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KV RACING TECHNOLOGY QUALIFIES 12th AND 13th FOR TOMORROW'S MEIJER INDY 300

SPARTA, KY - - AUGUST 8, 2008 - - Round #14 2008 IndyCar Series season - - KV Racing Technology drivers Oriol Servia and Will Power qualified 12th and 13th respectively for tomorrow's Meijer Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Kentucky.

Servia, KV Racing Technology #5 Honda/Dallara/Firestone, in his first IndyCar season and making his first appearance on the 1.5-mile Kentucky tri-oval, had a four-lap average of 217.015 mph and will lineup on the outside of Row #6. Power, KV Racing Technology #8 Aussie Vineyards – Team Australia Honda/Dallara/Firestone, an IndyCar rookie who is also making his debut at Kentucky, averaged 216.729 mph and will grid on the inside of Row #7.

"I am actually very happy," Servia said. "It's the first time that KV Racing Technology was able to go faster in qualifying than in practice. It shows that we are learning more about the car and keep improving, little by little, each session. So, I am just happy that we are progressing and hope that we have a good race tomorrow."

Commenting on his qualifying effort Power said, "We have a reasonable starting position for the race. I will be long race with a lot of stops. Hopefully, KVRT Aussie Vineyards will have a good clean race tomorrow and I will be able to earn enough points to move into the top-10 standings."

The day began with Power 14th fastest in this morning's practice with a speed of 216.829 mph while Servia posted the 18th quickest speed in the morning at 216.329 mph. During the afternoon practice, which was split into two groups running for one hour each, both drivers ran in the second group. Servia ended the session 12th on the speed charts, when both groups were combined, with a lap of at 217.279 mph with Power 15th at 216.936.

In qualifying, Servia went out 21st of the 24 drivers who made a qualifying run and had a solid effort. His fastest lap, which was also his fastest of the entire day, was his third and came in at 217.302 mph. His slowest was his first at 216.628 mph. Servia has qualified in the top-10 seven times in 14 races this season including a season high third in Edmonton and an oval high of ninth at Milwaukee. Power, the 22nd driver to qualify, ran four very consistent laps. His best lap was his first, which came in at 216.893 and his slowest was his third, a 216.518. Power has qualified in the top-10 five times in 14 attempts this year. His best qualifying position is a team high second on the street circuit in St. Petersburg and his best oval starting spot is a team high fourth at Milwaukee.

Servia, eighth in the standings with 280 points, just 44 points out of fifth place, has finished in the top-10 in six of the 13 races this year with four top-five showings. The 34-year-old Spaniard is the highest ranked driver not a member of Andretti Green, Ganassi or Penske Racing, and has been the best of the drivers transitioning from Champ Car to the IndyCar Series this year, especially on ovals. Servia has recorded the highest finish on an oval of the transition drivers placing fifth in Richmond and has the best finish on four of the eight ovals contested this year, Homestead, Indy, Milwaukee and Richmond and the second best in Kansas. Now in his ninth U.S. based open-wheel season, Servia is not considered an IndyCar rookie because of his oval experience. He will be making his 139th career start and 36th on an oval tomorrow. In 35 career oval starts, Servia has 17 top-10 finishes with 10 top-five showings and three podiums. His best oval finishes are seconds at Milwaukee in 2003 and Las Vegas in 2005.

Power, ranked 11th with 257, has finished in the top-10 in four of the 13 races this year including two top-five showings and a win at Long Beach. He is 19 points out of 10th place and second in the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year race, 29 points behind Hideki Mutoh. Power will be making his 44th career start, but just 10th on an oval tomorrow. The 27-year-old Australian, who had just one oval start prior to this season, has finished five of the last six oval races picking up his first career top-10 finish on an oval in the process, a ninth place showing at Iowa. Power's showing in Iowa was the best of the transition drivers. He has the second best finish at three other oval events, Indy, Texas and Nashville.

The Meijer Indy is Round #14 of the 2008 IndyCar Series season. The race will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at 6:30 p.m. ET.

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