what we came to see.” (Are you interested in starting an IndyCar Series team?): “No, I don’t think so. I think these things are little bit beyond my years. I’m still from the old school. I still like to see windshields, wheels, fenders, bumpers and stuff like that. I never did really look at the Indy car. Stock cars were all we ever did, and that is where I stayed.”

**MARCUS ALLEN (Pro Football Hall of Fame member, Heisman Trophy winner):** “I’m here with the Luczo Dragon racing team. I’m with All Stars Helping Kids. Part of the proceeds of their effort today will go to charity. It’s one of, I think, 12 foundations involved here. It’s really exciting.” (As an athlete who’s been on a big stage, what’s it like for you to be at the Indy 500?): “This is new to me. I grew up watching this on TV and watching Mario Andretti, so this is exciting for me to be here. I’m here with Steve (Luczo), who’s a dear friend, and Jay Penske, so it’s exciting to be here to support these guys.”

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**MITCH DANIELS (Governor, state of Indiana):** “This is the greatest day of the year in Indiana. I just hope the weather will cooperate. I'd be hard to top last year, both for the weather and the racing. If I wasn't an optimist, I would have never run for this job. I am optimistic about today.”

**GREG ODEN (Indiana Mr. Basketball in 2006, center for 2007 NCAA runner-up Ohio State):** “I've been learning about the history of Indy cars. It's cool to see the cars. I saw the steering wheel, and I got confused. Hands down to anybody who does this. I'm enjoying myself. It's a crazy atmosphere out here, but I'm going to have fun. I have not been to the race before. I came to the track to wave the green flag at practice one day last year. I'm ready to see some cars go by!” (About the cars) “They're so small. I think I was bigger than the car itself. (Oden is 7 feet tall). Someone said I could wear one as a skate and just roll around out there.” (His pick for the win today): “A guy that I did meet is Alex Barron. He's a really great guy. He's my favorite to win today.”

**BARON DAVIS (Guard, Golden State Warriors):** “I'm here to support the No. 12 car, Ryan Briscoe, as well as Team Play –The Baron Davis Foundation – and LAStars.net charities. I've been friends with Steve Luczo for a while, and he's been a mentor to me throughout our friendship. This is one of the greatest events I've ever been to – far beyond any basketball game you can imagine. When those cars start up, you feel the intensity of what it's like to be here at the Indy 500. For me, this is a release from basketball. This is exciting.”

**JOHN OATES (Musician, Hall & Oates):** “I've got my 11-year-old son with me. He's here for his first race. We're really looking forward to it. We were with a bunch of guys, Gene Simmons, Apolo Ohno. It's really great to be here.”

**MIKE CONLEY JR. (Guard, 2007 NCAA runner-up Ohio State):** (About growing up near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway): “To tell you the truth, I never knew where the (Indianapolis Motor) Speedway was when I was growing up. I stayed on my side of town and concentrated on basketball. I never had a chance to come over here.” (About preparing for the NBA Draft): “It's crazy. It has been a whirlwind.” (About being in the garage area): “It was fun. I got to sit in the car. I couldn't really fit, but it was exciting.”

**CANDICE MICHELLE (WWE Diva, GoDaddy.com Girl):** “This is my second time being here. It's a better opportunity this year. I was here about four years ago up in the suites. I was new to racing. I was the fan who thought it was just driving in circles. After being in the pits, I learned what goes into racing and really started to support it. I came back this year to support Danica Patrick. She's such a strong woman in a man's sport. She's not just a pretty face. She is very competitive.” (What do you remember from your first year?): “I remember sitting up in the suites. They gave me ear plugs and I didn't think I needed them, but once the race started I ran and got them because they were so loud.”

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**RAY LIOTTA (Actor):** (Is this your first time here?): "This is my first time out to the track. I'm been to Fontana, but I've never been here. I was asked to come, and I wanted my daughter to experience. She's having a great time, and I'm glad to be here."

**TYLER CHRISTOPHER (Actor):** "Life is good. I'm just here to enjoy the race. My fiancée (Brienne Pedigo) is here as a pit reporter. I'm just trying to learn this crazy race business." (What have you been doing?): "I had the privilege of going through the garage of Panther Racing and seeing the shells (of the car). I now understand why so many of the drivers are smaller. I can't imagine being in one of those things trying to maneuver. I couldn't fit in the car."

**ALISON SWEENEY (Actress):** "This is my first time here at the (Indianapolis Motor) Speedway, and it is awesome. I am having such a blast." (Who do you think will win?): "It is hard to say. I'd really like to see an Andretti win. That would be great."

**PEYTON MANNING (Indianapolis Colts quarterback, race honorary starter):** "Before coming here in 1998, I always heard what a big deal the Indianapolis 500 was. I've been to the race a few times, but this year is special because I'm a part of the parade yesterday and waving the flag today. I'm kind of worried that it may be me causing this bad weather between the Super Bowl and this. I'm just glad to be involved. I live here, so the party comes right through Indy, and I just stay out of the way. It's a great time to be in Indianapolis. Obviously, the more awareness this city can get from events like the Indianapolis 500, the Final Fours and with the Super Bowl. It's been a lot of fun to be a Hoosier and to be a part of this community." (What's bigger bling: the Borg-Warner or the Super Bowl trophy?): "Obviously, I'm biased. I'm excited about being a part of the Super Bowl. It's the first championship brought back to this city. The most special times have been to share it with the fans. It's been a team and city-wide state effort."

