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CHARLIE KIMBALL





TRACK LENGTH: 1.022-MILE LOW-BANKED
TRI-OVAL RACETRACK
LAPS: 250 | DISTANCE: 255.5 MILES

SUNCCO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

SCANNER FREQUENCIES PROVIDED BY: REAL CARS: FIRESTONE

POINTS: 18

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Firestone FAST FACT

The Bridgestone Americas Biorubber Process Research Center is located in Mesa, Arizona. There, a team of research experts is working to develop a domestic, sustainable and commercially-viable source of natural rubber from guayule shrubs. Natural rubber produced is developed for use in various Bridgestone tire applications.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEKEND:

RETURN TO PHOENIX: The Desert Diamond West Valley Phoenix Grand Prix will be the first Indy car event conducted at Phoenix International Raceway since 2005 and 62nd Indy car race since the track opened in 1964. Four drivers entered this weekend have previously raced Indy cars at Phoenix International Raceway: Ed Carpenter, Helio Castroneves, Scott Dixon and Tony Kanaan. Castroneves (2002) and Kanaan (2003 and 2004) are the only past PIR winners entered in this year's race.



FIRST OVAL OF 2016: The Desert Diamond West Valley Grand Prix of Phoenix is the first of five oval races on the 2016 Verizon IndyCar Series schedule. Last year, Ryan Hunter-Reay won two of the final three oval races on the schedule. Can the Andretti Autosport driver keep his oval mastery in his first racing visit to PIR?

FASTEST CARS IN PHOENIX: During the preseason test at Phoenix International Raceway, nearly every car turned a lap faster than Arie Luyendyk's 1996 official lap record of 183.599 mph. Will the record fall? Who will be the fastest driver at PIR?

ROOKIES FACE NEW CHALLENGE: Three drivers will make their first Indy car oval start this weekend at Phoenix – Max Chilton, Luca Filippi and Alexander Rossi. Chilton and Rossi, along with Conor Daly, are Sunoco Rookie of the Year award candidates. Chilton and Rossi made their series debut at St. Petersburg after competing previously in Formula One.



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2016 VERIZON INDYCAR SERIES POINT STANDINGS (TOP 5 AFTER 1 OF 16 EVENTS)

1. JUAN PABLO MONTOYA Team Penske	51
2. SIMON PAGENAUD Team Penske	43
3. RYAN HUNTER-REAY Andretti Autosport	36
4. HELIO CASTRONEVES Team Penske	32
5. MIKHAIL ALESHIN Schmidt Peterson Motorsports	30



9:00 am	Indy Lights Practice
10:00 am	Verizon IndyCar Series Practice
1:00 pm	Indy Lights Practice
2:00 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Qualifying
3:00 pm	Indy Lights Driver Autograph Session, INDYCAR Fan Village
4:15 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Driver Autograph Session, INDYCAR Fan Village
4:30 pm	Indy Lights Qualifying
6:15 pm	Verizon IndyCar Series Final Practice
6:45 pm	Concert featuring The Instant Classics, Fan Midway Stage

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1:30 pm	Indy Lights Race (90 laps)
3:00 pm	Legends Apperances, Pre-Race Stage/Fan Midway
4:15 pm	Pre-Race Concert featuring Better Than Ezra, Fan Midway Stage
5:24 pm	Driver Introduction: Pre-Race Stage/Fan Midway
6:15 pm	Desert Diamond West Valley Phoenix Grand Prix



2016 SCHEDULE



WINNER: JUAN PABLO MONTOYA



APRIL 2, 8:30PM ET



APRIL 17, 4:00PM ET



APRIL 24, 3:00PM ET



MAY 14, 3:30PM ET (ROAD COURSE)
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY



MAY 21, 4:00PM ET (QUAL DAY 1)



MAY 22, 4:00PM ET (QUAL DAY 2)



MAY 29, 11:00AM ET (OVAL)
100TH RUNNING OF INDIANAPOLIS 500



JUNE 4, 3:30PM ET (RACE 1)
THE PACEMAY AT RELLE ISLE DARK



JUNE 5, 3:30PM ET (RACE 2)



JUNE 11, 8:UUPM EI TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY



JUNE 26, 12:30PM ET



JULY 10, 5:00PM ET



JULY 17, 2:30PM ET



JULY 31, 2:00PM ET MID-0HIO SPORTS CAR COL



AUGUST 21, 3:00PM ET POCONO RACEWAY



SEPTEMBER 4, 2:00PM ET STREETS OF BOSTON



SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30PM ET