

Montoya Gives IndyCar The Indianapolis 500 It Needed

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Extra! Juan Pablo Montoya still had to pay \$2 to read all about it.
On a gray and blustery Monday morning, the Colombian spent more than two hours on the Yard of Bricks taking the customary Indianapolis 500 winner photos. His voice was shot, his mood soaring.
And when the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's deliveryman rode a bicycle of newspapers over to Montoya and asked how many he wanted, Montoya asked for two. But he had

no cash in the pockets of his firesuit, and a scramble ensued to locate the money needed for Montoya's two papers.
With a seven-figure payout looming for winning Indy, Montoya could afford the purchase.
His second Indianapolis 500 victory generated the bold-print, feel-good headlines IndyCar needed after a month dominated by flying cars, safety concerns and a seriously injured driver.
But Montoya's win served as a bright reminder that a classic comeback and a thrilling finish in front of a packed house can provide the series with the juice it needs to draw

attention to the foundering series.
"It was some race when you think about how we started the month, all the issues, the negative things that came out about the racecars," winning car owner Roger Penske said. "It was a safe race. The world saw the race that we wanted to see come out of Indianapolis, the 'Greatest Spectacle in Racing.'"
Oh, did IndyCar need that thrilling finish.
Three cars went airborne last week, leading to a chaotic qualifying day and prompting last-minute rule changes as the series tried to keep the cars on the ground. A day after that,

James Hinchcliffe sustained a life-threatening leg injury in a crash unrelated to the flying cars. He's expected to make a full recovery, but watched Sunday's race from his hospital bed.
What Hinchcliffe and everyone else saw was a frantic battle between Team Penske and Chip Ganassi Racing, the titans of open-wheel racing who fielded a combined nine cars. They were the class of the field in dueling Chevrolets and the two organizations combined to lead all but seven of the 200 laps.
It became a three-driver battle as the laps ticked off,

with Montoya, teammate Will Power and Ganassi driver Scott Dixon clearly the drivers to beat.
Montoya had already charged from second-to-last back into the mix, and with the confidence he'd shown early in his career, he didn't flinch when Dixon went wheel to wheel with him in a battle of nerves in the closing laps.
Once clear of Dixon, he went for the lead in a race in which few drivers wanted to be out front on the final lap. They were thought to be a sitting duck on point, lacking the ability to pull away and forced to defend a potential pass for

the win.
Montoya went for it and held his breath. He believed his car was better than Power's, and he was proved right when Power failed to catch him and snatch the win.
With that, Montoya was kissing the bricks for a second time, 15 years after his first victory. That win propelled him into Formula One, where he figured he'd end his career.
"I thought I'd retire about 35," Montoya said Monday. "That's when people retire in Formula One."
But when he was 31 and couldn't find a competitive F1

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Softball: Xtreme Drop Two, Crush Sweep Two At Home

The Diamonds Xtreme scored a victory and a tie over the Yankton Fury Xtreme in girls' softball action on Tuesday at Riverside Park.
The opening game ended in a 4-4 tie due to time limit.
Dani Dvorak and Holly Mines doubled, with Mines driving in two runs and scoring another, to lead Yankton. Ivy Mines, Liz Suing and Bailey Peterka added hits.
Hanna Cummins pitched for Yankton, striking out four.
In the nightcap, Holly Mines doubled, and Megan McCorkell, Liz Suing and Bailey Peterka had hits for Yankton. Holly Mines took the loss, striking out two.
The Fury Xtreme, 8-9-2, travel to Chancellor on Thursday to face the Sioux Falls Smash. Start time for the twinbill is 6:30 p.m.

Ykn Fury Crush 6-9, Vermillion Flamez 4-0

The Yankton Fury Crush scored a pair of victories over the Vermillion Flamez in girls' softball action on Tuesday in Yankton.
In the opener, eight different players had hits as Yankton scored a 6-4 victory.
Brooke Madson had a triple, a double and a run scored to lead Yankton. Elsie Marquardt had a double, a RBI and a run scored. Payton Vellek had a hit, a RBI and a run scored. Trinity Fitch, Rachel Hamburg and Bailey Kenney each had a hit and a run scored. Chloe Koletzky had a hit and a RBI. Bailey Sejnoha added a hit in the victory.
Vellek picked up the win, striking out two.
In the nightcap, Kenney tossed a shutout, striking out two, as Yankton won 9-0.
Madson had a hit, a RBI and two runs scored, and Koletzky, Marquardt and Hamburg each had a hit, a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Kenney had a hit and a run scored. Leann Sasse drove in a run. Fitch, Vellek and Sejnoha each scored a run in the victory.
The Fury Crush are now 18-20-2 overall and 16-14-2 against U14 competition.