**CHRIS "LIGHTS OUT" LYTTLE (Ultimate Fighting Championship competitor):** (Your thoughts on this year's race): "It's funny, because I was talking to someone and said, 'These people are crazy!' They looked at me and reminded me how I get in a cage and fight people. I'm not used to that, so I think that's crazy. They go 225 miles per hour. I don't understand it. If I was in a car going that fast, I wouldn't be able to handle it." (Who do you think will win?): "I'm going with Helio Castroneves. Usually, I never pick the pole sitter because they rarely win. But from what I've seen, I think he has the best chance. I'm usually always wrong, but if I was betting, then that's who I would pick."

**LUDACRIS (Actor, musician):** "How can I be too risky for the Indianapolis 500? These cars are going at 225 miles per hour. I'm ready to go." (About gaining so much attention when he comes here): "That means a lot. Make sure you tell the Indy 500 people that so I can keep coming back. I'm going to bring the whole city of Atlanta, Georgia, next time. The fans love me, and I show the love back. I have a lot of fans here in Indianapolis, and I appreciate it." (Who will win the race?): "Danica (Patrick) is my girl. I know she's married, but she's my pick for this year's race. Last year, I was in the Andretti pit, and I've always wanted Michael to win. Now that Danica is with Andretti Green Racing, I'm rooting for her along with both Marco and Michael."

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**IAN ZIERING (Actor):** “I’m a big fan of motorsports. Two wheels, four wheels, one wheel, whatever. If it’s got a combustible engine, I’ll watch it run. Today, the Indianapolis 500, it is the biggest event in racing. To be here where the whole world is focused on the sport, it’s an honor to be among all the icons of the sport. This is my first time here. It’s very thrilling for me. I mean, I smell the rocket fuel. I smell the burned rubber, and it gives me a lift. It’s just exciting to be around it. I had dinner last night with Scott Sharp and Bobby Rahal. Scott is an excellent driver. He’s my pick to win.”

**APOLO ANTON OHNO: (Olympic gold medalist, winner, “Dancing with the Stars”):** “I’m always interested in anything that goes fast, to be honest with you. I can’t help it. I’ve always loved car racing, and I’ve seen the race on TV many, many times. I’ve never been here in person. I’m very excited to be here. I have a pick but I’m not going to say it. It will jinx it.”

**GEN. CHUCK YEAGER (First person to break sound barrier):** “I’ve probably been here 10 times. I drove the Pace Car twice. I’ve flown over four times.” (About the speeds) “It’s all relative to me. I fly 2, 3,000 miles an hour. As long as you don’t hit anything, that’s all that matters. I’ve driven these cars, got to 212, 213 (mph). I’ve driven cars over 600 miles an hour!”

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**RACE SPECIFICS FROM SATURDAY’S DRIVER’S MEETING:**

- The race is 500 miles, 200 laps on the 2.5-mile oval.
- The race becomes official after 101 laps.
- The pit-lane speed is 60 mph
- The green flag to start the race will be shown on the third time past the flag stand.
- Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Johnny Rutherford will drive the Chevrolet Corvette Convertible Pace Car. The pace speed to the green will be approximately 110 mph.
- The restart zone is located between Turns 3 and 4.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 PRE-RACE:**

At 12:45 p.m., the ambient temperature was 76 degrees with a relative humidity of 65 percent. Winds were from the southwest at 6 mph. Skies were cloudy. Track temperature was 100 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

1:05 p.m. – Command to fire engines by Mari Hulman George, chairman of the board, Indianapolis Motor Speedway. All cars but #3 Castroneves started. All cars but #3 Castroneves and #91 Hearn are rolling on the grid.

1:08 p.m. – Both #91 Hearn and #3 Castroneves are rolling on the grid and have joined in their grid positions.

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**INDIANAPOLIS 500 RACE RUNNING:**

Lap 1: **GREEN.** #3 Castroneves leads field into Turn 1.

Lap 2: #11 Kanaan makes pass to the lead on the frontstretch and leads by .0052 of a second at the line.

Lap 3: #3 Castroneves takes lead on the inside entering Turn 1.

Lap 4: #11 Kanaan takes lead at the entrance of Turn 3.

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Lap 5: #11 Kanaan leads #3 Castroneves by .1783 of a second.

Lap 10: #11 Kanaan leads #3 Castroneves by .1783 of a second.

Lap 11: **YELLOW**. Debris in Turn 3. Leaders under caution are #11 Kanaan, #3 Castroneves, #27 Franchitti, #6 Hornish and #10 Wheldon.

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•When #11 Tony Kanaan took the lead in the 2007 Indianapolis 500 on Lap 1, it represented the sixth consecutive race that Kanaan has led in his Indianapolis 500 career. Kanaan now shares the Indianapolis 500 record for most consecutive races led with Rick Mears, who also led six consecutive years (1979-84). But Kanaan is the only driver to have led six consecutive races starting with his rookie year. Mears failed to lead the race his rookie year in 1978.

•This is the third consecutive Indianapolis 500 that the leader of the opening lap has started second.

