

Saturday Morning

AUTO RACING

Castroneves Acquitted

Helio Castroneves will be back on the track less than 24 hours after the Brazilian driver was acquitted of tax evasion charges.

Penske Racing President **Tim Cindric** said the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner will return to his No. 3 IndyCar in time for practice and qualifying today for the Grand Prix of Long Beach, Calif.

Earlier in the day, after six days of deliberation and a six-week trial, a federal jury in Miami acquitted the 33-year-old Castroneves, his sister and business manager **Katiucia**, and an attorney on tax evasion charges. . . .

Mark Martin has won his third pole of the season, qualifying first at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz. Martin ran a lap at 133.814 mph in his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet to beat **Kyle Busch** and **Kurt Busch** for tonight's top starting spot.



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Race car driver Helio Castroneves hugs the wife of his attorney in Miami after his acquittal on tax evasion charges.