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Suspension Fails Kanaan at Surfers Paradise

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia (Oct. 26, 2008) – Tony Kanaan, driver of the Team 7-Eleven car, finished 21st at Sunday’s Nikon Indy 300. Kanaan’s car suffered a right-rear suspension failure just past the halfway point of the race that ended his afternoon.

Australian Ryan Briscoe won the race in his native country. Scott Dixon finished second. Ryan Hunter-Reay, Alex Tagliani and Oriol Servia rounded out the top five.

The 2009 IndyCar Series season begins Sunday, April 5, 2009, with the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. The 93rd running of the Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 24. Other highlighted races on the 2009 schedule include the inaugural IndyCar Series event on the Streets of Toronto on Sunday, July 12, and the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday, Oct. 11.

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

“Unfortunately our right-rear suspension broke and it’s a real shame. I didn’t hit anything and I think it was just the stress on the part. We worked really hard after struggling the first couple of days and the Team 7-Eleven car was very good for the race. I think we could have finished on the podium so we’re obviously disappointed.”

RACE NOTES

- Kanaan was running fourth when his suspension failed.

| 2008 Nikon Indy 300 Results | | | | | |
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| Pos. | Name | Laps | Pos. | Name | Laps |
| 1 | Ryan Briscoe | 60 | 13 | Marco Andretti | 60 |
| 2 | Scott Dixon | 60 | 14 | Vitor Meira | 59 |
| 3 | Ryan Hunter-Reay | 60 | 15 | Bruno Junqueira | 59 |
| 4 | Alex Tagliani | 60 | 16 | Dario Franchitti | 59 |
| 5 | Oriol Servia | 60 | 17 | AJ Foyt IV | 58 |
| 6 | EJ Viso | 60 | 18 | Danica Patrick | 58 |
| 7 | Helio Castroneves | 60 | 19 | Jaime Camara | 58 |
| 8 | Hideki Mutoh | 60 | 20 | Ed Carpenter | 57 |
| 9 | Graham Rahal | 60 | 21 | Tony Kanaan | 34 |
| 10 | Dan Wheldon | 60 | 22 | Will Power | 16 |
| 11 | Justin Wilson | 60 | 23 | Townsend Bell | 8 |
| 12 | Buddy Rice | 60 | 24 | Mario Moraes | 7 |

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