

CAN ANYONE SLOW DOWN SIMON? - Simon Pagenaud won three of the first eight races on the 2016 schedule and has built up an 80-point advantage in the Verizon IndyCar Series point standings. The Frenchman is one of nine drivers with previous Indy car starts at Road America entered in the KOHLER Grand Prix. Can he use his past experience to his advantage this weekend? Chris Jones/IMS Photo MENAROS

WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEKEND:

RETURN TO ROAD AMERICA: Indy car racing returns to Road America for the first time in nearly a decade. The fast, flowing 4.048-mile road course, known as America's National Park of Speed, is a favorite among drivers and fans and last hosted Indy car racing in 2007, when Sebastien Bourdais claimed his only win to date at the track in a Champ Car race.

BOURDAIS HOPES TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM: Fresh off a GTE Class victory at the famed 24 Hours of Le Mans, Sebastien Bourdais returns to race at a place that's been very good to him. The Frenchman, the only former Indy car winner entered in the KOHLER Grand Prix, has finished on the podium in each of his last four starts, including his win in 2007. Can he record another podium finish again this weekend?

ROOKIES NOT SO NEW AT ROAD AMERICA: Four Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidates—Max Chilton, Conor Daly, Spencer Pigot and Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi—will be among the 13 drivers making their first Indy car start at Road America, but they aren't newcomers to the Kettle Moraine. Daly, Pigot and Rossi all claimed wins at the track in junior open wheel series as they climbed the racing ladder. Pigot won in USF2000 in 2011, Daly won in Pro Mazda in 2010 and Rossi won in Formula BMW in 2008.

D DISPLAY PANELS:



POSITION: RED

Primary display, showing the car's position in the running order. Blinks when the position has changed from previous lap.

Example: Car is running in P12.



PUSH-TO-PASS: FLASHES GREEN

Display flashes "PP" in green while the car's push-to-pass is active.

Example: Car with active P2P.



PIT STOP TIMER: GREEN

Display shows a running clock during a pit stop in seconds.

Example: 7.9-second pit stop.



WINNER: JUAN PABLO MONTOYA



WINNER: SIMON PAGENAUD



WINNER: SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS (RACE1)



WINNER: SIMON PAGENAUD

WINNER: SCOTT DIXON



WINNER: WILL POWER (RACE 2)



WINNER: SIMON PAGENAUD WINNER: ALEXANDER ROSSI



JUNE 26, 12:30PM ET

JULY 10, 5:00PM ET



JULY 17, 2:30PM ET



JULY 31. 2:00PM ET



AUGUST 21. 3:00PM ET



AUGUST 27. 8:00PM ET (RESCHEDULE)



SEPTEMBER 4. 2:00PM ET



SEPTEMBER 18. 6:30PM ET

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2016 VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES POINT STANDINGS

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(TOP 5 AFTER 8 OF 16 EVENTS)

1. SIMON Pagenaud Team Penske	357
2. SCOTT DIXON Chip Ganassi Racing	277
3. HELIO CASTRONEVES Team Penske	271
4. JOSEF NEWGARDEN Ed Carpenter Racing	259

5. ALEXANDER **ROSSI** Andretti Herta Autosport w/Curb-Agajanian

EVENT SCHEDULE

Gates Open

All times local. Schedule subject to change.

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7:00 am

8:00 am Pro Mazda Practice **Indy Lights Practice** 9:00 am 10:15 am **USF2000 Qualifying** 11:00 am Verizon IndyCar Series Practice 12:30 pm Pirelli World Challenge GT-GTA-GT Cup Practice 1:25 pm Pro Mazda Qualifying 2:00 pm Pirelli World Challenge Autograph Session TC-TCA-TCB Drivers 2:10 pm Indy Lights Qualifying 3:00 pm Verizon IndyCar Series Practice 4:30 pm Pirelli World Challenge GTS Practice 5:15 pm Pirelli World Challenge Qualifying 6:00 pm Pirelli World Challenge TC-TCA-TCB Race #2

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8:00 am	USF2000 Race #1
8:55 am	Pro Mazda Race #1
10:00 am	Pirelli World Challenge GT-GTA-GT Cup Qualifying
10:00 am	Indy Lights & Pro Mazda Drivers Q&A on Cooper Tires Stage
10:10 am	USF2000 Drivers Autograph Session (INDYCAR Fan Village - Lower North Paddock)
11:00 am	Pro Mazda Drivers Autograph Session (INDYCAR Fan Village - Lower North Paddock)
11:00 am	USF2000 Drivers Q&A on Cooper Tires Stage
11:00 am	Verizon IndyCar Series Practice
12:00 pm	Indy Lights Race #1
1:00 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Drivers Autograph Session (INDYCAR Fan Village - Lower North Paddock)
1:10 pm	USF2000 Race #2
2:05 pm	Pro Mazda Race #2
2:30 pm	Indy Lights Drivers Autograph Session (INDYCAR Fan Village - Lower North Paddock)
3:00 pm	Qualifying for the Verizon P1 Award (three rounds of knockout qualifying)
4:30 pm	Pirelli World Challenge GT-GTA-GT Cup Race #1

SUNDAY JUNE 5 5:45 pm

7:00 am Gates Open

8:00 am Verizon IndyCar Series Warm Up

8:45 am Indy Lights Race #2

9:55 am Pirelli World Challenge GT-GTA-GT Cup Race #2

12:15 pm Verizon IndyCar Series: KOHLER GRAND PRIX (50 laps)

3:00 pm Pirelli World Challenge GTS Race #2

Pirelli World Challenge GTS Race #1

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