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Lap 13: All cars to pit lane. #3 Castroneves wins race off a pit lane followed by #11 Kanaan, #6 Hornish, #10 Wheldon and #27 Franchitti. Pit Report: Four tires and fuel: #2 Scheckter, 10 seconds; #20 Carpenter, 10 seconds; #22 Foyt, 12 seconds; #15 Rice, 11 seconds; #26 Ma. Andretti, 10 seconds; #27 Franchitti, nine seconds; #11 Kanaan, nine seconds; #17 Simmons, 10 seconds; #12 Briscoe, 11 seconds; #7 Patrick, 10 seconds; #8 Sharp, nine seconds; #10 Wheldon, eight seconds; #6 Hornish, eight seconds; #9 Dixon, 10 seconds; #24 Yasukawa, 19 seconds; #5 Fisher, 16 seconds. #31 Giebler, 15 seconds; #50 Unser, 50 seconds; #02 Hamilton, nine seconds; #55 Matsuura, nine seconds; #4 Meira, 12 seconds; #33 J. Andretti, 19 seconds; #23 Duno, 18 seconds; #98 Barron, 13 seconds; #77 Moreno, eight seconds; #19 Herb, nine seconds; #91 Hearn, 17 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #3 Castroneves, seven seconds; #39 Mi. Andretti, 10 seconds; #14 Manning, 19 seconds. Four tires, fuel, air pressure adjustment: #99 B. Lazier, 17 seconds. Contact between #5 Fisher, #99 B. Lazier exiting pits.

Lap 14: #77 Moreno and #5 Fisher return to pit lane.

Lap 16: **GREEN**. #3 Castroneves leads field into Turn 1.

Lap 18: #11 Kanaan makes move for lead on frontstretch and leads at the line at .0828 of a second.

Lap 20: #11 Kanaan leads #3 Castroneves by .1449 of a second.

Lap 25: #11 Kanaan leads #3 Castroneves by .1498 of a second.

Lap 28: #3 Castroneves makes move for the lead entering Turn 1. He leads at the line by .3062 of a second.

Lap 30: #3 Castroneves leads #11 Kanaan by .2809 of a second. #24 Yasukawa to pits, four tires and fuel due to lack of filling on last stop, 13 seconds.

Lap 35: #26 Andretti passes #6 Hornish for second spot. Working lap traffic, #3 Castroneves leads #26 2.3351 seconds.

Lap 37: **YELLOW**. #77 Moreno pushed up in Turn 1 and made right-side contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1. There is moderate damage on the right front of the car. Moreno climbs from the car without assistance from the Delphi Safety Team. Leaders under caution are: #3 Castroneves, #26 Ma. Andretti, #11 Kanaan, #6 Hornish and #10 Wheldon.

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Lap 40: Leaders to pit lane. #26 Ma. Andretti wins race off of pit road followed by #9 Dixon, #10 Wheldon, #6 Hornish and #11 Kanaan. #3 Castroneves exits in 29<sup>th</sup> place after fuel problem. Pit Report (30 of 32 cars still running pitted): Four tires and fuel: #5 Fisher, 15 seconds; #24 Yasukawa, 14 seconds; #98 Barron, 15 seconds; #99 B. Lazier, 14 seconds; #23 Duno, 12 seconds; #25 Roth, 14 seconds; #31 Giebler, 11 seconds; #21 J. Lazier, 13 seconds; #91 Hearn, 13 seconds; #19 Herb, 13 seconds; #55 Matsuura, 19 seconds; #50 Unser, 12 seconds; #4 Meira, 12 seconds; #02 Hamilton, 11 seconds; #20 Carpenter, #10 seconds; #2 Scheckter, 10 seconds; #22 Foyt, 11 seconds; #11 Kanaan, 10 seconds; #39 Mi. Andretti, nine seconds; #26 Ma. Andretti, nine seconds; #10 Wheldon, eight seconds; #9 Dixon, nine seconds; #12 Briscoe, 10 seconds; #7 Patrick, nine seconds; #17 Simmons, 10 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #27 Franchitti, 10 seconds; #14 Manning, 12 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front and rear wing adjustment: #6 Hornish, nine seconds. Four tires, fuel, air pressure adjustment: #15 Rice, 10 seconds; #8 Sharp, 10 seconds. Fueling problem for #3 Castroneves led to long stop, one minute. Problem with dead-man valve on fuel rig reported. #33 J. Andretti, engine cover off car due to broken mirror earlier in race. New mirror attached after stop of two minutes, 32 seconds.

Lap 41: #3 Castroneves returns to pits, eight seconds to check fuel.

Lap 43: #3 Castroneves returns to pit lane

Lap 44: **GREEN**. #26 Ma. Andretti leads field into Turn 1.

Lap 45: #26 Ma. Andretti leads #9 Dixon by .4533 of a second.

Lap 47: #9 Dixon makes pass for the leads entering Turn 1.

Lap 50: #9 Dixon leads #26 Ma. Andretti by .4774 of a second.

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•At the 50-lap mark, there were eight lead changes. The record for the most lead changes at the 50-lap mark is 17 in 1923.

•When Marco Andretti took the lead on Lap 41, he became the first Andretti to lead in his first two starts at the Indianapolis 500.

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Lap 52: **YELLOW**. #19 Herb pushes up and makes contact with the SAFER Barrier at the exit of Turn 1. Car slides through the short chute between Turns 1 and 2 and comes to rest at the exit of Turn 2. Leaders under caution are: #9 Dixon, #26 Ma. Andretti, #10 Wheldon, #11 Kanaan and #6 Hornish.

