



Klein Earns A Top Ten

Long Grove, IL (June 18, 2007) – Jonathan Klein earned a top-ten finish in the second race of a double-header weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's road course during the Formula 1 weekend. The first race of the Liberty Challenge was fraught with frustration but Jonathan kept a cool head to finish the race.

Qualifying on Friday had Klein in the third spot when he came in for fresh tires, while other drivers went out to put in some fast times. Jonathan returned to the track and was stuck behind a car that made it virtually impossible to pass, and with a full-course yellow coming out to end the session before Klein had the chance to put in a "flyer", he had to settle for a 7th-spot qualifying position.

In Race 1 of the Liberty Challenge on Saturday, Klein gained three positions on the first lap, fell back two laps until an attempt to overtake another car in lap 6 resulted in a spin while he was being pinched toward the inside of Turn 1 and avoided hitting the other car. He came out in 22nd and lost second gear. He soldiered on to finish 19th, setting the third-fastest lap of the race.

Even though he started Sunday's Race 2 in 19th, Klein expected a good car and looked for a positive result. He gained two positions on the start. After a full-course yellow on Lap 2, the green flag came out on Lap 4. By Lap 5, Jonathan was in 9th-place. Clearly he had a good car and he finished the race in 7th-place, having improved 12 positions.

"All things considered, starting in 19th and getting a top-ten is a good finish. I'm looking forward to Iowa next week, where we tested a few weeks ago with some decent results."

The Indy Pro Race Liberty Challenge Races 1 and 2 will be run on Thursday, June 21 at 5:00 pm Eastern time, on ESPN2.