

BORING BEFORE BRILLIANCE: SCOTT DIXON

[INTENSE MUSIC PLAYING]

SCOTT: Winning never gets old, over the years, once you really see what goes into it.

ANNOUNCER: There he goes. Scott, way to go.

SCOTT: What it takes to win a race. It's pretty rewarding.

ANNOUNCER: Scott Dixon goes to victory lap with an outstanding career.

SCOTT: For me it's not really about the glitz and the glam. It's about looking for that constant edge and you're looking for any advantage. The mundane boring stuff can definitely wear you out but it's all those small details that make the difference and that's where the boring becomes brilliant.

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[TITLE CARD: CHIP GANASSI RACING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA]

SCOTT: When I first came into the sport you know you- you were chasing 5,6,7 big things, now it's just hundreds of small details.

SCOTT (speaking to a technician): That's where I think the gear ratio for me, especially at the test, helped a lot.

SCOTT: A Monday or a Tuesday typically will be a lot of debrief meetings in the race shop going through the process of that weekend and then preparing for the next.

TECHNICIAN: If you get up on there does it upset the car pretty bad or...

SCOTT: Nah not too bad it just rolls right into it man.

SCOTT: Plenty of meetings are boring, haha, I think everybody can relate to that. But, you know I think that's where you can get tripped up. You know I think when you try to start cutting corners or skipping a meeting or not being a part of it, that's when you're going to find yourself in trouble.

[TITLE CARD: PRACTICE SESSION, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA]

CHRIS SIMMONS: On Friday in practice he really leaves no stone unturned in trying to find more speed, more performance in the data and have that little

advantage over your competitors. For example, at Long Beach we had a couple of issues with the car, he wasn't happy with the brakes. Between his description and then digging into one of the many thousands of data channels we have, we were able to pinpoint where the problem was.

SCOTT: Probably the most important part I think of the weekend is actually debriefs with the engineers, you know they have a lot of channels to see so you can see a lot more issues I think from the forefront. Yeah there is a lot of mundane stuff but it's key to the process and you're looking for those small things that make the difference.

[TITLE CARD: GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA]

SCOTT: Before a race you know there is so much noise going on. For me it's always been, you know, important to step aside from it. A lot of drivers pound espressos, listen to Hard Rock.

[ROCK MUSIC COMES ON. WHALE VOCALIZING.]

SCOTT: I'll listen to you know whale noises. It just kind of snaps me out of where I'm at. I don't know, they're like just little squeals right? I- I don't know if it's comforting or what but it- it helps me go to sleep.

[RACING AND AN ANNOUNCER SHOUTS "START YOUR ENGINES"]

SCOTT: It's definitely a relaxing thing, it's something that helps me with the process of the start of the race. For me, it puts me in my zone.

ANNOUNCER: Scott Dixon setting it up after turn number 7. Scott Dixon has just been so smooth. Scott Dixon wins the Grand Prix of Long Beach. Win number 57 in his career.

SCOTT: There's nothing like winning. Especially against the competition that we have. Doing this is, it's amazing isn't it? I get to drive an IndyCar for- for my job. It's brilliant.

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