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Klein Qualifies Sixth for Sunbelt Rentals 100 at Nashville

Jonathan Klein posted the sixth-fastest speed in single-car qualifying today in preparation for Saturday's Sunbelt Rentals 100 Indy Pro Series event on the high-banked and concrete-paved 1.33-mile Nashville Superspeedway oval.

It was the fifth top-six qualifying run for the 19-year-old series rookie in seven events this season. Klein also has five top-six finishes so far this season, highlighted by a third-place finish two weeks ago on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. He is currently third in the Indy Pro Series standings with 168 points, 25 behind teammate Jay Howard and just 13 shy of second-place Bobby Wilson.

Saturday's 77-lap race is scheduled to start at 5 p.m. (EDT) with tape-delayed television coverage on ESPN2 airing Thursday, July 20, at 2 p.m. (EDT).

Jonathan Klein, #27 Klein Tools/Turn-Key Forging & Design Dallara/Firestone Qualified 6th at 175.653 mph, 26.6374 seconds

"I definitely hoped for more speed from my [qualifying] run, but I think we were too conservative on our set-up and ran with too much aero [downforce]. But just like Watkins Glen, where we qualified sixth and had a good race, I think we can have a good race here tomorrow as well. I believe we have a good race set-up, and I'm looking forward to moving up through the field."

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