Lap 54: Leaders to pit road. #11 Kanaan, #17 Simmons and #15 Rice do not pit. #9 Dixon wins race off of pit road followed by #26 Ma. Andretti, #6 Hornish, #7 Patrick and #27 Franchitti. #12 Briscoe makes contact with #20 Carpenter on pit road. #23 Duno sent to back of the pack for a pit speed violation. Pit Report: Fuel only: #4 Meira, 10 seconds; Four tires and fuel: #5 Fisher, 11 seconds; #99 Lazier, 34 seconds, stalled on pit exit; #23 Duno, 18 seconds; #25 Roth, 21 seconds; #31 Giebler, 10 seconds; #55 Matsuura, 10 seconds; #91 Hearn, 12 seconds; #98 Barron, 12 seconds; #26 Ma. Andretti, nine seconds; #39 Mi. Andretti, 10 seconds; #20 Carpenter, nine seconds; #22 Foyt, seven seconds; #2 Scheckter, eight seconds; #8 Sharp, nine seconds; #12 Briscoe long stop due to removal of nosecone due to end plate being broken off during contact on pit road, 48 seconds; #9 Dixon, 11 seconds; #10 Wheldon, 10 seconds; #6 Hornish, 10 seconds; #3 Castroneves, seven seconds. Right-side tires and fuel: #7 Patrick, six seconds; Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #27 Franchitti, 10 seconds, #02 Hamilton, right rear wheel fell off during stop due to insecure wheel nut, 22 seconds; #14 Manning, 15 seconds.

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Lap 55: #99 B. Lazier returns to pits, 10 seconds.

Lap 56: #24 Yasukawa to pits, four tires and fuel, seven seconds; #50 Unser to pits, four tires and fuel, 14 seconds.

Lap 57: #33 J. Andretti to pits, four tires and fuel, 12 seconds.

Lap 58: #12 Briscoe returns to pits to top off fuel, engine stalled upon exit, continued.

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**Medical updates from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:**

Roberto Moreno has been transported to Methodist Hospital by ambulance for precautionary X-rays. He is awake and alert, but is complaining of back pain.

Dan Brown, right rear tire changer for #50 Unser, is being transported to Methodist Hospital by ambulance for further X-rays on his left foot.

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Lap 60: **GREEN.** #11 Kanaan leads field into Turn 1. #9 Dixon and #26 Andretti move around #15 Rice for third and fourth, respectively.

Lap 65: #11 Kanaan leads #9 Dixon by .5149 of a second.

Lap 66: **YELLOW:** #23 Duno does three-quarter spin to the left makes hard contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1 with the nose. Car makes one and a half spins and makes secondary contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1. There is moderate damage to the nosecone and rear of the car. Duno climbs from the car without assistance from the Delphi Safety Team. Leaders under caution are: #11 Kanaan, #9 Dixon, #17 Simmons, #6 Hornish and #26 Ma. Andretti.

Lap 69: Several lead cars, including #11 Kanaan, #26 Ma. Andretti, #17 Simmons and #10 Wheldon to pit lane. #9 Dixon, #6 Hornish, #27 Franchitti, #2 Scheckter, #21 J. Lazier, #7 Patrick, #39 Mi. Andretti and #22 Foyt do not pit. #10 Wheldon wins race off of pit lane followed by #26 Ma. Andretti, #11 Kanaan, #17 Simmons, #4 Meira and 15 Rice. Pit Report: Fuel only: #98 Barron, seven seconds; #99 B. Lazier, five seconds; #50 Unser, 17 seconds. Four tires and fuel: #20 Carpenter, nine seconds; #26 Ma. Andretti, nine seconds; #17 Simmons, 10 seconds; #10 Wheldon, five seconds; #3 Castroneves, six seconds; #02 Hamilton, 10 seconds; #5 Fisher, 15 seconds; #24 Yasukawa, eight seconds. Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #14 Manning, 10 seconds; #50 Unser; #4 Meira, nine seconds; #15 Rice, nine seconds; #7 Patrick, nine seconds; #11 Kanaan, 10 seconds.

Lap 71: **GREEN.** #9 Dixon leads field into Turn 1. #6 Hornish takes lead entering Turn 1 and #27 Franchitti completes pass of #9 Dixon for second entering Turn 3.

Lap 74: #27 Franchitti takes lead on the inside in Turn 1.

Lap 75: #27 Franchitti leads #6 Hornish by .3041 of a second.

Lap 80: #27 Franchitti leads #6 Hornish by .2409 of a second.

Lap 83: Battling for second, #6 Hornish and #2 Scheckter make contact, right front wing of #2 Scheckter to left rear of #6 Hornish. #2 Scheckter completes pass entering Turn 1.

Lap 84: #6 Hornish to pit road for four tires and fuel, nine seconds.

Lap 85: #2 Scheckter on pit road for new nosecone after contact with #6 Hornish.

Lap 86: #27 Franchitti leads #9 Dixon by 3.8632 seconds.

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Lap 89: Leader, #27 Franchitti, on pit road. New leader is #9 Dixon. Pit report: Four tires and fuel: #22 Foyt, 11 seconds; #8 Sharp, 11 seconds; #55 Matsuura, 11 seconds; #31 Giebler sideways entering pits, 34 seconds; #21 J. Lazier, 29 seconds; #91 Hearn, 13 seconds; #33 J. Andretti, 17 seconds; #99 B. Lazier, 13 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #27 Franchitti, 10 seconds.

