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Kanaan Wheels to Third-Place Finish in Team 7-Eleven Car at Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (April 1, 2007) – Tony Kanaan, driver of the #11 Team 7-Eleven car, started sixth and finished third at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. Kanaan is the only driver in the three-year history of the event to collect a podium finish at each Honda Grand Prix.

The race got off to a rough start for Team 7-Eleven when Kanaan and teammate Dario Franchitti made contact on the opening lap of the event. The incident left no damage to the Team 7-Eleven car but did send Kanaan to the rear of the field. When the race returned to green-flag racing, Kanaan picked off three cars in the first four laps. From there, Kanaan moved up through the field with skilled driving and excellent pit stops. The Team 7-Eleven crew consistently gained Kanaan positions while the car was stopped, on one occasion gaining three places.

Helio Castroneves captured the win with Scott Dixon finishing second. Kanaan and AGR teammates Marco Andretti and Dario Franchitti rounded out the top five.

The IndyCar Series returns to action Saturday, April 21, from the 1.5-mile oval at Twin Ring Motegi, Motegi, Japan. The Indy Japan 300 will be televised on a tape-delayed basis by ESPN, beginning at 12 p.m. (EDT).

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

(ABOUT CONTACT WITH TEAMMATE DARIO FRANCHITTI) "I have to see what happened. It is a street course and it is very tight. Everybody is fighting for the same spot and two cars don't fit in the same place at the same time. This is racing, so if we're not racing hard then we're not racing. I don't think we had a perfect day and we didn't yesterday. I went off the course and put myself back into sixth place. Third place, it's not bad. The Team 7-Eleven crew worked hard all weekend, so we'll take it."

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

"It's been a battle all weekend for Team 7-Eleven and no one gave up. We weren't looking for third but we're still happy with it. To be able to get out of here with some good points was important. To look back at the weekend we had, a third-place finish is not too bad. We'll take it and go on to Motegi where Tony is always very competitive."

2007 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Results					
Pos.	Name	Laps	Pos.	Name	Laps
1	Helio Castroneves	100	10	Buddy Rice	100
2	Scott Dixon	100	11	Scott Sharp	100
3	Tony Kanaan	100	12	Darren Manning	99
4	Marco Andretti	100	13	AJ Foyt IV	98
5	Dario Franchitti	100	14	Jeff Simmons	97
6	Tomas Scheckter	100	15	Sarah Fisher	97
7	Sam Hornish Jr.	100	16	Vitor Meira	96
8	Danica Patrick	100	17	Kosuke Matsuura	83
9	Dan Wheldon	100	18	Ed Carpenter	45

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