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Accident Finishes Off Kanaan at Nashville

LEBANON, Tenn. (July 15, 2007) – Tony Kanaan finished 18th at the Firestone Indy 200 at Nashville Superspeedway on Sunday after making contact with the wall early in the race.

Possessing one of the best cars on track, Kanaan moved into the second position on lap two of the 200-lap event. On lap 34, the leaders began to encounter lapped traffic for the first time. After Kanaan was around last-place driver Sarah Fisher, the Team 7-Eleven car got loose and Kanaan backed into the Turn 2 SAFER Barrier.

Scott Dixon drove to victory, his second-in-a-row. He was followed across the line by Canadian Club driver Dario Franchitti and Motorola driver Danica Patrick. Sam Hornish Jr. finished fourth and NYSE driver Marco Andretti rounded out the top five.

The IndyCar Series concludes a stretch of five races in consecutive weekends with the Honda 200 at Mid-Ohio on Sunday, July 22. ABC Sports will provide coverage of the 85-lap event at 1:30 p.m. (EDT). The race can also be heard live on XM Satellite Radio, channel 145.

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

"I tried to go around Sarah on the outside and I just lost it. The track was still very green because of the rain last night. It's really a tough break because the Team 7-Eleven car was so good. This really hurts us in the championship for sure. It's a shame and I'm very disappointed right now. The crew gave me such a good car all weekend. We've had a lot of accidents the last few weeks so it's time to regroup and move forward."

George Klotz, Race Strategist, #11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

"It is very disappointing for Tony, the crew, everyone. We had a very good car today. It may not have been the fastest car on track but was easily one of the top three. This definitely hurts our championship chances but there isn't a more determined driver out here than Tony. There are six races left so I'm sure he'll still make it interesting."

2007 Firestone Indy 200 Results					
Pos.	Name	Laps	Pos.	Name	Laps
1	Scott Dixon	200	10	Vitor Meira	199
2	Dario Franchitti	200	11	Tomas Scheckter	199
3	Danica Patrick	200	12	AJ Foyt IV	198
4	Sam Hornish Jr.	200	13	Ed Carpenter	197
5	Marco Andretti	200	14	Jeff Simmons	196
6	Helio Castroneves	200	15	Sarah Fisher	194
7	Scott Sharp	200	16	Kosuke Matsuura	182
8	Dan Wheldon	200	17	Buddy Rice	166
9	Darren Manning	199	18	Tony Kanaan	35

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