



KV RACING TECHNOLOGY THIRD AND FOURTH AFTER FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE FOR PEAK ANTIFREEZE AND MOTOR OIL GRAND PRIX OF SONOMA COUNTY

SONOMA, CA -- AUGUST 22, 2008 -- Round #15 2008 IndyCar Series season.

KV Racing Technology drivers Oriol Servià and Will Power were third and fourth respectively on the combined speed report following the first day of practice for the Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil Grand Prix of Sonoma County at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, California.

Servià, KV Racing Technology #5 Honda/Dallara/Firestone, making his first appearance on the 2.245-mile, 12-turn Infineon permanent road course, logged a fast lap of 77.4712 seconds (107.018 mph). Power, KV Racing Technology #8 Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia Honda/Dallara/Firestone, who is also making his Sonoma debut, posted a fast time of 77.5851 seconds (106.861 mph).

Servià and Power were both among the leaders in both practice sessions. In the morning session Servià, 34, was fifth at the halfway point of the 90-minute practice with a time of 78.3169 seconds (105.862mph), but ended up seventh when the team spent the second half experimenting with set-up changes. Power, 27, was even stronger in the morning practice. Using the same practice strategy as his teammate he was at the top of the speed charts for much of the session running his fastest time (78.0297 seconds, 106.252 mph) during the first 45 minutes, but slipped to fourth by the end of practice.

During the second practice Servià ran between third and fifth for much of the session. Then, like several other competitors, he put on new tires for his final stint and logged his quickest lap of the day, which placed him second on the practice report for the session and third overall. Power logged his fast lap early in the session putting him second on the speed charts for the session where he remained until the end when he was unable to get a clean lap due to traffic and relinquished the spot to his teammate.

"It helped KV Racing Technology to come here to test last week," Servià said. "It brought us closer to the established teams, which is where we want to be, but we still need to keep working. It's getting very close to the end of the season and everyone is very eager to win. So it is good that we are in the ballpark (for the pole). We still have all day tomorrow and then the race on Sunday before it is decided. Until then we will keep on learning and trying new things with the car. Overall, I am happy with the progress we are making."

Commenting on his day Power said, "It was very difficult to get a good lap in with so many cars on track, but the Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia car was quick. We still need to work some things out to make the car a little bit better. Our aim for tomorrow is to not only make the Firestone Fast Six, but to be right up at the front."

Servià, who is tied for eighth in the points with 298, but sits 10th in the standings due to tiebreakers, is the highest ranked of the drivers transitioning from Champ Car to the IndyCar Series this year. The native of Spain, in his ninth season, but first in IndyCar, is not considered a rookie because of his extensive oval experience. Servià will be making his 140th career start and 104th on a road/street circuit this weekend. He has earned 59 of his 76 career top-10 finishes, 28 of his 38 top-five showings and 13 of his 16 podiums on road or street circuits. Servià's only career victory came on the road course in Montreal, Canada, 2005, and his only pole on the streets of Surfers Paradise, Australia, 2005.

Power, in his fourth U.S. based open-wheel season, will be making his 45th career start and 35th on a road/street circuit this weekend. He is 13th in the championship race with 267 points, 31 points out of 10th place and second in the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year race (31 behind Hideki Mutoh). Power has earned 22 of his 23 career top-10 finishes, all 13 of his top-five showings, all seven podium performances, all three of his career victories (Las Vegas and Toronto, 2007 and Long Beach, 2008) and all six of his career poles on road/street circuits. His only top-10 oval finish occurred this year at Iowa where he placed ninth.

With just three points paying races remaining in the 2008 season this weekend's race is crucial to KVRT's chances to finish both cars in the top-10 in the final standings. The team has shown throughout the season that they can be very competitive on the road/street circuits as opposed to the big ovals where, due to a lack of data and experience, they are behind the established IndyCar teams. With two of the final three events on tracks that require turning both right and left, including here in Sonoma, a strong performance this weekend and next on the street circuit in Detroit are musts if they are going to achieve their goal.

There will be another practice session tomorrow which will be split into two groups with the first group going out at 9:30 a.m. Qualifying is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. tomorrow. The Peak Antifreeze and Motor Oil Grand Prix of Sonoma County will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at 5:30 p.m. ET.

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