

Power settles for 2nd, defending series champion Newgarden finishes 7th

Rossi grabs 3rd career IndyCar win in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, California, April 16, (AP) — Alexander Rossi spent his early racing career in Europe, and his extended family back home in California hardly ever saw him in person.

With a chance to race an exceptionally fast Honda on the Long Beach streets in front of about 60 friends and relatives Sunday, Rossi showed everybody what they might have missed. He also demonstrated what his Honda looks capable of doing in the rest of this very promising IndyCar season.

Rossi pulled away after a late restart to win the Grand Prix of Long Beach, completing a dominant weekend by holding off Will Power for his third career victory.

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Rossi claimed his first win of the season from the pole, thriving amid the usual excitement on this beloved downtown road course just off the Pacific Ocean. Rossi led 71 of 85 laps in his Andretti Autosport Honda before taking charge on the restart with nine laps to go, pulling away from Power and moving into the IndyCar points lead after three races.

"Even though it's not my true home race, it really feels like one," said Rossi, who grew up around Sacramento. "The crowds here, and just the whole atmosphere is so welcoming and inviting. It's no surprise that this race has been on the calendar for so long. It's a pleasure to be able to come here and race. This is one I'll definitely remember for a very long time for a lot of different reasons."



Alexander Rossi during the IndyCar auto race on April 7, at Phoenix International raceway in Avondale, Arizona. (AP)

Rossi comfortably earned the second pole of his three-year IndyCar career during qualifying, and his pace was still there in the race.

Rossi doesn't have many victories yet, but they're all monsters: The 2016 Indianapolis 500 winner and veteran of five Formula One races also won at Watkins Glen late last year.

"I certainly hope I haven't peaked too early with those three," Rossi said of his impressive

array of conquered tracks. "I mean, if you're going to hit the wish list, those are the three."

Ed Jones finished third, and Zach Vech — who had never finished higher than 16th — was a career-best fourth. Graham Rahal was fifth after an opening-lap collision with Simon Pagenaud, who was knocked out of the 44th edition of the Long Beach race.

Rossi was a contestant on the most recent

Speedway star Ivan Mauger dead at 78

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, April 16, (AP) — Ivan Mauger, who won six speedway world championships when dirt track motorbike racing had its heyday in the 1960s and 70s, has died aged 78, Speedway New Zealand said.

Mauger died at his home on Australia's Gold Coast. He had been suffering from dementia. Mauger won world titles in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1977 and 1979 when speedway was a lucrative sport, contested by professional clubs.

He was runner up in 1971, 1973 and 1974 and finished third in 1967.

His main rivals during the era in which speedway enjoyed a massive following in Britain and Europe were fellow New Zealanders Ronnie Moore and Barry Briggs.

Speedway New Zealand chief executive John McCallum said Mauger was "a megastar.

No-one dominated the world like Ivan did. In footballing terms, he was the Pele of speedway."

Mauger raced for British clubs including the Wimbleton Dons, Newcastle Diamonds and Exeter Falcons, competing in 26 countries and in more than 1,000 events before his retirement in 1985. He was twice voted New Zealand's Sportsman of the Year.



Mauger

season of the CBS reality show "The Amazing Race" alongside fellow driver Conor Daly, who attended the race in Long Beach despite not currently having an IndyCar ride.

Rossi has hit the track at full speed this season after his TV break, reaching the podium twice already in St. Petersburg and again last weekend in Phoenix. The result also was encouraging for Power, the former series champion and 32-time race winner. He had been off to a discouraging start to the season, with his Team Penske Chevrolet back in 14th in the points standings before his standout drive in Long Beach.

"Rossi was just too fast all day," Power said. "He was just really, really good. That was pretty

much all we had."

Defending series champion Josef Newgarden finished seventh, and defending Long Beach champion James Hinchcliffe was ninth.

Rossi opened a nine-second lead after the first cycle of pit stops, and he stayed in front after a full-course caution erased the lead with 40 laps to go.

Rossi was losing ground when he pitted again on the 56th lap, but he got a break when Sebastien Bourdais and Dixon were penalized for entering a closed pit lane during a caution. Bourdais drove through and lost position, while Dixon later had to serve a drive-through penalty for taking a full pit stop.

