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**“Indianapolis Twin 25s”
Pays \$50,000 To Win Both Features
In New USAC Midget Race At I.R.P.
On U.S. Grand Prix Weekend**

Phoenix, AZ — International visitors and longtime midwest open wheel short track fans have an exciting new auto race to look forward to the weekend of the United States Grand Prix.

The “Indianapolis Twin 25s” is the name of the new, USAC Midget race being held at Indianapolis Raceway Park (IRP), Friday, September 27, 2002. The only U.S. stop on the prestigious Formula One circuit, the U.S. Grand Prix will be held on Sunday, September 29, at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Subtitled, “A Salute To The Racing Capital of the World,” the Indianapolis Twin 25s pays \$50,000 to win the night’s two 25-lap features. The starting order of the second race will be the reverse of the finishing order of the first. The winner of the first feature must win the second by starting dead last in order to collect the full purse amount of \$50,000.

In addition to the \$50,000 bonus prize, the regular USAC purse will be offered, bringing the total potential prize money for the winner of both features to more than \$70,000.

“If international visitors to the great racing city of Indianapolis want to see exciting, all-American oval racing action, the Indianapolis Twin 25s is THE place to be that Friday night!” exclaimed Steve Lewis, of Premier Racing Entertainment, Laguna Beach California. Lewis described the night’s racing as “Monza style,” likening it to a famous race in the 1950s when USAC racers and their Indy cars invaded the storied Italian race track to compete in a race that was divided into three segments. He announced the new event at Phoenix International Raceway, during the Copper World Classic.

“America’s short track ovals are where such great U.S. racers as A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti honed their skills early in their careers,” continued Lewis. “Today, it’s where such great American racers as 4-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion Jeff Gordon and Indy Racing League Champion/ Winston Cup star Tony Stewart first came to national prominence.”

IRP is a 5/8-mile asphalt oval track, located a brief 10-minute drive from Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

“The Indy Racing League (IRL) is always scouting the national USAC Midget series for hot, young drivers,” said Tony George, president and CEO of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as well as IRL founder. “In the Midwest, we know how exciting the USAC Midget series is. The Indianapolis Twin 25s is the chance to take this message to the world.”

“The huge \$50,000-to-win prize money—in addition to the regular USAC purse—and the location in Indianapolis during one of the biggest race weekends of the year, is sure to draw all the finest midget race teams and drivers from around the country, said Rollie Helmling, USAC president & CEO. “We’ll probably get a car count of more than 60, for a full night of USAC Midget race action.”

“Every driver I’ve talked to plans to enter the Indianapolis Twin 25s,” said Dave Darland, the 2001 National USAC Midget Champion. “With a total potential purse of over \$70,000 to win, it’s already one of the biggest races of the year.”

In addition to the feature races, the Indianapolis Twin 25s will feature a full evening of racing, including qualifying, heat races, and a consolation race. The first race begins at 7:00 p.m. General admission tickets are \$19. They will be available for advance purchasing online, at www.indytwin25s.com.