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Alex Palou joins Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh for 2020 IndyCar Season

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Plainfield, IL (December 19, 2019) – Super Formula race winner and Rookie of the Year, Spaniard Alex Palou will be coming to America to compete full-time in the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series driving for Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh.

Palou will be vying for Rookie of the Year honors as he takes on the 17-race schedule. The driver from Sant Antoni de Vilamajor is hot off an impressive season in the Japanese Super Formula Series with TCS Nakajima Racing. In addition to finishing as the top rookie, he scored a victory, three pole positions (the most of any competitor that season) and placed third in the Championship. He also drove for Team Goh piloting their McLaren 720S GT3 this past season capturing the pole position during the last round of Super GT series at Twin Ring Motegi by setting a new GT300 class record.

“I’m very excited about coming to America to race Indy cars,” commented the 22-year-old driver. “I’m grateful for all that have helped me get to this point of my career and especially Dale Coyne and Mr. Kazumichi Goh for giving me this opportunity.”

The entry will be entered under the name “Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh” for the 2020 season.

“We’re very pleased to partner with our friend of many years Kazumichi Goh in this collaborative effort for 2020,” expressed Team Owner Dale Coyne. “We tested Alex at

Mid-Ohio earlier this year and he impressed everyone. His rise in performance over the past three years shows great promise for the future.”

Team Goh has a storied history in racing. Team Goh won the 1996 Japanese Grand Touring Championship (JGTC) and became one of the prestigious Privateer teams to win the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2004 with Seiji Ara, Tom Kristensen and Rinaldo Capello.

“Alex shows great promise and we all are excited to continue our relationship with Alex and to see him progress his career towards the IndyCar series,” said Team Owner Kazumichi Goh. “It will be an honor to be part of the Indianapolis 500, the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, and we hope to have the same success we achieved at Le Mans 24hr race with our overall win thanks to great team collaboration between Alex and Dale Coyne Racing.”

Prior to his season in the highly competitive Super Formula championship, the Spaniard raced in the Japan Formula 3 Championship, finishing third in the year-end standings on the strength of three wins and five pole positions. Before his time in Japan, Palou became the first Spanish racing driver to win a GP3 race when he took the victory at the final round of his debut season in 2015 with Campos Racing.

Palou made the jump from racing karts to cars in 2014 and placed third in the Euroformula Open Championship and second in the Spanish Formula 3 Championship before his move to GP3 where he spent the next two seasons.

The program came together quickly, first after a July test with Palou at Mid-Ohio, and then more recently with the available drive at DCR. The team plans to begin extensive testing in February in preparation for the season opening race at St. Petersburg, Florida on March 15th, 2020.

Dale Coyne Racing will have further details on its complete 2020 program at the beginning of the new year.

Sebastien Bourdais and Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan Part Ways

On November 22, 2019



Plainfield, IL (November 22, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing announced today that it has parted ways with driver Sebastien Bourdais, who has spent four years with the Plainfield, Illinois-based team since his return to North American open-wheel racing in 2011.

“I want to thank Sebastien for having the confidence to come back from his Formula 1 tour and join our team in 2011, and again for his commitment to the team during the past three years,” commented Team Owner Dale Coyne. “It is not a decision we take lightly, but due to the ever-changing landscape of Indy car racing, we have no choice but to make a change for 2020. We wish Sebastien all the best with his future racing endeavors.”

Bourdais competed under the Dale Coyne Racing banner in 2011 and 2017 and Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan for the 2018 and 2019 IndyCar seasons. In that time, Bourdais has won back to back races at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, his home town event, and scored three other podium finishes. He returned from a horrific crash in

qualifying for the 2017 Indianapolis 500 to win his second season opener at St. Petersburg in 2018. Bourdais has been one of the, if not the quickest Honda in Indianapolis 500 qualifying in each of the past three years.

