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### **KV RACING TECHNOLOGY TOPS SPEED CHARTS AFTER FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE FOR REXALL EDMONTON INDY**

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA - - JULY 24, 2008 - - Round #13 2008 IndyCar Series season - - KV Racing Technology continued the momentum they gained from a pair of top-five finishes last weekend at Mid-Ohio with drivers Will Power and Oriol Servia posting the two fastest times after the first day of practice for the Rexall Edmonton Indy on the City Center Airport temporary circuit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Power, KV Racing Technology #8 Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia Honda/Dallara/Firestone, making his third appearance on the 1.973-mile, 14-turn Edmonton airport circuit, logged the fastest lap of the day with a time of 62.3404 seconds (113.936 mph). Servia, KV Racing Technology #5 Honda/Dallara/Firestone, who will be contesting his fourth race at Edmonton, one of four drivers who will do so, recorded the second fastest time clocking a lap of 62.3900 seconds (113.845 mph)

Power, 27, who captured the pole here last year and has a best finish of sixth in his Edmonton debut in 2006, was third on the speed charts following the first practice with a fast lap of 63.2103 seconds (112.368 mph). Servia, 34, who has qualified in the top-five twice in three previous appearances in Edmonton with a best starting spot of fourth in 2005, and who has finished in the top-six in all three events with a best showing of second also in 2005, had the fourth fastest time in the first practice with a time of 63.2478 seconds (112.301 mph).

During the second practice Power posted his fastest time on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the 27 laps he ran. Remarkably, Servia also recorded his quick time on the 21<sup>st</sup> of 26 laps he turned.

“I am really happy with the way the Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia car handled today,” Power said. “It was very difficult to get a lap. There was a lot of traffic and a lot of caution flags. A lot of people were going off, which I think is because there are no consequences or wall to run into. The key to going fast here is you need to have a good car, drive smart, and attack at the right time. We had a good day today, but we have to keep improving because the top teams will definitely be faster tomorrow.”

Servia said, “This is what we would like to get familiar with, being one and two in every session. I really like the KV Racing Technology car and I like the track. Because we have been here before, obviously we had a little bit of a head start on the other Indycar teams, but I think what you saw here today is realistic. I am quite happy with our performance, but you have to remember that there are only a few of tenths of a second separating about 10 cars. We have to keep working to keep the same gap tomorrow and Saturday.”

Power is coming off a fourth place finish last weekend in Mid-Ohio where he led an IndyCar race for the first time, earned his best IndyCar finish and scored his first top-five showing in an IndyCar race (he won in Long Beach and earned IndyCar points, but did not compete against the majority of IndyCar teams). The talented Australian, who is 11<sup>th</sup> in the championship with 245 points and second in the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year race, will be making his 43<sup>rd</sup> career start and 34<sup>th</sup> on a street/road circuit this weekend. Power, with more street/road course starts has, obviously, best performances on tracks with right hand turns including all three of his career victories (Las Vegas and Toronto, 2007 and

Long Beach, 2008) and all six of his career poles. His only career top-10 oval finish occurred this year at Iowa where he placed ninth.

Servia, coming off a season high tying fifth place finish in Mid-Ohio, his third top-five performance of the season, is 10<sup>th</sup> in the championship standings with 250 points. The native of Spain, in his ninth U.S. based open-wheel season, but first in the IndyCar Series, is not considered a rookie. Servia, who will be making his 138<sup>th</sup> start and 103<sup>rd</sup> on an street/road circuits weekend, has earned 13 of his 16 podiums including his only career victory (Montreal, Canada, 2005) and his only pole (Surfers Paradise, Australia, 2005) on street/road circuits.

This is the fourth time KVRT has raced in Edmonton and the fifth time this year, fourth with all the IndyCar teams, that KVRT is racing on a track they have been to before. However it will be the first time that the teams transitioning from Champ Car to the IndyCar Series will have the advantage of competing on a circuit that they have raced on, but the established IndyCar Series teams have not.

The Rexall Edmonton Indy will continue tomorrow with practice session, which will be split into two groups, beginning at 10:30 a.m. followed by qualifying at 3:15 p.m. The Rexall Edmonton Indy is Round 13 of the 2008 IndyCar Series season. The race will be televised live on ESPN at 5:00 p.m. ET.

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