Colon perfect into 8th inning, Rangers beat Astros 3-1 in 10

Rookies Lucchesi, Villanueva carry Padres past Giants

HOUSTON, April 16, (AP) — Bartolo Colon carried a perfect game into the eighth inning and Robinson Chirinos drove in all three runs for the Texas Rangers during their 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros in 10 innings Sunday night.

The 44-year-old Colon turned back the clock and dominated the defending World Series champions for seven innings, retiring his first 21 batters in an entertaining pitchers' duel with Astros ace Justin Verlander.

Colon walked Carlos Correa to start the eighth before Josh Reddick lined an 0-2 delivery down the right-field line for a double that put runners at second and third, spoiling the no-hit bid as well.

Opposing fans in Houston gave Colon a standing ovation. Two outs later, he was pulled with the score tied at 1.

Chirinos homered in the third for the



Bartolo Colon #40 of the Texas Rangers pitches in the first inning against the Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park on April 15, in Houston, Texas. (AFP)

er field wall capped a four-run burst in the third inning that put Philadelphia ahead 4-2. The rookie has 12 RBIs over his past eight games.

Philadelphia took a commanding 10-3 advantage during a five-run eighth when Maikel Franco hit a two-run single and Altherr homered off Andrew Kittredge.

Reliever Yackels Rios (2-0) went 1-1/3 scoreless innings.

Denard Span homered and had two RBIs for the Rays, who have lost six straight at home.

Ryan Yarbrough (0-1), making the start on the Rays' fifth bullpen game this season, gave up five runs, three hits, two walks and hit a batter in 4-2/3 innings.

Mets 3, Brewers 2

In New York, Wilmer Flores hit a game-winning home run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning and New York beat Milwaukee to improve the best start in team history to 12-2.

Noah Syndergaard struck out eight batters in a row, two shy of Tom Seaver's major league record, and Brandon Nimmo finished a double shy of the cycle. Nimmo connected for a tying home run against Taylor Williams leading off the sixth on a cold, blustery afternoon at Citi Field.

Flores broke a 2-all tie with a drive over the left-center wall against Matt Albers (2-1) for his second home run this year. New York has opened a season with five straight series wins for the first time.

Jeurys Familia (1-0) worked around a walk in a hitless ninth.

Rockies 6, Nationals 5

In Washington, Ian Desmond hit a tiebreaking, two-out homer in the ninth

inning against his former team, Charlie Blackmon drove in three runs and Colorado rallied to beat Washington.

After Sean Doolittle (0-1) struck out Carlos Gonzalez and Gerardo Parra to open the ninth, Desmond sent a 402-foot sign in straightaway center as Colorado took three out of four in its only visit to Washington.

Adam Ottavino (3-0) got the win despite allowing a run in the eighth.

Wade Davis worked the ninth for his seventh save in eight opportunities.

Pirates 7, Marlins 3

In Miami, Starling Marte went 5 for 5 with a ninth-inning homer to help Pittsburgh beat Miami.

Marte's five hits were a career high, and his average rose from .241 to .305. He scored four times and hit his third homer off Junichi Tazawa.

The surprising Pirates (11-4) improved to 7-0 in day games, completed a 4-2 trip and head home atop the NL Central.

Ivan Nova (2-1) recovered from a wobbly start to pitch 6-2/3 innings. He allowed three runs and struck out nine, his highest total since 2016.

Jose Urena (0-3) allowed eight hits and four runs in five innings. After four starts, the Marlins' ace has an ERA of 5.57.

Cardinals 3, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Carlos Martinez struck out a season-high 11 batters in seven shutout innings and Harrison Bader's two-run home run helped St. Louis complete its first four-game sweep in Cincinnati since 1949.

Martinez (2-1) allowed two hits and four walks while helping send the Reds to their eighth consecutive loss, one short of matching their longest losing streak of last season.

The Reds scored 10 runs in the series while being swept in four games at home by St. Louis for the first time since July 8-10, 1949.

The Reds haven't enjoyed a lead in 32 innings, going back to the fourth inning on Thursday. They are 2-13 for the first time since the 1931 Reds won two of their first 19 games.

Athletics 2, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Sean Manaea pitched seven strong innings and Jed Lowrie hit an early two-run homer off Felix Hernandez to lead Oakland over Seattle.

