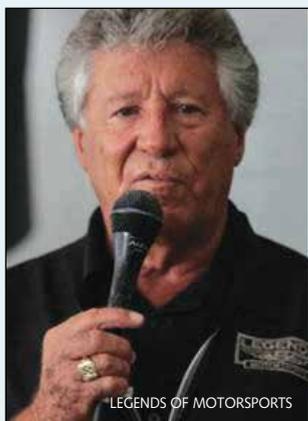


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Mario Andretti Named Honorary Race Official

Mario Andretti will serve as an honorary race official for the 59th annual Daytona 500 on Sunday, as the longtime star and Daytona International Speedway are set to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his epic 1967 Daytona 500 victory.



IndyCar Series championships and the Indianapolis 500 in 1969. He was named the Co-Driver of the Century by the Associated Press in 1999.

Considered by many to be the greatest driver in the history of motorsports, Andretti won the 1978 Formula 1 World Championship, four

WHAT: Daytona 500

WHEN: 2 p.m. ET, Sunday, Feb. 26

COVERAGE: FOX, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio

Chase Elliott Wins Second Straight Daytona 500 Pole

It was more of the same Feb. 19 when Chase Elliott edged Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt, Jr., by .002 seconds for the pole position in Sunday's 59th running of the Daytona 500.

The pole was the second straight for Elliott, who led the field to green last year as a rookie. Elliott wasn't the only team member on Hendrick's team to continue a streak. It was the third straight pole spot for Elliott's crew chief, Alan Gustafson, who won the pole last year and with driver Jeff Gordon in 2015.

Elliott didn't win a race in 2016, but he still motored to a successful campaign and the sport's Rookie of the Year title. Although his Daytona 500 ended in the grass just 19 laps into the race last season, Elliott bounced back with top 10 finishes in Atlanta, Phoenix and Fontana. He also made the Chase on points before running out of steam down the stretch. In all, Elliott put together a strong season that has led to big expectations in 2017.

Earnhardt on the other hand, could use the positive start as he tries to rebound from a rough 2016 season that resulted in him missing the second half of the year with a concussion. One of the sport's most popular stars appears to be ready for a big rebound in what promises to be another exciting season of racing.



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