Ykn Fury White 7-10, Dakota Valley 2-4

NORTH SIOUX CITY - The Yankton Fury White swept Dakota Valley in U10 girls' softball action on Tuesday.
Yankton won the opener 7-2 behind a nine-strikeout pitching performance by Ellie Karolevitz.
Offensively for the Fury White, Emma Yost had a triple and two RBI, and Karolevitz had a hit and two runs scored to lead the way. Elle Feser also had two RBI. Hannah Sailer and Hailey Oswald each drove in a run. Frannie Kouri and Lydia Yost each scored a run in the win.
In the nightcap, a 10-4 decision, Feser had a hit, two RBI and a run scored to lead the way. Oswald had a hit and a run scored. Grace Behrns and Karolevitz each scored twice. Nora Welker, Kouri, Lydia Yost, Emma Yost and Sailer each scored a run in the victory.
Behrns picked up the win, striking out three.
Fury White, 11-1, host the Norfolk Impact today (Wednesday). Start time for the twinbill is 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Park.



Yankton's Nathan Hein scores ahead of a throw to Brookings catcher Lucas Olson during the opening game of their American Legion junior baseball doubleheader on Tuesday in Yankton. Results were not available at presstime.



Vermillion's Carter Kratz pitched six innings giving up three hits and one walk while striking out seven in the Tangers 10-0 win over Elk Point-Jefferson during Tuesday's first round of Region 1B baseball playoffs in Vermillion.

Baseball: Vermillion, Bon Homme-Scotland Take Playoff Openers

VERMILLION - The Vermillion Tangers opened the Region 1B club high school Tournament with a 10-0 victory over Elk Point-Jefferson on Tuesday at Prentis Park.
Brandon Mockler had a triple and a single, and Cole Anderson and Nate Robertson each had two hits to lead Vermillion. Kyle Larson doubled, and Carter Kratz, Joe Miller, Travis Weber and Riley Johnson added a hit apiece in the victory.
Timmy Mingo had two of EPJ's three hits. Michael Murphy had the other single.
Kratz struck out seven in the six-inning contest for the win. Jake Harrity took the loss, allowing the first five runs.
Vermillion travels to Tabor on Monday for a 2 p.m. semifinal against Beresford.

Crofton-Wynot travels to Atkinson on Friday.

VFW Teener S.F. West 12-19, Lakers 7-6

The Yankton Lakers VFW Teener baseball team dropped their season-opening doubleheader to Sioux Falls West on Tuesday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.
West took the opener 12-7. Levi Wiersma had three hits, including two doubles, and three RBI to lead Yankton. Rex Ryken also had three hits, recording a RBI and a stolen base. Michael Drotzmann had two hits, a RBI and a stolen base. Owen Feser and Case Roth each had a hit.
Feser took the loss, with Cole Sawatzke pitching four innings of relief.
West completed the sweep with a 19-6 decision in the nightcap.
Ethan Wishon had three hits and three RBI, and Wiersma had a double, a single and a RBI to lead Yankton. Sawatzke had two hits and a RBI. Ryken had a hit and a RBI, and Kieren Lullman added a hit for the Lakers.
The Lakers play at Sioux Falls East today (Wednesday). Start time for the twinbill is 5 p.m.

Amateur Menno 5, Tabor 2

AMATEUR - The Menno Mad Frogs improved to 2-0 in South Central League amateur baseball action with a 5-2 victory over Tabor on Tuesday.
Josh Berndt had three hits, including a two-run home run, to lead Menno. Tate Bruckner had two hits, Tom Sattler had a two-run single and Jared Nelson homered in the victory.
For Tabor, Chris Sutera had three hits and Ross Kortan and two hits and a RBI to lead the way. Jason Humpal homered for the Bluebirds.
Doug Hall pitched seven strong innings for the win, with Nelson pitching two shutout innings for the save. Logan Tycz went the distance in the loss.
Menno travels to Lester-ville on Friday. Tabor travels to Irene on Thursday.