Oakland avoided a series sweep as Manaea (2-2) gave up just two hits and struck out four. It was the third time in four starts this season he has lasted at least seven innings.

Lowrie provided all the offense the A's needed with his fourth homer in the

first inning. Blake Treinen finished with a four-out save.

Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 2

In Los Angeles, Clayton Kershaw struck out 12 and pitched two-hit ball over seven innings and Los Angeles Dodgers ended an 11-game losing streak against Arizona in the regular season.

Los Angeles had been 0-5 versus the Diamondbacks this year, and hadn't beaten them in the regular season since last August. But the Dodgers swept Arizona 3-0 last year in the NL Division Series.

Chris Taylor homered, doubled and drove in three runs to help the Dodgers stop a three-game skid. The Diamondbacks, who had won three in row, finished a 6-3 road trip.

Padres 10, Giants 1

In San Diego, Joey Lucchesi struck out nine in six innings, fellow rookie Christian Villanueva homered, doubled and drove in three runs, and San Diego cruised past San Francisco 10-1.

Jose Pirela was a home run short of the cycle and had three RBIs for the Padres, who have won five of seven. The Giants have lost four of five.

Chargers let DE McCain hit open market

Two-time Super Bowl champion LB Harrison retires

NEW YORK, April 16, (AFP) — James Harrison, a two-time Super Bowl champion linebacker with the Pittsburgh Steelers during 15 NFL seasons, announced his retirement on Monday in an Instagram post.

Harrison, who turns 40 on May 4, posted photographs of his children with the caption: "I've missed way too much for way too long ... and I'm done. Many thanks to my family, coaches, the fans, and everyone who played a role in my football life. #2ndAndFinalRetirement."

Harrison, who made a brief retirement in 2014 before rejoining the Steelers weeks later, finished with 793 tackles, including 84.5 quarterback sacks, in 193 NFL games.

One month after the Los Angeles Chargers sought the ability to hold onto defensive end Chris McCain, the team apparently changed its mind.

The Chargers on Sunday pulled the restricted free agency tender they gave McCain on March 14, making him an unrestricted free agent, Pro Football Talk reported.

MLB Scoreboard

WASHINGTON, April 16, (Agencies): Results and standings from the MLB games on Sunday.

Boston	3	Baltimore	1
Philadelphia	10	Tampa Bay	4
Pittsburgh	7	Miami	3
St. Louis	3	Cincinnati	2
NY Mets	3	Milwaukee	2
Colorado	6	Washington	5
LA Dodgers	7	Arizona	2
Oakland	2	Seattle	1
San Diego	10	San Francisco	1
Texas	3	Houston (10 Inns)	1

American League
American League - East

W	L	PCT	GB	
Boston	13	2	.867	-
Toronto	9	5	.643	3-1/2
NY Yankees	7	7	.500	5-1/2
Baltimore	5	11	.313	8-1/2
Tampa Bay	3	12	.200	10

American League - Central

W	L	PCT	GB	
Minnesota	7	4	.636	-
Cleveland	7	6	.571	0-1/2
Chic W. Sox	4	8	.333	3-1/2
Detroit	4	9	.308	4
Kansas City	3	10	.231	5

American League - West

W	L	PCT	GB	
LA Angels	13	3	.813	-
Houston	10	6	.625	3
Seattle	8	5	.615	3-1/2
Oakland	6	10	.375	7
Texas	6	11	.353	7-1/2

National League
National League - East

W	L	PCT	GB	
NY Mets	12	2	.857	-
Philadelphia	9	5	.643	3
Atlanta	8	6	.571	4
Washington	7	9	.438	6
Miami	4	11	.267	8-1/2

National League - Central

W	L	PCT	GB	
Pittsburgh	11	4	.733	-
St. Louis	9	7	.563	2-1/2
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	3-1/2
Chicago Cubs	7	7	.500	3-1/2
Cincinnati	2	13	.133	9

American League - West

W	L	PCT	GB	
Arizona	11	4	.733	-
Colorado	9	8	.529	3
San Diego	7	10	.412	5
San Francisco	6	9	.400	5
LA Dodgers	5	9	.357	5-1/2

