

Newgarden finishes second, Dixon claims third place

Rossi races to second straight Long Beach win

LONG BEACH, California, April 15, (AP) — Alexander Rossi weaved his scooter through a horde of pedestrians and deftly maneuvered around the sun-drenched fans still partying in the streets of Long Beach.



Rossi

Then Rossi suddenly stopped, kicked his leg away from the bike, and fiddled with a switch. His scooter nearly ran out of gas.

It was the only wrong move Rossi made Sunday.

The American conquered Long Beach for the second consecutive year and added his name to a short list of motorsports stars as multiple winners of the second-most prestigious race on the IndyCar schedule. Rossi became just the eighth driver to win more than once on the temporary street course through the

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picturesque downtown.

The others? Mario Andretti, Al Unser Jr, Alex Zanardi, Paul Tracy, Sebastien Bourdais, Will Power and Mike Conway.

"This is a special one," said Rossi, winner of the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 as a rookie in 2016.

His effort was nearly perfect and dedicated to his grandfather, Donald Russell, who died Saturday. Rossi only learned of his passing hours before the start of the race.

"He was someone I looked up to a lot and we had this thing called 'The Straight Arrow Club' which he taught



Kuwait's archery delegation celebrate after winning gold medal in the Egyptian Open National Archery Championship 2019 Mixed International Teams category.

Kuwait clinch gold in Egyptian Open Archery Championship 2019

Kuwait's archery delegation participated in the Egyptian Open National Archery Championship 2019 as part of the activities of the World Archery Federation (2019) involving national teams from Kuwait and Zimbabwe, in addition to 366 archers representing clubs and Egyptian institutions.

Kuwait managed to win gold medal in the Mixed International Teams category through Abdullah Al-Harbi with the participation of Daliya Muhammad, and another gold through Bader Al-Shallahi involving Rebecca

me as a young kid not to do anything stupid, just keep the arrow straight," Rossi said. "I guess I'm the head of that club now."

Rossi won the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach from the pole, same as last year, and had the field covered very early. His margin of victory over Josef

Minbar from Zimbabwe and Dhiyaa Salaam of Egypt, whereas Salem Saeedi won silver involving Bahaa Ali (Egypt), and Chelsea Hantar (Zimbabwe).

The team led by Fahad Al-Rashidi won third place in individual compound archery, whereas Abdullah Taha came fourth in the Olympic Archery category after a strong challenge with African archery champion Bahaa al-Deen that ended at 6/4.

Newgarden was more than 20 seconds and the 200th victory for Andretti Autosport across all series.

Rossi was the first driver to win

consecutive races at Long Beach since Bourdais won three straight from 2005 to 2007.

Seven drivers won the last seven

years, which didn't bode well for Rossi's chances at a repeat. But his Honda-powered Andretti entry was far and above the class of the field and he only relinquished the lead while on pit road.

Newgarden for Team Penske finished 20.23 seconds behind with a Chevrolet. Graham Rahal was third across the finish line — 25.45 seconds behind Rossi — but lost the podium finish because IndyCar accused him of blocking Scott Dixon on the final lap.

Dixon, of Chip Ganassi Racing, was moved to third and Rahal finished fourth for Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing.

"I am not, like, upset about it," Rahal said. "Did I block? Yes. I blocked. You are allowed to make a move in this series. That's allowed. I played the rules as I see them fit."

But after watching a replay, Rahal was convinced he did nothing wrong and IndyCar is inconsistent in how it calls blocking.

His father, team owner Bobby Rahal, went to lobby the case to IndyCar with no luck.

"I am just not a fan of officials getting in the way of a result," Bobby Rahal said. "Like I said, 'If that was a NASCAR race, and I touched the guy coming out of Turn 4 in the left rear on the last lap and passed him then, would you disqualify me?' No."

IndyCar's response to Rahal? "Nothing — 'We're not NASCAR,'" said the team owner. "I think it was a bad decision, but that is my personal decision."

Dixon said had Rahal not defended outside the rulebook, "we would have gotten (past) him, anyway."

