

**INDY TORONTO**



**Tight racin'**

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After a three-week break, the 11th race of the Honda Indy Series was run in Toronto.

Simon Pagenaud, with Penske Racing, dominated the race as he did in every practice, leading all but 5 laps of the 85-lap race. Pagenaud is from France and happened to win on their national holiday, Bastille Day. He defeated Scott Dixon of Chip Ganassi Racing in a race that finished under yellow after fellow Penske driver, Will Power, went into the Turn 8 tire barrier.

After also winning the 103rd Indianapolis 500, Pagenaud is now focused on the championship title. "If you look at my Indy car career, I've been fighting for championships almost every year," Pagenaud

said. "Never count me out. That's all I can say."

Pagenaud moved up to third in the standings and is now 39 points behind championship leader and teammate Josef Newgarden which he has held for 10 of the 11 rounds in the championship. Alexander Rossi of Andretti Motorsports is just 4 points behind Newgarden.

There are six races remaining in the season with the next one in Iowa. Season concludes in California on September 22.

While celebrations were happening in victory lane, one team mate was missing.

Fan favorite Will Powers had a terrible weekend and has struggled this whole season. In 2017 and 2018 he won 3 races each season but has yet to win at all in 2019. He could

still win a championship, he was only 108 points back going into Sunday, but something needs to change.

Both Friday and Saturdays practice session left him 14th on the time sheets. In qualifying he failed to advance out of the first round for the first time in four years.

Ultimately he started 14th at the start of the race.

He first saw trouble in the opening lap when he tried to make a run on Graham Rahal. Power tried to squeeze on the inside on turn 8. Rahal had Marco Andretti on his outside so had no room to give Power. All three collided along with three other cars sending Rahal and Power into the tire barrier. After the

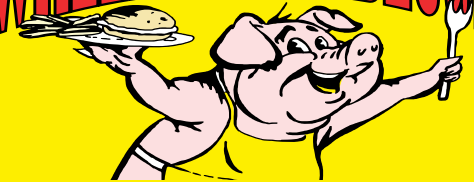
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