MLB Leaders
American League

Baltimore	100	000	000-1	3	1
Boston	000	012	00x-3	10	0
Bundy, Blier (9)	and Joseph, Sisco, Sale, Hembree (6), M. Barnes (8), Kimbrel (9) and C. Vazquez, W-Hembree 2-0, L-Bundy 0-2, Sv-Kimbrel (5).				
Oakland	200	000	000-2	7	0
Seattle	000	010	000-1	2	0
Manaea, Buchter (8), Treinen (8) and Maxwell, F. Hernandez, Pazos (7), Brad-					

ford (8), Vincent (9) and Marjama, Freitas, W-Manaea 2-2, L-F. Hernandez 2-2, Sv-Treinen (3), HRs-Oakland, Lowrie (4), Seattle, Motter (1).

Texas 001 000 000 2-3 5 1
Houston 000 000 010 0-1 3 0
(10 innings)

Colon, Claudio (8), Kela (9), Diekman (10) and Chirinos; Verlander, Devenski (9), Rondon (10) and McCann, W-Kela 2-0, L-Rondon 1-1, Sv-Diekman (1), HRs-Texas, Chirinos (2).

Interleague
Philadelphia 04 010 050-10 8 2
Tampa Bay 200 100 010-4 11 1
Lively, Milner (5), Fios (5), Garcia (6), Morgan (8), E. Ramos (8) and Knapp; Yarbrough, Andriese (5), Kittredge (8), Roe (9) and Sucre, W-Rios 2-0, L-Yarbrough 0-1, HRs-Philadelphia, Altherr (2), Tampa Bay, Span (1).

National League
St. Louis 020 000 100-3 5 3
Cincinnati 000 000 011-2 5 0
C. Martinez, Lyons (8), Norris (9) and Molina; Bailey, Garrett (8), Hughes (9) and Barnhart, W.C. Martinez 2-1, L-Bailey 0-3, Sv-Norris (3), HRs-St. Louis, Bader (1), Cincinnati, Hamilton (1), Duval (3), Pittsburgh 003 010 201-7 13 1
Miami 100 000 200-3 7 0

Nova, Feliz (7), Kontos (8), F. Vazquez (9) and Cervelli; Urena, Despaigne (6), Guerrero (8), Tazawa (9) and Wallach, W-Nova 2-1, L-Urena 0-3, HRs-Pittsburgh, Marte (3), Miami, Bour (4).

Milwaukee 000 002 000-2 4 1
New York 100 001 001-3 7 2
Chacin, Williams (5), Jeffress (6), Jennings (8), Albers (9) and Bandy; Syndergaard, Gsellman (6), A. Ramos (7), Blevins (7), Robles (8), Familia (9) and Nido, Lobaton, W-Familia 1-0, L-Albers 2-1, HRs-New York, Flores (2), Nimmo (1).

Colorado 000 103 011-6 6 1
Washington 100 021 010-5 5 0
T. Anderson, Senzatele (5), B. Shaw (6), McGee (6), Ottavino (8), W. Davis (9) and Iannetta; Strasburg, Kintzler (7), Kelley (8), Soles (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters; W-Ottavino 3-0, L-Doolittle 0-1, Sv-W. Davis (7), HRs-Colorado, Blackmon (6), LeMahieu (5), Desmond (4), Washington, Wieters (2), Harper (7).

San Francisco 010 000 000-1 7 1
San Diego 002 311 30x-10 11 0
Beebe, Moronta (4), Osich (5), Law (6), Strickland (8) and Hundley; Lucchesi, Lyles (7), McGrath (8) and Hedges, W-Lucchesi 2-0, L-Beebe 0-1, HRs-San Diego, Villanueva (5), Jeffress (6), Arizona 000 000 101-2 4 1
Los Angeles 013 120 00x-7 8 1
Godley, Bracho (5), De La Rosa (8) and Mathis, Murphy; Kershaw, Baez (8), Stripling (9) and A. Barnes, W-Kershaw 1-2, L-Godley 2-1, HRs-Arizona, Goldschmidt (4), Los Angeles, Taylor (3).



New York Mets' Brandon Nimmo scores ahead of the throw to Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jett Bandy in the first inning of a baseball game on April 15, in New York. (AP)



Jose Pirela #2 of the San Diego Padres hits an RBI double during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants at PETCO Park on April 15, in San Diego, California. (AFP)