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Klein Runs Third at Infineon, Will Battle for Championship at Chicagoland Finale

Jonathan Klein further closed the gap to his teammate and Indy Pro Series points leader Jay Howard with a third-place finish in Sunday's second half of a two-race "doubleheader" on the Infineon Raceway road course.

Klein's result, coupled with a fifth place finish for Howard, moved the 19-year-old rookie to within eight points of Howard in a four-way fight for the series championship that will be decided at the season finale on the 1.5-mile Chicagoland Speedway oval on September 9.

Starting fourth, Klein gained two positions during the opening lap to run second behind early leader Bobby Wilson. Alex Lloyd came through to lead on the 10th lap, but Klein continued to battle Wilson and defending series champion Wade Cunningham for second throughout the middle stages of the 30-lap race.

Cunningham fell out of that group with a spin on Lap 18, while Wilson opened up a small gap by taking to the escape road to pass a spinning lapped car, while Klein stayed on the racing surface, but had to settle for third at the checkered.

Jonathan Klein, #27 Klein Tools/Turn-Key Forging & Design Dallara/Firestone Started 4th, Finished 3rd, 2nd in championship, 8 points behind Jay Howard

"We made the car a lot better today than it was in yesterday's race. It was much more consistent. Lapped traffic caught us out a few times and [Alex] Lloyd was able to pull out a gap on us, but that's the way it goes sometimes. We closed the points gap to my teammate Jay [Howard], and that was our goal for the weekend. Now we go to Chicago and race for the win and the championship."

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