Legion Juniors: Crofton-Wynot 10, Bloomfield-Wausa 7

CROFTON, Neb. - Crofton-Wynot opened the 2015 American Legion baseball season with a 10-7 victory over Bloomfield-Wausa in junior action on Tuesday.
Ethan Poppe doubled, and Dawson Sudbeck, Trevan Mowery, Devin Wieseler and Justin Lange each had hits for Crofton-Wynot.
Tyler Holz tripled to lead Bloomfield-Wausa. McGwire Mackeprang, Jackson Eisenhauer and Luke Fehring added hits.
Trevor Gartner picked up the win. Mackeprang took the loss.

USD 2015 Soccer Schedule Announced

VERMILLION - South Dakota's 2015 soccer schedule includes a season opener at Creighton, a home opener against Iowa State and nine home games at the USD Soccer Complex.
After two trips to Nebraska to play the Huskers (Aug. 14) and Creighton (Aug. 21), the Coyotes host Iowa State on Aug. 23. It will be the third matchup between the Coyotes and the Cyclones in four years.
South Dakota also hosts Drake on Aug. 27 for the sixth meeting between the teams. Drake leads the series 5-1, with the Coyotes' win coming

in a 1-0 victory last season in Des Moines, Iowa.
The Coyotes travel to North Dakota (Aug. 30), Chicago State (Sept. 4), Houston Baptist (Sept. 11) and UTPA (Sept. 13), all formerly of the Great West Conference. Mixed in is a home match against Green Bay on Sept. 6 and a road trip to Idaho on Sept. 18.
The Coyotes have the home advantage for the final two games leading into league play. South Dakota hosts Northern Iowa on Sept. 20 and UC Riverside Sept. 25. The women secured a 2-0 win on the road against Northern

Iowa last season, while this will be the first meeting with UC Riverside.
Summit League home games include Oral Roberts (Oct. 2), Denver (Oct. 4), IUPUI (Oct. 23) and Western Illinois (Oct. 25). The league road trips are to North Dakota State (Oct. 11), South Dakota State (Oct. 16), Omaha (Oct. 18) and Fort Wayne (Nov. 1).
The top four teams in league play advance to the Summit League Tournament, scheduled for Nov. 5-7 in Brookings.

LeBron, Cavs Complete Sweep Of Hawks

CLEVELAND (AP) - The championship LeBron James craves more than any other, the one he came back home to get, is four wins away.
The Cavaliers are in the NBA Finals.
James scored 23 points, Kyrie Irving returned after missing two games and Cleveland reserved a spot in the finals with a 118-88 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night to win the Eastern Conference title.
By sweeping the top-seeded Hawks, the Cavs earned their second trip to the finals, where they will face either Golden State or Houston.
It will be the fifth straight visit to the league's showcase event for the inimitable James, who returned to Cleveland after four years in Miami to try and end this city's champion-

ship drought dating to 1964.
If he can, James will have a title that would put him in a class by himself. Other players have won more championships, but none has ever done it for his ring-starved home region.
"We have everything it takes to win," James said after the Cavs were presented with the conference trophy.
However, they've got their eyes on another one.
"Cleveland," owner Dan Gilbert said, addressing the crowd, "We're not settling for this."
Jeff Teague scored 17 and Paul Millsap 16 for Atlanta, which won a team-record 60 games during the regular season and made the conference finals for the first time since 1970. But the Hawks were no match for the Cavaliers and

had no answer for James, who nearly averaged a triple-double in the four games.
J.R. Smith added 18 points and 11 rebounds.
It was a tough way for the Hawks to end a remarkable season. They survived a tumultuous offseason, and their young roster gelled in January when they became the first franchise to go 17-0 in a calendar month. They went on to win 19 straight, improved their record by 22 wins over last season and beat Brooklyn and Washington to make their first conference finals since 1994.
But an injury to starting forward Thabo Sefolosha in April was followed by DeMarre Carroll injuring his knee in the series opener, before Kyle Korver's season ended in Game 2 with an ankle injury.