Lap 90: Leader, #9 Dixon, on pit road. New leader is #39 Mi. Andretti. Pit report: #12 Briscoe to pits, four tires and fuel, 10 seconds. #9 Dixon to pits, four tires and fuel, front-wing adjustment, 16 seconds; #25 Roth to pits, four tires and fuel, 17 seconds.

Lap 91: Leader, #39 Mi. Andretti on pit road. New leader is #11 Kanaan. Pit report: #5 Fisher to pits, four tires and fuel, 13 seconds; #39 Mi. Andretti to pits, four tires and fuel, 12 seconds.

Lap 93: #11 Kanaan leads #26 Ma. Andretti by .7685 of a second.

Lap 95: #11 Kanaan leads #26 Ma. Andretti by .5162 of a second. Pit Report: #98 Barron to pits, four tires and fuel, 26 seconds.

Lap 96: #15 Rice to pits, four tires and fuel, nine seconds.

Lap 97: #14 Manning to pits, four tires and fuel, 10 seconds; #02 Hamilton to pits, four tires and fuel, 12 seconds; #10 Wheldon to pits, four tires and fuel, 14 seconds.

Lap 98: #20 Carpenter to pits, four tires and fuel, 11 seconds.

Lap 99: **YELLOW**. #33 J. Andretti pushes up and makes contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 2. Car comes to rest on the backstretch.

Lap 100: Leaders on pit road. #17 Simmons does not stop. #26 Ma. Andretti wins race off of pit road, followed by #11 Kanaan and #7 Patrick. Pit report: Four tires and fuel: #4 Meira, 10 seconds; #24 Matsuura, 12 seconds; #91 Hearn, 25 seconds; #50 Unser, 20 seconds; #11 Kanaan, 11 seconds; #26 Ma. Andretti, eight seconds; #3 Castroneves, 11 seconds; #6 Hornish, seven seconds; Tires only: #27 Franchitti, 10 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front-wing adjustment: #7 Patrick, 10 seconds.

Lap 101: Leader, #17 Simmons on pit road, four tires, fuel, 11 seconds. New leader is #26 Ma. Andretti.

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•When #26 Marco Andretti led the race on Lap 104, it represented the 1,000th leading lap by the Andretti family in the Indianapolis 500.

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Lap 107: **GREEN**. #26 Ma. Andretti leads field into Turn 1. #11 Kanaan makes pass for the lead in Turn 1. Behind there is a **YELLOW**. #31 Giebler does a quarter-spin to the left and makes hard contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1. Car comes to rest in Turn 1. Giebler climbs from the car without assistance of the Delphi Safety Team

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**Medical updates from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** Jon Herb, Milka Duno and John Andretti have been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. They are cleared to drive.

**ROBERTO MORENO (No. 77 Chastain Motorsports Z-Line Designs Miller Eads Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** “The car had a bad wiggle all over the place. It was very tough. When I got to Turn 1, we just went straight. I couldn't do anything.”

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**JON HERB (No. 19 AERCON/Dad's Root Beer Special Dallara/Honda/Firestone):**

"I had a good run going into Turn 1, and I saw the two cars in front of me make a move. They both kind of hesitated a little bit more than I expected, and I got a run into Turn 1 on Al (Unser) Jr. I had nowhere to go, and I ended up in the marbles. It's just a shame. I just feel terrible about the deal."

**MILKA DUNO (No. 23 CITGO Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone):** "I was having a good race. I was in 22<sup>nd</sup> when had a penalty in pit lane. When we went green, I was passing a car in Turn 1 when my car spun. It was a fantastic day."

**JOHN ANDRETTI (No. 33 Camping World Panther Dallara/Honda/Firestone):**

"We lost the mirror early, and they made us replace it. We lost a lap replacing it. We tried to manage our way back up through, to see if we could try to do something to get into the lead lap. And that wasn't working. Going down on Turn 1, I had someone dive underneath me. I got up into the second groove and got all that stuff on my tires. And when I went into Turn 2, I knew it was going to be bad. I couldn't turn down again because after going through Turn 1 and lifting, they were starting to get underneath me. And so I got into Turn 2, and the car wouldn't turn at all, and the car just went straight. It wasn't a very fast hit. I wasn't going wide open because I anticipated what was coming, and it took off way quicker than I thought it was. This place can pump you up so much and take it all away from you that quickly. Today wasn't the day I hoped for, but I also see my teammate Vitor in fourth, so I think that's a great day."

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Lap 111 pit stop report: Fuel only: #02 Hamilton, six seconds; #25 Roth, nine seconds. Four tires and fuel: #39 Mi. Andretti, nine seconds; #2 Scheckter, 10 seconds; #22 Foyt, eight seconds.

Lap 113: **RED.** 3:02 p.m. – Heavy rain begins to fall over the Speedway. The last race stopped because of rain was the 2004 race, which was halted by 1 hour, 47 minutes because of race on Lap 28. The was stopped early by 20 laps because of rain.

4:01 p.m. – Track drying process begins.

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**Medical update from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** Phil Giebler has been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center.