Dixon ran second to Rossi for a large portion of the event but dropped out of contention because of a fueling issue during a lengthy pit stop.

Rins takes first MotoGP win in Texas as Marquez crashes out



Marc Marquez (93), of Spain, leads through a turn at the Grand Prix of the Americas motorcycle race at the Circuit of the Americas on April 14 in Austin, Texas. (AP)

Dovizioso leads championship



Alex Rins, of Australia, celebrates with his trophy after winning the Grand Prix of the Americas motorcycle race at the Circuit of the Americas, on April 14, in Austin, Texas. (AP)

AUSTIN, Texas, April 15, (AP) — MotoGP's Spanish king of Texas has been dethroned, replaced by his countryman.

Six-time defending race champion Marc Marquez crashed his Repsol Honda halfway through the Grand Prix of the Americas, opening the door for Suzuki's Alex Rins to snatch his first career MotoGP victory.

"It was unbelievable," Rins said. "I tried to stay calm on that last lap."

Marquez had been so dominant in six consecutive wins at the Circuit of the Americas that other riders had dubbed him track royalty. And he was well on his way to another easy victory when he went spinning and tumbling through the corner at

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the end of the long straight.

Marquez was all by himself in the lead when he fell, stunning the field behind him and the crowd that was so used to seeing him dominate the Texas track. He tried to get his motorcycle restarted but gave up when he saw his foot brake was damaged, and then collapsed onto the ground on his back in a dramatic gesture of frustration before he was driven back to his garage.

"Today I did a big mistake," Marquez said. "Sometimes happens. This is racing. It's disappointing... I was inside my limit. I was riding a very good pace. I was riding very smooth, trying to save the front tire. But we are human. Mistakes are there."

Rins had started on the third row in seventh and was running third behind Yamaha's Valentino Rossi when Marquez crashed. He passed Rossi with four laps to go by cutting under the seven-time former series champion at the track's elevated switchback left turn at the first corner.

"When I was behind Valentino, I was saying, 'C'mon Alex, you need to drive. You need to do a bit of a spectacle,'" Rins said. "When he made a small mistake I overtook him."

Rossi hasn't won since 2017. He stayed close enough for one final move to pass Rins at the same corner where Marquez crashed, but couldn't hold the position.

Rins had won at the track in Moto2 and Moto3 but was winless in his two previous seasons in Mo-

toGP and Suzuki hadn't won at the top level since 2016. He now stands

third in the season championship and Rossi considers him a contender for the title.

"When Marc crashed I was surprised. I tried to ride at the maximum. We were fast, (but) at the end Rins was faster," Rossi said. "For sure he is an opponent for the title. He rides very clever he's very smooth with everything."

The fall knocked Marquez from first to fourth in the season championship after three races as he chases his sixth title in seven years. Ducati's Andrea Dovizioso, who finished fourth Sunday and won the season-opening race in Qatar, is the championship leader with Rossi second.

Four riders are now within nine points of the lead as the series heads to its European heartland, starting with the next race in Spain.

"It's been a long time since I win and it was a great opportunity," Rossi said. "(But) these points are important for the championship."

Hazlewood misses out on squad, Handscomb drops out

Smith, Warner return for Australia's World Cup defence

MELBOURNE, April 15, (RTRS) — The return of Steve Smith and David Warner to Australia's squad for the Cricket World Cup came as little surprise on Monday but selectors still managed to cause a stir by omitting strike bowler Josh Hazlewood and in-form batsman Peter Handscomb.

Former skipper Smith and Warner were eligible for Aaron Finch's side after their 12-month ball-tampering bans ended last month but their return put a squeeze on the batting positions that saw Handscomb drop out.

Warner has registered five 50-plus scores, including an unbeaten century, for Sunrisers Hyderabad in seven IPL matches this season while Smith, returning from an elbow surgery like his former deputy, has also looked in good touch for Rajasthan Royals.

Spinners Nathan Lyon and Adam Zampa have made the cut, with selectors going for the pace of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Jhye Richardson and Jason Behrendorff, who has been in fine form in the IPL.

Hohns said Hazlewood, who has instead been named in the Australia A team for their tour of England in June-July, remained a big part of Australia's Ashes plans.

