



## Klein Starts His 2007 Season in St. Pete

Long Grove, IL (Apr. 1, 2007): The Indy Pro Series doubleheader in St. Petersburg on March 31 and April 1 brought both great satisfaction and extreme disappointment to Jonathan Klein. Starting Saturday's race in the eighth spot, Klein drove the Team Moore Racing – Xtreme Coil Drilling car to a well-contested 3<sup>rd</sup>-place podium finish in a race that displayed several full-course yellows, letting Klein grab the opportunity to improve his positions with his strong re-starts.

With Saturday's top six finishers inverted for Sunday's event, Klein started the race in the fourth spot. On the start, he moved through Turn One to take the lead, holding his position through the first twenty laps of the 40-lap race. After the second full-course yellow, Klein and second-place driver Alex Lloyd went into Turn One on the restart at Lap 20, with Klein holding his lead. The chief steward threw Klein a black flag for "blocking", forcing a drive-through penalty that put Klein back to the 17th position. Although he quickly worked through the field to get up to 10th, getting caught behind a spinning car resulted in an overall finish of 14<sup>th</sup>-place.

When the black flag was thrown for Jonathan, even the media present on pit road were incredulous. The overwhelming consensus throughout the paddock post-race was one of disbelief that the solid racing displayed was deemed inappropriate. Reportedly not one other race official agreed with the chief steward's determination.

"Today Jonathan achieved a moral victory. He showed everyone that he is here," said Team Moore Racing co-owner Mark Moore.

"Mark and the crew worked so hard and gave me an incredible car," said Klein. "All I can say is that an unfortunate call prevented the IPS fans from seeing solid, controversy-free racing. I think we showed that Team Moore Racing is a great competitor, and I can't wait for the next race."

The ESPN2 broadcast of the IPS races from St. Petersburg will be broadcast on Friday, April 6 at 4:30 EST.