Vasser-Sullivan Racing Co-Owners, Jimmy Vasser and James “Sulli” Sullivan, said: “We both want to thank Sebastien for the outstanding job he did driving for our teams KVSH Racing and Dale Coyne Racing Vasser-Sullivan. Looking back Seb has driven 84 races for us. In that time, we captured poles and won a lot of races. Sebastien is a great friend, a great driver, a true champion and a fantastic ambassador for our partners and Indy car racing. We wish him the best of luck in the next phase of his career where we hope there will be an opportunity for us to race together again.”

The team is exploring several options in order to complete its driver lineup for the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series and an announcement will be made in the near future.

Bourdais Shows Grit and Determination Finishing Seventh in Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey

On September 22, 2019



image002 (2)Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

In an awesome display of grit and determination Sebastien Bourdais piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan machine from 19th on the starting grid to seventh in the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey. Bourdais tweaked his neck during Friday’s afternoon practice and immediately began suffering from significant pain requiring several treatments. Despite the pain he managed to qualify on Saturday albeit in 19th place. The pain continued into race day, but Bourdais was not to be deterred. He found his groove early in the race and was often the fastest car on track. Bourdais used the speed and his tremendous talent, as well as a solid race strategy, to pass cars picking up position after position. The 12-place improvement made him the “biggest mover” in the race and the performance, particularly under the circumstances, was lauded by everyone.



Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“It was a wonderful way to finish the season for the SealMaster Honda No. 18 team. It was a heck of a race for us. We started 19th and about lap 11 I got in a groove. The car was clearly good and we started to show our pace. Then we gained a lot of positions on the overcut (pitting later) and we did that pretty much the whole race. The yellow also really benefitted us. It regrouped everyone and at the end we were on new red tires (Firestone alternative tire). It was a really positive note to end the season, going from 19th to seventh in a straight up fight, we’ll definitely take that and move into 2020 looking for more success.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais finished the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season 11th in the championship standings with 387 points. He has scored nine top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh today at Laguna Seca and at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2, Iowa and Portland. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 19th at St. Louis, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

This is Bourdais' best finish at Laguna Seca in three races surpassing an eighth place finish in his last start here back in 2004 (finished 17th in 2003).

The 2019 Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey was Bourdais' 205th NTT IndyCar Series start and third at Laguna Seca Raceway.

This was Bourdais' 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

In 205 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Ferrucci's Fantastic Rookie Season Comes to an End

On September 22, 2019



Salinas, CA (September 22, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing driver Santino Ferrucci's rookie NTT IndyCar Series season didn't end the way he would have hoped when an incident on Lap 49 put an early end to his Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey and his hopes of taking home the Rookie of the Year title.

After a near perfect season in which the rookie picked up 351 points and seven top 10 finishes, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car made a rare mistake on a Lap 49 restart that consequently ended his race.

"We were having a good race but then on the restart I forgot to put the brake bias back to the rear, and going into Turn 1 I locked the fronts. I knew I was going to hit (Takuma) Sato, so I just tried to hit him square to do the minimal amount of damage, but sadly I ended up with most of it. I'm sorry to him and his team for messing up their race. It was my mistake," explained Ferrucci. "Looking back, I feel pretty good about our season as a whole. I feel it went exceptionally well. It's just unfortunate because I think today is the only mistake I made all year. It's not the way I wanted to end the season but overall we've had a great year and I think we can be proud of that."

Earlier on in the race, Ferrucci had jumped to ninth at the start from 12th while running on the alternate Firestone tires and ran his entire first stint in the Top 10. Following his first pit stop on Lap 14, the rookie struggled with the regular Firestone tires but still continued to run in the top 10. Ferrucci would then stop again on Lap 35 for a set of alternate tires and was running 12th when the incident happened.

With today's 24th place finish, Ferrucci ends the season third in the Rookie of the Year Championship and 13th overall. He has a career best finish of fourth (Texas, Pocono and Gateway) and a best starting position of sixth (Gateway). He also picked up the Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year honors thanks to a seventh-place finish in what was his first ever oval race.

