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2012 IZOD INDYCAR SERIES POINT STANDINGS

(Top 5 after 4 of 16 events)

1. WILL POWER Team Penske	180
2. HELIO CASTRONEVES Team Penske	135
3. JAMES HINCHCLIFFE Andretti Autosport	123
4. RYAN HUNTER-REAY Andretti Autosport	121
5 SIMON PAGENALID Schmidt-Hamilton Motorsports	118

WHAT TO WATCH FOR THIS WEEKEND:

WIN THE POLE, WIN THE RACE: The winner of the pole position for the Indianapolis 500 has also won the race 20 times. Forty-three times, the winner has come from the front row, including in 2010 with Dario Franchitti (right). Who can establish themselves as the race contenders by winning the pole position this year?



FAST NINE SHOOTOUT: An exciting qualifying format for the Indianapolis 500, featuring a 90-minute "shootout" in which the nine fastest cars make a dramatic, late-day run for the pole, returns for the 2012 Indianapolis 500. The top 24 spots in the 33-car field will be available through traditional four-lap attempts from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (ET) on Pole Day. Each car will have up to three attempts during that time. The times of the top nine drivers from the first segment of qualifying will be erased at 4 p.m., with all of those competitors guaranteed to start no worse than ninth in "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" on Sunday, May 27. "The Fast Nine" then will be required to make at least one four-lap qualifying attempt between 4:30-6 p.m., with one additional, optional attempt if time permits. Each driver's best run during the 90-minute session will set their position within the top nine spots on the starting grid.

HELIO GOES FOR FOUR: Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Helio Castroneves can join elite company should he win the 96th Running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. Castroneves, who won in 2001, 2002 and 2009, would join A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears as the race's only four-time winners and he would accomplish the feat faster than any of those racing legends.

FRANCHITTI COULD MAKE HISTORY: Dario Franchitti appreciates the history of the sport, but he could make history with another Indianapolis 500 victory in 2012. The Scotsman, who is seeking to win his fourth straight IZOD IndyCar Series championship, could become the 10th driver to win the Indy 500 three times or more should he come away with his third "500" win in the last six years.