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KV RACING TECHNOLOGY NINTH AND 11TH AFTER FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE FOR DETROIT INDY GRAND PRIX

DETROIT, MI - - AUGUST 29, 2008 - - Round #16 2008 IndyCar Series season - - KV Racing Technology drivers Oriol Servià and Will Power were ninth and 11th respectively on the combined speed report following the first day of practice for the Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone on the Belle Isle Raceway in Detroit, Michigan.

Servià, KV Racing Technology #5 Honda/Dallara/Firestone, making his third appearance on the 2.07-mile, 14-turn, Belle Isle temporary street circuit, posted a fast time of 74.7147 seconds (99.739 mph). Power, KV Racing Technology #8 Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia Honda/Dallara/Firestone, making his debut in Detroit, logged a fast lap of 74.8398 seconds (99.573 mph).

In the morning session Power was 14th fastest with a time of 76.7979 seconds (97.034 mph) while Servià posted the 17th fastest lap, 77.2074 seconds (96.519 mph). During the second practice both drivers made significant improvement. Servià, who suffered a slight mechanical problem and ran only 11 laps, ran his fast time of the day on his seventh circuit. Power, who spent much of his time familiarizing himself with the challenging Belle Isle circuit with its changes from asphalt to concrete, turned his quick time on the 19th lap of the 25 he turned.

"KV Racing Technology made some changes for the second session that I liked a lot more; the car was a lot more reactive," Servià said. "We only needed a few laps and we looked decent, so hopefully tomorrow we continue with the improvement."

Power said, "Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia had a good day. I spent most of the time learning the circuit and trying to catch up on setups. We moved up a little bit the second session and hopefully, the car will be quick enough by the time we get to qualifying."

Servià is ninth in the championship standings with 313 points, just 32 points out of sixth place. He has qualified in the top-10 eight times in 15 races this season including a season high third in Edmonton, and finished in the top-10 six times (four on road/street circuits) including four top-five showings (fifth's at Long Beach, Richmond, Mid-Ohio and Edmonton). The 34-year-old Spaniard is not only the highest ranked of the drivers transitioning from Champ Car to the IndyCar Series this year, but the highest ranked driver not a member of the big three teams (Andretti Green, Ganassi and Penske). Servià, in his ninth season, but first in IndyCar, is not considered a rookie because of his extensive oval experience. He will be making his 141st career start and 105th on a road/street circuit tomorrow. Servià 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. His 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 is 15th in the standings with 277 points, 33 points out of 10th place and second in the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year race (38 behind Hideki Mutoh). The 27-year-old native of Australia has qualified in the top-10 six times in 15 attempts this season with a best, and team high, starting position of second on the streets of St. Petersburg. He has earned four top-10 finishes (three on road or street circuits), including two top-five showings (both on street/road circuits; won in Long Beach and fourth in Mid-Ohio) with one victory in the 15 races this year. Power, in his fourth U.S. based open-wheel season, will be making his 46th career start and 36th on a road/street circuit this weekend. He 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.

There will be another practice session tomorrow which will be split into two groups with the first group going out at 8:30 a.m. Qualifying is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. tomorrow. The Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone will be broadcast live on ABC at 3:30 p.m. ET.