"Santino had a fantastic year. He showed he deserves to be in this Series and how competitive he can be on the ovals. He finished fourth in the oval only standings, which is a tremendous accomplishment, especially for someone that had never raced on an oval before this year. We're happy with the job he did all year and he should also be proud of what he's accomplished this season," shared Team Owner Dale Coyne.

The Dale Coyne Racing team will now enjoy a bit of time off before getting back to work as they prepare for the upcoming NTT IndyCar Series. The team will announce its 2020 plans in the near future.

Ferrucci to Start 12th at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

On September 21, 2019



Salinas, CA (September 21, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci made it to the Fast 12 on Saturday during qualifying for the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey and will be starting the final round of the NTT IndyCar Series in 12th.

After placing sixth on the combined practice report, Ferrucci was hopeful heading into qualifying at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. The 21-year-old driver went out in Group 2 of qualifying and jumped up to fifth on his final lap of the 10-minute session with a lap time of 1:10.72, which allowed him to move on to Round 2 of qualifying for the third time this season.

In Round 2, the rookie wasn't as unfortunate. While he had the speed to move on to the Firestone Fast 6, Ferrucci went off track in Turn 6 and had to settle with a 12th place on the starting grid with a lap time of 1:12.4137.

"I'm disappointed with our qualifying effort today," expressed Ferrucci. "The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car has been good all weekend and while it was nice to make it into the

Fast 12, we had a car capable of moving on to the Firestone Fast 6. Everything was going well, and we were working on a good lap, but I went off track in Turn 6 and that cost us our chance to advance. We'll have some work to do tomorrow to move up, but we'll do our best to end the season with a strong result.”

Ferrucci currently sits second in the Rookie of the Year standings, 26 points out of first place.

The last race of the NTT IndyCar Series season will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 11:30am local time (2:30pm ET) on Sunday, September 22.

Bourdais Overcomes Neck Pain to Qualify for Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey

On September 21, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais overcame significant neck pain to qualify for tomorrow's Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey on the 2.258-mile, 11-turn WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca permanent road course in Monterey, California. Bourdais "tweaked" his neck in afternoon practice yesterday and received several rounds of treatment, but was still fighting the pain prior to qualifying. He went out in group one in round one of qualifying and recorded a fast lap of 1:11.0095. The time put the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car 10th on the speed charts out of the 12 cars in the group, so Bourdais did not advance to the second round. He will start 19th in tomorrow's race.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

"It's been a difficult 24 hours with everything that has gone on. In qualifying, I didn't put the lap together. It's on me. I didn't start early enough and made a mistake on the first timed lap on the reds (Firestone alternate tire). Then on the second try I came short by about three tenths. Starting where we are is not physically ideal for me right now, but the SealMaster Honda No. 18 is better than where we qualified so we'll just have to see what we can do tomorrow."

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 nine times in the 17-race 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. He qualified a season-high second at St. Louis, was third in Texas, qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park and Mid-Ohio, seventh at Road America and for the Indy 500, eighth at Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2, and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

This is the first time Bourdais has not qualified in the top-four in three attempts at Laguna Seca. He has one pole, 2004 and qualified fourth in 2003. In two previous races he has a best finish of eighth, also in 2004.

After the first 16 races of the 17-race NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 11th in the championship standings with 335 points. He has scored eight top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2, Iowa and Portland. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 19th at St. Louis, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

The 2019 Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey will be Bourdais' 205th NTT IndyCar Series start and third at Laguna Seca Raceway.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

In 204 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Race Broadcast:

Round 17 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey, September 20-22, on the 2.258-mile, 11-turn WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca permanent road course in Monterey, California.

Ferrucci Vying for Rookie of the Year Honors at Season Finale

On September 19, 2019



Monterey, CA (September 19, 2019) – The 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season is coming to an end this weekend at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca and Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci is hoping to accomplish at least one more feat during the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey, that of taking home the IndyCar Rookie of the Year title.

