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Klein Claims the Pole at Kentucky Speedway

Rookie Jonathan Klein recorded his first Indy Pro Series pole in qualifying action Saturday at Kentucky Speedway in preparation for Saturday's WAMZ 100. Klein edged defending series champion Wade Cunningham by just over five-hundredths of a second with a best-lap speed of 189.392 miles per hour around the 1.5-mile oval.

It is the third front-row start for the 19-year-old college student this season in nine events, as Klein qualified second at the season-opening race at Homestead-Miami Speedway and for the second of two races at the St. Petersburg Grand Prix.

Klein is coming off a streak of three consecutive third-place Pro Series finishes at Indianapolis, Nashville and Milwaukee. He is currently third in the Indy Pro Series standings with 238 points, 31 behind teammate and championship leader Jay Howard, and just one point shy of second-place Bobby Wilson.

Saturday's 100-lap race is scheduled to start at 12:30 p.m. (EDT) with tape-delayed television coverage on ESPN2 airing Monday, August 14, at 2:30 p.m. (EDT).

Jonathan Klein, #27 Klein Tools/Turn-Key Forging & Design Dallara/Firestone Qualified 1st at 189.392 mph, 28.1321 seconds

"I have to give it to my crew. They're the best guys out there and proved it today. The car was fantastic all day. Qualifying is all about those two hot laps. I just had to get in and hang on, and that's what I did. Anything can happen in the race, but I'm pretty confident. I know the car will be good and hopefully everything will work out well for us tomorrow."

[On the benefit of the "bonus test" provided to IndyCar teams, such as Andretti Green Racing, that field Pro Series entries] "The test was a big help, it definitely played a part in my learning the quick way around here. Dario [Franchitti] helped out a ton, and I can't thank him enough for the guidance he provided."

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