The quick, who has taken 72 wickets in 44 one-dayers, has been sidelined since January due to a back injury but had been confident of being fit for the World Cup.

Starc and Richardson have both been selected subject to fitness.

Teams have to submit their 15-member squads by April 23 but in-

Shankar, Jadeja make squad

Pant left out, India pick Karthik, Rahul for WCup

MUMBAI, April 15, (RTRS) — Dinesh Karthik pipped young Rishabh Pant to the second wicketkeeper's spot in India's World Cup squad on Monday and all-rounder Vijay Shankar also made the cut.

There was not much suspense hanging over chief selector M.S.K Prasad's news conference to announce a 15-member squad led by Virat Kohli as most of the players picked themselves.

With Mahendra Singh Dhoni the undisputed first-choice wicketkeeper, the selectors preferred Karthik's experience to the raw aggression of the 21-year-old Pant.

"We felt Rishabh Pant or DK will come into the playing XI only if Mahi (Dhoni) is injured," Prasad told reporters, saying Karthik's superior keeping and reputation as a "finisher" clinched it for the 33-year-old.

"In crunch matches, who can be the best guy who can handle the pressure? For that reason, the decision went in favour of Dinesh Karthik. Otherwise, Pant is full of talent, there'll be time

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for him. It's unfortunate for him that he missed out."

India boast a formidable top order including captain Kohli but the team have been searching for a reliable number four batsman and Shankar beat Ambati Rayudu to the spot.

"What Vijay Shankar offers is three-dimensional," Prasad said.

"Apart from his batting, he can bowl and he's a fantastic fielder... We are looking at him as number four. We have Dinesh Karthik and Kedar Jadhav also, so we have plenty of options at number four right now."

Lokesh Rahul made the squad as a back-up opener, but could also bat lower down the order, Prasad said.

Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal will share India's slow bowling duties but the prospect of a hot English summer also prompted the selection of spinning all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja.

"In the last one-and-a-half years, it's the two wrist-spinners who have won us games," Prasad said of Yadav and Chahal.

"In the second part of the tournament, wickets might be a bit more drier. That's where we feel Jadeja will come in handy."

Hardik Pandya remains India's first-choice all-rounder.

The showpiece event in England and Wales starts on May 30. India begin their bid for a third World Cup title against South Africa in Southampton on June 5.



Kolkata Knight Riders' Dinesh Karthik bats during the VIVO IPL cricket T20 match against Chennai Super Kings in Kolkata, India on April 14. (AP)

Garin gives Chile 1st ATP Tour title

HOUSTON, April 15, (RTRS) — Christian Garin became the first Chilean to win an ATP Tour title in 10 years when he beat Norway's Casper Ruud 7-6(4) 4-6 6-3 at the US Men's Clay Court Championship in Houston on Sunday.

The turning point came at 2-2 in the final set, when Ruud, who was playing in his first ATP Tour final, was unable to capitalise on three break point chances.

Garin broke in the next game by chasing down a drop shot and flicking a forehand winner.

Serving for the title at 5-3, the Chilean then hammered an ace to set up championship point. A heavy forehand on the next point decided the match.

The 22-year-old became the first Chilean to win an ATP Tour title since Fernando Gonzalez in Vina del Mar in 2009.

Teams have to submit their 15-man squads by April 23 but injury replacements can be named until May 23.

"We all debated and felt that this is the best possible team that can give us the best possible result. So there is no point in changing it, unless someone is injured," Prasad added.

Squad: Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vice-captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Lokesh Rahul, Vijay Shankar, Mahendra Singh Dhoni (wicketkeeper), Kedar Jadhav, Dinesh Karthik, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami

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Opener Usman Khawaja, player-of-the-series in Australia's ODI series victory in India last month, was picked but may have to bat lower with Warner likely to partner Finch at the top.

Squad: Aaron Finch (captain), Usman Khawaja, David Warner, Steve Smith, Shaun Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Alex Carey, Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Jhye Richardson, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Jason Behrendorff, Nathan Lyon, Adam Zampa.