

ALL IN-CAR INDYCAR TELECAST ON ESPN2

Live Coverage Sept. 18 From Two Viewpoints on ESPN and ESPN2

In a television first, ESPN and ESPN2 will televise live from two viewpoints the same race--the IndyCar Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix from Nazareth, Pa., Sunday, Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. ET. While ESPN will present the race in the standard manner, ESPN2's coverage will consist almost completely of in-car camera angles from six cars with little commentary. Rather, viewers will hear the natural sound of the race action and driver-to-pit communication with occasional summaries by a commentator.

Five of the six cars with in-car cameras have been determined. They will be driven by Michael Andretti, Adrian Fernandez, Robby Gordon, defending PPG IndyCar World Series champion Nigel Mansell and Bobby Rahal.

"We're not looking to boost sales of televisions or generate orders for a second cable outlet, but you may wear out the 'recall' button on your remote if you only have one set wired," said Bob Scanlon, ESPN senior coordinating producer. "Having the second service, we have the flexibility to provide viewers what they tell us they want--more action from the driver's perspective. It's an experiment, and if successful a possibility for other events in the future."

ESPN's usual IndyCar team will handle the commentary for the traditional telecast--host Paul Page and analyst Derek Daly in the booth with pit reporters Jon Beekhuis and Gary Gerould.