

# OPENING WEEKEND

## \$178 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT COMES TO LIFE AT ISM RACEWAY

**N**ASCAR Fall Weekend at ISM Raceway (formerly Phoenix International Raceway) in November was especially festive, marking the completion and Grand Opening of their massive \$178 million redevelopment, and the crowds loved it.

Gone are the old north stands and tower. The grandstand is twice as long as it was. Changes are everywhere: new Canyon entryways with escalators and immersive tech; a new "INfield" with unprecedented fan access to race prep and drivers; a midway with new dining and beverage locations; new skybox club facilities atop the grandstand; even a new start-finish line in front of the grandstand, feeding right into the first thrilling curve.

Both fans and race crews enjoyed their new face-to-face interactions. You can't get this on TV!

Once again this was the penultimate race of the NASCAR season, feeding final contenders into the ultimate season championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway the next weekend.

Brett Moffitt took the win in the Lucas Oil 150 on Friday (his fifth of the season), clinching a spot in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Championship race at Homestead-Miami.

Christopher Bell had been 34 points behind fourth place, but a big win in Saturday's Whelen Truex 200 put him in the Championship 4.



**ISM RACEWAY**  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Kevin Harvick was headed for a dominant win in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs during Sunday's Can-Am 500, but was derailed on lap 73 when a flat tire forced him to pit early, though he worked his way back from 29th to fifth and earned a place in the Championship 4. Aric Almirola, who needed a win to move on to the final round, ultimately finished fourth and was eliminated from the championship. Joey Logano and Clint Bowyer were knocked out of the race by flat tires, leaving Kurt Busch and Chase Elliott in position to win at different points of the race, but both had their hopes dashed in the same lap, when contact between Kurt Busch and Denny Hamlin left Kurt Busch and Elliott with heavy damage. That left Kyle Busch to cross the line in first.

Joining Kyle Busch, Logano and Harvick at the following week's fight at Homestead was defending series champion Martin Truex Jr., who had finished in 14th place at ISM Raceway.

Homestead-Miami's NASCAR Cup Series Championship went to fan favorite Joey Logano, who had won just two races in the season. ■

# NASCAR SPRING WEEKEND

MARCH 8-9-10, 2019

### FRI MAR 8: GATORADE POLE DAY

TicketGuardian 500 NASCAR Weekend kicks off on Friday with Gatorade Pole Day. Don't miss practice sessions for both the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR Xfinity Series before the starting line-up is set for the TicketGuardian 500.

**RACE TIME: 3:15 PM**

### SAT MAR 9: XFINITY SERIES 200

Don't forget your tank top and sunglasses when you come watch the up and coming drivers in NASCAR in the NASCAR Xfinity Series Race on Saturday afternoon.

**RACE TIME: 2:00 PM**

### SUN MAR 10: TICKETGUARDIAN 500

Don't miss your opportunity to experience NASCAR Goes West with Champions Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch taking on young guns like Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott on the track on Sunday.

**RACE TIME: 12:30 PM**

**TICKETS: SEASON TICKET PACKAGE, DAILY, HILLSIDE GENERAL ADMISSION, ACCESSIBLE SEATING, WEEKEND PACKAGES**

Tickets and latest info are available at:

- ISMRaceway.com
  - 1-866-408-RACE (7223)
  - In person at the ISM Raceway ticket office, 125 S Avondale Blvd, Suite 200, Avondale AZ 85323 (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm).
- TicketGuardian insurance is available, in case you think your plans could change. ■

