

## INDY TRIP '17



## Saturday

Mianna and her husband had the privilege of attending the 101st running of the Indy 500. They arrived at the track on Saturday. Mianna said "it was an amazing experience, even better than the last". Her and her husband spent some of Saturday site seeing the Indianapolis Motor Speedway since it was Ryan's (Mianna's husband) first 500. They spent the rest of their time hanging out with the Buddy Lazier team in pits. Stalk It, one of Mianna and Stalk It, one of Mianna and Buddy's sponsors, played a huge roll in making this Indy 500 as special as it was for Mianna.

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## Sunday - Race Day

"Sunday was the best day by far" said Mianna. She said even though she had been to many races before, there is nothing quite like the Indy 500. Mianna got to experience the 500 in a new way this year as she was able to spend the whole pre-race down on track with the Lazier Racing Team. "I've seen the pit boxes at IMSA races, and the IndvCar pit boxes are quite similar" Mianna continues "being able to be with the Lazier team in their pit box, though, letting it set in that you are standing on the same asphalt so many legends have, is something so impactful its indescribable". Mianna explained that being closer and closer every year to making her dream come true of becoming a Verizon IndvCar driver, let's her get to know specific drivers better than others. For instance, the Lazier family is this highly thought of, fantastic driving, famous family, but to her, she states, they are the people I see on days that's not the 500, the people she talks to on the phone...etc. "To me, they are more than just famous, they are much more. They are "real"." Mianna said "When I was thinking about this standing on the banked Indianapolis Motor Speedway, as the drivers were introduced, as the USA was sang for, it dawned on me that so many fans never see drivers as "real"." She said "which is great, what we do is special, but at the end of the day, we are just regular people, working hard for our dream. That dream just happened to be driving an IndyCar as a pro." Mianna claimed that someday, when she makes it the the Verizon IndyCar series, she hopes people can view her as "real". She hopes that she can express the feeling of "pits" to all fans, "because truly, it is one amazing feeling". Mianna plans to continue her season testing and hopefully even enter a couple races in preparation for what's to come. If you want to follow her season more closely, you can connect with her on Instagram @MiannaWick, Facebook at www.facebook.com/miannawickracing, and on her official website www.MiannaWickRacing.com. I hope you all enjoyed following along on this journey of Mianna's 101st running of the Indy 500.

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