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Firestone FAST FACT

If you traveled at race speed across the Sunshine Skyway Bridge spanning Tampa Bay, your right rear Firestone race tire would rotate nearly 3,000 times during the drive. That's roughly 18 revolutions per second!

> Ryan Hunter-Reay streaks by the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum during preseason testing of the new Honda and Chevy aero kits at Barber Motorsports Park, where the series will make another stop in late April for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama.

Chris Owens/IMS Photo

WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEKEND:

AERO KITS MAKE RACE DEBUT AT ST. PETE: This weekend's Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg marks the competition debut of the new aerodynamic bodywork kits designed, manufactured and supplied by Chevrolet and Honda for the Dallara IR-12 chassis. Chevrolet's cars (right) seemed to have a slight advantage in testing, but which manufacturer will be the one to earn a spot in Victory Lane on the Streets of St. Pete?



SIMONA RETURNS TO SERIES: Fan favorite Simona de Silvestro, who made 65 starts over four Verizon IndyCar Series seasons, returns to the series in an Andretti Autosport Honda after a year-long absence to pursue a career in Formula One. Simona put in an exciting performance in her last race at St. Pete in 2013, running third late in the race and chasing the leaders until worn tires relegated her to a sixth-place finish.

ROOKIE STRIPES: Five drivers will make their first start at St. Petersburg: Sunoco Rookie of the Year Award candidates Stefano Coletti, Sage Karam, Francesco Dracone and Gabby Chaves, and CFH Racing's Luca Filippi, who has eight Verizon IndyCar Series starts to his credit. Chaves was the 2014 Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires champion, while Karam won the 2013 Lights title. Can a first-time starter land on the podium at St. Pete?

CAN DIXIE DO IT?: Scott Dixon, the longest-tenured driver at Target Chip Ganassi Racing, is tied with Bobby Unser for fifth on the all-time Indy car victory list with 35 wins. He has three runner-up finishes at St. Petersburg, but has not won on the 1.8-mile street circuit. Can Dixie manage his first St. Pete victory and pull ahead of "Uncle Bobby" on the all-time win list?



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2014 VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES FINAL POINT STANDINGS

(TOP 5 AFTER 18 OF 18 EVENTS)

1. WILL POWER Team Penske	671
2. HELIO CASTRONEVES Team Penske	609
3. SCOTT DIXON Target Chip Ganassi Racing	604
4. JUAN PABLO MONTOYA Team Penske	586
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EVENT SCHEDULE

	8:00 am	USF2000 Practice
	8:45 am	Pro Mazda Practice
	9:30 am	Indy Lights Practice
	10:15 am	Pirelli World Challenge GTS Race 1
	12:30 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Practice
	2:00 pm	USF2000 Practice 2
	2:45 pm	Pro Mazda Practice 2
	3:30 pm	Indy Lights Practice 2
	4:15 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Practice
	5:45 pm	Pirelli World Challenge GT Qualifying
FRIDAY March	6:30 pm	Stadium Super Trucks Practice
	7:15 pm	5K Run Presented by MBA
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	8:00 am	USF2000 Qualifying
	8:45 am	Pro Mazda Qualifying
	9:30 am	Indy Lights Qualifying
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	1:30 pm	Pro Mazda Race 1
	2:15 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Autograph Session
	2:25 pm	Indy Lights Race 1
	3:30 pm	Stadium Super Trucks Race 1
	4:15 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Qualifying
() <u>></u>	5:45 pm	Pirelli World Challenge GTS Race 2
	8:55 am	USF2000 Race 2
	9:50 am	Pro Mazda Race 2
	10:45 am	Pirelli World Challenge GT Race 2
	12:00 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Warm-Up
	12:45 pm	Indy Lights Race 2

2:10 pmStadium Super Trucks Race 22:50 pmVerizon IndyCar Series Pre-Race3:00 pmFirestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

2015 SCHEDULE

	MARCH 29, 3:00PM ET Streets of St. Petersburg		APRIL 12, 3:00PM ET Nola Motorsports Park		APRIL 19, 4:00PM ET Streets of Long Beach
NBC	APRIL 26, 3:00PM ET Barber Motorsports Park	abc	MAY 9, 3:30PM ET (ROAD COURSE) Indianapolis motor speedway	abc	MAY 16, 4:00PM ET (QUAL DAY 1) Indianapolis motor speedway
	MAY 17, 1:00PM ET (QUAL DAY 2) Indianapolis motor speedway	abc	MAY 24, 11:00AM ET (OVAL) Indianapolis motor speedway	abc	MAY 30, 3:30PM ET (RACE 1) The raceway at Belle Isle Park
abc	MAY 31, 3:30PM ET (RACE 2) The raceway at Belle Isle Park		JUNE 6, 8:00PM ET TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY		JUNE 14, 3:00PM ET Streets of toronto
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