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Near Podium Finish for Klein At Watkins Glen

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (June 4, 2006) -- A cold and very wet Indy Pro Series race at Watkins Glen International Raceway resulted in a near-podium for rookie Jonathan Klein, who finished fifth Sunday after exciting battles with Phil Giebler and Andretti Green Racing teammate Jaime Camara.

As a result, Klein moves up to third in the standings, behind only Jay Howard and Bobby Wilson; while Jaime Camara gained one position in the standings to seventh.

The scheduled 29-lap race began under a cold and steady rain, with Klein gaining two positions on the opening lap, then moving up to third on Lap 10. The series rookie appeared headed for a podium finish as the rain diminished mid-race, but was caught and passed by first Phil Giebler, then Camara in the closing laps. He finished fifth for the third time this season.

Andretti Green Racing and the Indy Pro Series return to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway next month, running on the road course at the famed "Brickyard" on July 1, in conjunction with the U.S. Grand Prix.

Jonathan Klein, #27 Klein Tools/Turn-Key Forging and Design Dallara/Firestone Started 6th, finished 5th, moves from 6th to 3rd in IPS points standings

"It's a bit frustrating. I should be satisfied with fifth behind my teammate, but I felt like I had a third-place car today. We had a good start, picked up a couple of positions, then moved up to third. I felt like I was faster than [Phil] Giebler everywhere except Turn One, but he was quicker there and all the way up to the 'Bus Stop' as a result. I could only hold him off for so long, and he finally got past me. At the end, Jaime [Camara] got a pretty good run at me. If it had been anyone other than my teammate, I probably would have fought back harder, but the rain was coming down again and it made more sense to make sure we brought the car home in one piece."

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