**PHIL GIEBLER (No. 31 Ethos Fuel Reformulator Panoz/Honda/Firestone):** "We were out there on cold tires, and I went into Turn 1, and the cars in front of me checked up, so I had to brake as well. The car had a pretty bad push, and the car just snapped on me. The car was pretty unpredictable on the restarts, so it made the first corner hard to handle." (About his day): "We were struggling with the car all day, but I think we were really starting to make it work. We tried to make some strategic moves by staying out, and then we had some trouble in the pits on the next stop. It truly was a fight out there. It really is a shame that I couldn't give all the Playa Del Racing and Ethos Fuel Reformulator guys a better finish, but I think we learned a lot and hopefully we can find the funding for some more races this season."

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1969 Indianapolis 500 winner Mario Andretti offered comments about the performance of his grandson, Marco Andretti, who was in second when rain forced the suspension of the race.

**MARIO ANDRETTI:** "I think he was driving like a master again today. When the car is there, he can drive. That is no question." (Did he know he was going to get passed?): "He felt he was going to be a sitting duck. He wasn't worried except for the possibility of rain. He felt he had a fight in him. It's just a weather situation." (About Marco being a legitimate driver): "I agree, of course. Even last year, he was competitive all day, too. It wasn't like he just landed in second. He proved it again this time. If he has a car under him, then he can drive."

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5:43 p.m. – Cars are being pushed back to pit lane.

At 5:45 p.m., the ambient temperature was 73 degrees with a relative humidity of 72 percent. Winds were calm. Skies were cloudy. Track temperature was 82 degrees, according to Firestone engineers.

5:49 p.m. – Driver are strapped into their cars.

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When the race re-starts, the pits will re-open the first time by. The race will resume with a single-fine restart the third time by.

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5:56 p.m. – Command to re-fire engines given. All cars are running.

5:59 p.m. – Cars are rolling on the grid after a delay of 2 hour, 57 minutes.

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Lap 114: Several lead lap cars on pit road, including #27 Franchitti, #9 Dixon, #8 Sharp, #14 Manning and #12 Briscoe. Pit report: #27 Franchitti pitted due to right rear tire puncture, four tires and fuel, nine seconds. Four tires and fuel: #9 Dixon, 10 seconds; #8 Sharp, nine seconds; #12 Briscoe, 12 seconds; #98 Barron, eight seconds; #99 B. Lazier, 12 seconds; #5 Fisher, 12 seconds; #24 Yasukawa, 13 seconds; #14 Manning, 42 seconds; #55 Matsuura, 12 seconds.

Lap 116: **GREEN.** #11 Kanaan leads field into Turn 1. #26 Ma. Andretti bids for the lead down the frontstretch, but can't complete the pass.

Lap 117: #26 Andretti passes #11 Kanaan for the lead on the outside of Turn 3.

Lap 118: #11 Kanaan passes #26 Ma. Andretti for the lead on the inside of Turn 3.

Lap 120: #7 Patrick passes #26 Ma. Andretti for second. #11 Kanaan leads #7 Patrick by .3240 of a second.

Lap 125: #11 Kanaan leads #7 Patrick by .2920 of a second. Top five are separated by 1.1522 seconds.

Lap 126: #20 Carpenter to pits for inspection after brushing wall in Turn 2, four tires and fuel, 19 seconds.

Lap 130: #11 Kanaan leads #7 Patrick by .2028 of a second.

Lap 133: #15 Rice to pits, four tires and fuel, 10 seconds.

Lap 134: #10 Wheldon passes #26 Ma. Andretti for third place. #55 Matsuura to pits, four tires and fuel. #10 Wheldon to pits, four tires, fuel, nine seconds.

Lap 135: #22 Foyt to pits, four tires and fuel, eight seconds. #6 Hornish to pits, four tires, fuel, 10 seconds.

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Lap 136: #11 Kanaan leads #7 Patrick by 1.9288 seconds.

Lap 137: #11 Kanaan to pits, four tires, fuel, front-wing adjustment, 11 seconds. #7 Patrick to pits, four tires, fuel, 10 seconds. #3 Castroneves to pits, four tires, fuel, front-wing adjustment, 12 seconds. New leader is #27 Franchitti.

Lap 138: #26 Ma. Andretti to pits, four tires, fuel, 10 seconds.

Lap 139: #17 Simmons to pits, four tires, fuel, 12 seconds. #25 Roth to pits, four tires, fuel, 13 seconds.

Lap 140: #02 Hamilton to pits, four tires, fuel, 11 seconds. #27 Franchitti leads #2 Scheckter by 1.1278 seconds.

Lap 141: #2 Scheckter to pits, four tires, fuel, 11 seconds.

Lap 142: #39 Mi. Andretti to pits, four tires, fuel, 11 seconds.

Lap 143 pit report: Four tires and fuel: #27 Franchitti, 11 seconds; #12 Briscoe, 11 seconds; #98 Barron, 14 seconds; #5 Fisher, 14 seconds; #99 B. Lazier, 11 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front-wing adjustment: #8 Sharp. Four tires, fuel, air pressure adjustment: #9 Dixon, nine seconds. New leader is #21 J. Lazier.

Lap 145: 21 J. Lazier leads #14 Manning 7.5176 seconds. #21 J. Lazier to pits, four tires, fuel, front-wing adjustment. #14 Manning to pits, four tires, fuel, 20 seconds.

Lap 150: #11 Kanaan leads #6 Hornish by .4.1198 seconds.

Lap 151: **YELLOW**. #25 Roth pushes up and makes contact with the SAFER Barrier in Turn 1. Car rolls through short chute between Turns 1 and 2 and comes to rest in the groove in Turn 2. Leaders under caution are #11 Kanaan, #6 Hornish, #27 Franchitti, #7 Patrick and #3 Castroneves. Roth climbs from the car without assistance of the Delphi Safety Team.

