

# IndyCar on upswing as NASCAR stumbles

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. Motorsports in America can be bold and beautiful and so very baffling.

IndyCar and NASCAR, the top two series in the United States, seem as if they are headed in opposite directions at the start of the 2018 season. IndyCar has had two competitive races, boasts a new car that contributed to a nail-biting finish Saturday night in Phoenix, and renewed energy and excitement surrounding the beleaguered little series.

NASCAR, the behemoth league in this country, has seven races under its belt. But after Sunday's race at Texas, some might wonder if the series is falling off its rails. NASCAR officials made an officiating error that benefited Kevin Harvick, a series official was seen on television fist-bumping a Harvick crew member after the no-call, and then Harvick spared no words in his harsh criticism of the "pathetic" NASCAR-issued air guns he claimed are "embarrassing for the sport."

The action didn't stop after Kyle Busch's victory over Harvick, either.

NASCAR President Brent Dewar, who has dramatically amped up fan engagement this year, went on a bizarre, three-hour-plus Twitter binge in which he was both defensive and later apologetic if his tone offended. He invited one critical fan to visit race control because it's "easy to criticize from you(r) lazy boy." When fan JJ Brannan wrote that Dewar was "doing more harm to the brand than you are good with your Twitter presence," Dewar quickly deleted the post.

consistently worked, and Harvick said issues with the equipment have dogged him through the first two months of the season. Harvick still has three victories and a runner-up finish through seven races.

"The pit guns have been absolutely horrible

all year, and our guys do a great job on pit road, and the pathetic part about it is the fact you get handed something that doesn't work correctly, and those guys are just doing everything that they can to try to make it right," he said. "It's embarrassing

for the sport."

Scott Miller, NASCAR senior vice president of competition, told SiriusXM NASCAR Radio on Monday that officials are studying the problems.

"We have to look at everything before we can flat out say we had

a gun problem," Miller said. "The program has had a few more hitches in it than, obviously, we wished it would. Everything in motorsports is a development process and this is no different. It's unfortunate that it's caused some people some

problems but development is what it is."

So here we are, everything moving along quite swimmingly in IndyCar, the series that always seemed to stumble over its own messes, as NASCAR is now the one that can't seem to get out of its own way.

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