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Kanaan Finishes 12th at Indianapolis 500

SPEEDWAY, Ind. (May 27, 2007) – Tony Kanaan, driver of the #11 Team 7-Eleven car, faced the full gamut of emotions at the 91st running of the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Kanaan, who led the most laps of the race, suffered a spin late in the rain-shortened race and finished 12th.

Starting second, Kanaan proved early he was the driver to beat by taking the lead on lap one. Despite getting caught in traffic, Kanaan never fell out of the top five cars on his fuel sequence. Just as the race passed the halfway point, Kanaan passed teammate Marco Andretti on a restart and took the lead again. A rain shower soaked the track and the race was halted for several hours before resuming at 6 p.m. (EDT). Kanaan was the class of the field again following the rain delay but got caught in traffic on a restart on lap 157 and spun. He recovered without making contact with any walls but was relegated to the back of the lead-lap cars. Shortly after, another rain shower ended the race on lap 166.

Kanaan's AGR teammate Dario Franchitti won his first Indianapolis 500 and his 15th major American open-wheel race. The win was Andretti Green Racing's second Indianapolis 500 victory in five tries. Scott Dixon and Helio Castroneves rounded out the top three.

The IndyCar Series returns to action on Sunday, June 3, for ABC Supply Co./A.J. Foyt 225 from The Milwaukee Mile. ABC will provide live broadcast coverage of the event beginning at 4 p.m. (EDT).

Tony Kanaan, #11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

"I don't know what happened on the restart. I don't even know who crashed. I spun but managed to keep it on the track and after that I knew the day was over. This is Indianapolis and this is the way it is. It's too bad because the Team 7-Eleven car was the best car I've ever had at Indianapolis. It was a bad day for me but became a good day for Dario and his team. If I could pick anybody to win besides me and Michael (Andretti), it would be Dario. He is one of the biggest reasons I signed with this team and it was a good day for him. One of my best friends won today and I'm so happy for him."

Eric Cowdin, Race Engineer, #11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

"The first thing I have to say is congratulations to the Canadian Club team. There is no one in here who deserves the victory more. It is unfortunate for Team 7-Eleven because we had a fast car and worked all month to get to that point. If I learned anything this month it is that nothing is ever handed to you and you have to keep after it; that's why people come back. Trying to win this race is as addictive as anything you'll find in this world. I guarantee we'll be back and don't bet against Tony."

2007 Indianapolis 500 Results

Pos.	Name	Laps	Pos.	Name	Laps	Pos.	Name	Laps
1	Dario Franchitti	166	12	Tony Kanaan	166	23	Richie Hearn	163
2	Scott Dixon	166	13	Michael Andretti	166	24	Marco Andretti	162
3	Helio Castroneves	166	14	AJ Foyt IV	165	25	Buddy Rice	162
4	Sam Hornish Jr.	166	15	Alex Barron	165	26	Al Unser Jr.	161
5	Ryan Briscoe	166	16	Kosuke Matsuura	165	27	Jaques Lazier	155
6	Scott Sharp	166	17	Ed Carpenter	164	28	Marty Roth	148
7	Tomas Scheckter	166	18	Sarah Fisher	164	29	Phil Giebler	106
8	Danica Patrick	166	19	Buddy Lazier	164	30	John Andretti	95
9	Davey Hamilton	166	20	Darren Manning	164	31	Milka Duno	65
10	Vitor Meira	166	21	Roger Yasukawa	164	32	Jon Herb	51
11	Jeff Simmons	166	22	Dan Wheldon	163	33	Roberto Moreno	36

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