

NTT INDYCAR SERIES



**REV GROUP GRAND PRIX AT ROAD AMERICA
RACE REPORT**

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Another race weekend has come and gone - and left the No. 27 NAPA team of Andretti Autosport leaving Wisconsin with hardware for first place after winning in dominating fashion. Rossi's victory in Elkhart Lake marks the team's first IndyCar Series win at Road America. Team boss Michael Andretti holds three wins (1990, 1991, 1996) at the 4.048-mile circuit.

The NTT IndyCar Series now breaks for two weekends before heading north for the sole Canadian event at the Honda Indy Toronto July 13-14.

No. 27 NAPA AUTO PARTS HONDA

STARTED 2nd // FINISHED 1st

CHAMPIONSHIP: 2nd (395 pts.)

OF NOTE: Led a total of 54 of 55 laps on his way to a second victory of the season, and seventh of his career // Took the twin checkers with a 28.4391 second lead over second-place finisher Will Power

"These NAPA guys, what we did overnight, seeing what we were missing in qualifying yesterday - qualifying hurt. But to be able to go do that today was sensational and a huge thanks to the NAPA Andretti Honda team. Man, after thinking about it, that's probably the best race car I've ever driven. It was just a win that we needed to do. We've been there and thereabouts, but the Penske cars were getting the upper hand on us. To be able to go out and win a race the way we did and state our intentions, we'll regroup the next couple of weeks and come hard again in Toronto."

No. 28 DHL HONDA

STARTED 15th // FINISHED 11th

CHAMPIONSHIP: 7th (271 pts.)

OF NOTE: Gained ground on the start before being caught up in an incident with Dixon and running off track // Fell back to 18th and battled back to run inside the top 10 before settling for an 11th-place result "It feels like a bit of a waste of a weekend, to be honest. We were strong early in the weekend and then had the issue with qualifying. I had a really good start (to the

race) and made up a few spots. I tried to go around the outside of Turn 5 then (Scott) Dixon had an issue and checked up. I got into the back of him and we went off track causing us to fall back to 18th. From 18th we fought back to 11th. I think we made the wrong choice of tires at the end, finishing on the optional (Firestone alternate) reds might have been a mistake. A tough weekend overall for the DHL team."

No. 26 GAINBRIDGE HONDA

STARTED 14th // FINISHED 18th

CHAMPIONSHIP: 18th (153 pts.)

OF NOTE: Sits at 29 career IndyCar Series starts leaving Road America // Climbed one spot in the championship standings

"Overall, not exactly the weekend we wished for. We had really good speed here and there. In the race, things just didn't fall our way. We tried to go one lap longer for a pit stop but I fell off that last lap. I had a tire that was down to cords. We fell off a ton that last lap and that set us in the back where we spent rest of the day. It is tough to race yourself from 14th but then it like we started to do a good job and move forward. We got stuck with the first call and that set our fate for the rest of the day. Team did an awesome job all weekend - congrats to Alexander (Rossi). We will go on to Toronto and try to turn things around there."

No. 98 U.S. CONCRETE / CURB HONDA

STARTED 10th // FINISHED 23rd

CHAMPIONSHIP: 16th (174 pts.)

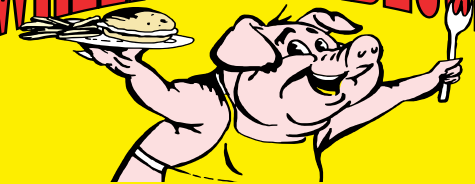
OF NOTE: Completed 18 laps before encountering a mechanical issue // The issue went undiagnosed as the 98 retired early

"The issue seemed to be electrical to me. The car was shortening out. I was getting good runs in the beginning off of the corners then guys started driving around me. It seemed incurable and we weren't sure about it. We didn't want to continue because we didn't know how to fix it. It's an unfortunate day for the U.S. Concrete guys, but we'll work hard to bounce back."

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