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ROOKIE

OF THE YEAR

One of the most successful racers in the history of Australian Supercars, Scott McLaughlin jumped at the chance to move to the United States and compete full-time for Team Penske in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in 2021. Racing the No. 3 Sonsio Chevrolet, McLaughlin overcame the expected obstacles that come with learning a new discipline to produce a solid debut INDYCAR season. The talented New Zealander outscored two other high-profile first-year drivers to capture the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Rookie of the Year Award, as McLaughlin became the first Team Penske driver to win the honor since its inception in 1979.

After solid finishes of 14th and 11th in the first two races of the 2021 INDYCAR season at Barber Motorsports Park and on the streets of St. Petersburg, McLaughlin drew rave reviews with a second-place finish at Texas Motor Speedway in his first start on an oval track. Following a challenging stretch of race results during the summer months, McLaughlin and the No. 3 Chevrolet team closed the season strong with another top-five finish at World Wide Technology Raceway and a top-10 result at Portland International Raceway before wrapping up top rookie honors with good performances at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca and on the streets of Long Beach.

McLaughlin joined Team Penske in 2017, signing on with the DJR Team Penske squad competing in the Australian Supercars Championship as a rising star in the competitive series. He proceeded to take the Supercars world by storm producing 48 wins, 59 pole positions, and three series championships over the next four seasons with the team. In 2019, he also delivered a victory in one of the biggest races in the world – the Bathurst 1000.

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