Lap 155: Several lead cars on pit lane. #27 Franchitti, #9 Dixon, #12 Briscoe, and #8 Sharp do not pit. Pit report: Four tires and fuel: #15 Rice, 11 seconds; #22 Foyt, nine seconds; #20 Carpenter, nine seconds; #2 Scheckter, nine seconds; #11 Kanaan, 10 seconds; #39 Mi. Andretti, stalled on pit exit, 20 seconds; #10 Wheldon, nine seconds; #6 Hornish, eight seconds; #3 Castroneves, eight seconds; #7 Patrick, 10 seconds; #17 Simmons, 11 seconds; #98 Barron, 12 seconds; #4 Meira, 10 seconds; #55 Matsuura, 12 seconds; #24 Yasukawa, 12 seconds; #91 Hearn, 32 seconds. Four tires, fuel, front wing adjustment: #26 Ma. Andretti, 10 seconds.

Lap 156: **GREEN**. #27 Franchitti leads field into Turn 1. Behind there is a **YELLOW** for a multi-car crash. Cars involved are #11 Kanaan and #21 J. Lazier. #21 J. Lazier made contact with the outside retaining wall at the exit of Turn 4. #11 Kanaan gets loose and spins in avoidance but does not make contact. Kanaan ends up on pit lane with flat right rear. He stops for on pit road.

Lap 157: #11 Kanaan to pits, four tires and fuel, 11 seconds.

Lap 160: #11 Kanaan and #39 Mi. Andretti on pit lane. Pit report: Fuel only: #39 Mi. Andretti, 10 seconds. Four tires and fuel: #11 Kanaan, nine seconds

Lap 162. **GREEN**. Franchitti leads the field into Turn 1.

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Lap 163: **YELLOW** for multi-car crash on the backstretch. Cars involved are: #10 Wheldon, #26 Ma. Andretti, #20 Carpenter and #15 Rice. #10 Wheldon and #26 Andretti made wheel-to-wheel contact. #26 Andretti spun and made contact with the outside retaining wall and became airborne, landing upside-down. Car skids through the grass and overturns. #20 Carpenter spins to avoid #26 Andretti's car. Leaders under yellow are: #27 Franchitti, #9 Dixon, #3 Castroneves, #6 Hornish, #12 Briscoe. Andretti climbs from the car after brief assistance.

Lap 166: **YELLOW** and **CHECKERED**. #27 Franchitti wins the 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500-Mile Race under caution.

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### 91st INDIANAPOLIS 500 QUICK QUOTES:

**DARIO FRANCHITTI (No. 27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone, winner 91<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis 500):** "I can hardly believe it. Who would have thought it? I have thank my team. Can you believe it? The reason we went for that strategy was because we cut a tire on some debris. We had to make make the pit stop. And these guys called a great race. I was saving fuel uner the yellow. I was saving so much fuel. I can't believe it. It's the Indy 500! I've got to thank my whole team. I have to thank everybody at AGR and all of our sponsors. It's awesome. I couldn't believe it, just driving in there. It's fantastic. To be a member of this club is fantastic. It could have been any one of the five of us (AGR team members) today. We rolled the dice. We were unlucky in the first stint of the race. Really glad to run the second part (after the rain). I'm glad we went with it. I kind of have half an idea of what it means to win this race now. I'm pretty happy."

**SCOTT DIXON (No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi Racing Dallara/Honda/Firestone, finished second):** "Such a strange day. We were doing good at some point, and then when the rain came and cleaned the track, we just had no grip and we were really bad at traffic. We just needed some way to cycle to the front. Probably one of the worse races I've ever been in. There was no rhythm to it. There were crashes after crashes, and then obviously it rained twice. It is not the way the people want to see this race. Fans who had to leave because of the rain, and obviously there's not that many people left. We didn't want to see it end when it did at (Lap) 113 because that was just totally unfair. Nobody really had a cycle through on their pit stops. It is tough for TK (Tony Kanaan), but that is the way it goes. It's good on Dario. He was lucky he came in on that pit stop because he wasn't going to."

**HELIO CASTRONEVES (No. 3 Team Penske Dallara/Honda/Firestone, finished third):** "We started extremely well, and then unfortunately had a little incident in the pits that put us way at the back of the field. With a lot of patience, not only from me but from the entire team, we were able to recuperate, be patient, pass big and put ourselves in a very good position. After the rain, we made some changes. The car wasn't the way we liked it. We pitted, and that was incredible. The car was just a rocket ship. When I looked on the board, it was (Lap) 160. That's the time Rick Mears normally says go. And I went, and the car was real accepting. It is such a shame to not be able to finish green. It would have been such a battle. Congratulations to Dario and Andretti Green. They had five cars, and I guess they really took a chance and gambled, and worked it out for one." (About the rain delay): "It's the worst situation. You want to keep going. We made some adjustments, and it was good. That's what the beauty of it is. You try and make everything better. Rain sometimes does that."

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**Medical updates from Dr. Mike Olinger, IRL director of medical services:** Marty Roth, Jaques Lazier, Ed Carpenter, Marco Andretti and Buddy Rice have been checked and released from the Clarian Emergency Medical Center. All are cleared to drive.

