



XM Radio Acura to Start Fourth at Petit Le Mans

Braselton, Georgia (Oct. 3, 2008) – Franck Montagny turned a best-lap speed of 135.495 miles per hour (1:07.486 seconds) to claim the fourth starting position in the LMP2 class and seventh overall for the #26 XM Radio Acura for Saturday's running of the Petit Le Mans.

After an incident causing major damage to the XM Radio Acura in the morning session, the crew worked feverously to put the car back together in time for qualifying. Despite the incident, Montagny posted the fastest speed of the four Acura entries.

Montagny teams with IndyCar Series drivers Tony Kanaan and Marco Andretti. This is Andretti's third race in the #26 XM Radio Acura and Kanaan's first.

SPEED will provide six and a half hours of live coverage of Saturday's 10-hour event beginning at 11:15 a.m. (EDT). It can also be heard live on XM Radio, channel 144.

Franck Montagny, #26 XM Radio Acura:

"I think the XM Radio Acura car is faster than what we put up there today. The crew did a good job putting it back together after this morning. The car is quite good, but the brakes just kept sticking on me so I couldn't get up to speed fast enough. But, we'll be okay for tomorrow. The car is good, so we'll see what we can do tomorrow. It's a long race, so a lot can happen."

<i>Petit Le Mans Qualifying Results - Overall</i>			
Pos.	Name	Speed (mph)	Time (sec)
1	Minassian/Sarrazin*/Klein	138.039	1:06.242
2	Capello/McNish*/Pirro	138.862	1:06:327
3	Luhr/Werner*	136.353	1:06.818
4	Briscoe*/Castroneves	136.353	1:07.061
7	<i>Motagny*/Andretti/Kanaan</i>	<i>135.495</i>	<i>1:07.486</i>

* denotes qualifying driver