Roberto Moreno has been released from Methodist Hospital after X-rays on his back were negative. He has been diagnosed with contusion on his back.

Dan Brown, right rear tire changer for #50 Unser, is being held overnight at Methodist Hospital with fractures of his left foot that will require surgery. He is expected to be released from the hospital on Monday.

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**INDYCAR SERIES POST-RACE NOTES:**

- This is Dario Franchitti's fifth career IndyCar Series victory and his first victory of the season. His last win came at the California Speedway in October 2005.
- This is the Andretti Green second win of the season and its 25<sup>th</sup> win in the IndyCar Series, breaking a tie with Team Penske for winningest IndyCar Series entrant.
- Spotter Dave Reininger had a perfect weekend at Indianapolis. Reininger serves as spotter for Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti and Freedom 100 winner Alex Lloyd.
- Davey Hamilton finished ninth in his first IndyCar Series event since June 2001.

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**91<sup>st</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 POST-RACE NOTES:**

- Dario Franchitti, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, is the 66<sup>th</sup> driver to win the Indianapolis 500, including the two co-winners. He is the second native of Scotland to win the Indianapolis 500. Jim Clark (1965) is the other.
- Franchitti is 34 years, 8 days old. He is the sixth 34-year-old to win the "500." Other drivers who were 34 when they won the Indianapolis 500 are Joe Boyer (1924), Wilbur Shaw (1937), Bill Vukovich (1953), Bobby Unser (1968) and Tom Sneva (1983). Like Franchitti they were all first-time winners at Indianapolis.
- This is the third victory for car No. 27 in Indianapolis 500 history. The last time the number won was with Jaques Villeneuve in 1995.

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**91<sup>st</sup> INDIANAPOLIS 500 POST-RACE NOTES: (Cont.)**

- Franchitti is the 10<sup>th</sup> driver to win the Indianapolis 500 from the outside of the front row. The last time was in 2002 when Helio Castroneves won.
- This is Andretti Green Racing's second Indianapolis 500 victory. It is the 18<sup>th</sup> entrant to win multiple Indianapolis 500s.
- Michael Andretti led a lap of the 2007 event. This raised his career lap leader total to 431 laps, which is ninth place on the all-time lap leader list. Michael Andretti's 431 laps led represent the most laps led by a driver who has never won the Indianapolis 500.
- Today's race was the ninth Indy 500 that Michael Andretti has led, tying him with Rick Mears and Rex Mays for fifth on the all-time list for most races led. A.J. Foyt has the record with laps led in 13 races.
- Shortened Indianapolis 500-Mile Races
  - 1916: 120 laps (scheduled)
  - 1926: 160 laps (400 miles, rain)
  - 1950: 138 laps (345 miles, rain)
  - 1973: 133 laps (332.5 miles, rain)
  - 1975: 174 laps (435 miles, rain)
  - 1976: 102 laps (255 miles, rain)
  - 2004: 180 laps (450 miles, rain)
  - 2007: 166 laps (415 miles, rain)
- Danica Patrick has finished on the lead lap in all three of her Indianapolis 500 starts.
- Davey Hamilton and Alex Barron shared the honor for highest position advancement (11 positions) of all drivers in the field. Hamilton started 20th and finished ninth, while Barron started 26th and finished 15th.
- Vitor Meira's 10<sup>th</sup>-place finish gives him four consecutive top-10 finishes in his five-year Indianapolis 500 career. He finished 12th in 2003, which was his only finish outside the top 10 in Indianapolis 500 competition. He has finished on the lead lap in four of his five Indianapolis 500 starts. In 2003 as a rookie, he finished one lap off the pace.
- The 2007 rain-shortened Indianapolis 500 had nine different lap leaders. This is the greatest number of different lap leaders for an Indianapolis 500 that went less than the full distance. The greatest number of different lap leaders for an Indianapolis 500 that went the full distance is 12 in 1993.
- Tony Kanaan was the top lap leader with 83 laps led.
- 2007 Indianapolis 500 winner Dario Franchitti led 34 laps. This total exceeded his previous career number of laps led of 16 (1 in 2004 and 15 in 2005).
- Tony Kanaan recorded the fastest lap of the race (223.420 mph) on Lap 18. This is the third time that Tony Kanaan has recorded the fastest lap in the Indianapolis 500. The other two years were 2003 and 2005.
- There are seven Indianapolis 500-Mile Races that have ended under caution: 1940, 1988, 1989, 2002, 2004, 2005, and 2007.

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- 2007 represents the third time that a race has been stopped twice in the same day due to rain. The 2007 Indianapolis 500 was stopped on Lap 113 due to rain and declared over at Lap 166 due to rain. In 1926, the race was temporarily halted because of rain on Lap 71 and was declared over after 160 laps because of rain. The 2004 Indianapolis 500 was stopped on Lap 27 due to rain and was stopped on Lap 180 due to rain.

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The next IndyCar Series event is the ABC Supply/A.J. Foyt 225 presented by Time Warner Cable at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 3 at The Milwaukee Mile. The race will be carried live by ABC Sports and the IMS Radio Network. A Spanish-language telecast of the race will be carried by ESPN Deportes. The IMS Radio Network broadcast also is carried on XM Satellite Radio channel 144 “XM SportsNation and channel 145 “IndyCar Racing” and [www.indycar.com](http://www.indycar.com).

**\*\*\* END DAY 16 NOTES \*\*\***