Ferrucci currently sits second in the Rookie of the Year standings, 26 points out of first place. While it won't be an easy feat, there are multiple scenarios in which he can still clinch the rookie title thanks to the season finale paying double points.

The Dale Coyne Racing driver has scored 339 points in 16 starts so far this season, on the strength of an impressive rookie campaign. Ferrucci picked up his best street/road course result at the season opening race in St. Petersburg earlier this year with a ninth-place, and then scored his best NTT IndyCar Series career finish with a fourth place at Texas Motor Speedway.

The rookie then matched his best result at Pocono Raceway and again at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway. In addition to his seven top 10 finishes this year, a best starting position of sixth (Gateway) and 118 laps lead, Ferrucci picked up the Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year title thanks to his seventh-place finish in what was his first ever oval race.

The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda is also placed second in the most laps completed standings with 1989 out of possible 2002, only one lap short from being tied for the lead.

This weekend will mark Ferrucci's first official appearance at the 2.238-mile, 11-turn track that features a 300-foot elevation change. However, the 21-year-old driver from Woodbury, Connecticut did test at the track earlier this year and will again have the opportunity to take part in six hours of testing during an open test on Thursday.

"I'm very much looking forward to going back to Laguna Seca after visiting the track earlier this year," said Ferrucci. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to do as much testing that day with our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda as we would have liked due to conditions. Fortunately, we have a full test day on Thursday this week before official practice begins so that will be beneficial. I think it will help us in our fight for the rookie championship. It's been a great year but I'm a little sad that it's already the last race of the season. Hopefully we can make the best of it and do our best to take home Rookie of the Year honors."

In addition to Thursday's test day, drivers will get two practice sessions on Friday, September 20. Qualifying will take place on Saturday, September 21 and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 1:30pm local time (4:30pm ET).

The final round of the NTT IndyCar Series, the Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 11:30am local time (2:30pm ET) on Sunday, September 22.

All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Bourdais Finishes Ninth in Grand Prix of Portland

On September 1, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#PORTLANDGP
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

RACE BREAKDOWN

- STARTED: 12th
- FINISHED: 9th
- ← HAD FASTEST LAP OF RACE
- ⤴ HIGHEST: 1st

PIT STOPS

START ● LAP 11 ● LAP 44 ● FINISH 105 LAPS ● LAP 75 ●

Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan machine to a ninth place finish today in the Grand Prix of Portland on the 1.967-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course in Portland, Oregon. Bourdais started 12th after a non-engine related fuel issue thwarted what should have been a top-six qualifying position. On the opening lap of the race a multi-car crash in turn one forced several cars, including Bourdais, to use the emergency escape route. However, when officials reordered the field prior to the restart they dropped Bourdais to 13th place. He fought his way back, passing several cars and was solidly in the top-six leading three laps at one point. However, during his second pit stop, the team had an issue with the fuel hose and when Bourdais rejoined the race he was back to 13th. Once again, he battled and got back into the top-10 where he ran literally the entire second half of the race getting as high as eighth and recording the fastest lap of the race. Unfortunately, during the final restart on lap 101 of the 105 lap contest, he lost one position dropping to ninth. Bourdais earned 23 points for his effort and is now 11th in the championship standings with 335 points and just the season ending Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey remaining on the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series calendar.

(9)Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“The SealMaster Honda No. 18 was really competitive and we had the fastest lap of the race. I was really happy with it. Unfortunately, we got hosed with the repositioning after the crash on the first lap. I had no chance to make the chicane. I had to bail out and take the escape route. During the reorder I was moved back four positions from where I should have been. We fought hard, passed a bunch of guys and put ourselves back in contention to finish sixth. Then we had some drama with the fueling. A valve didn’t operate like it was supposed to and it took what felt like an eternity to fill the car, so we lost all the positions we had made on track. I made a couple of them back and got to eighth, but at the end Leist pitted for new tires and I had pushed so hard to get to Simon (Pagnaud) I had nothing left on my tires and I lost a position during the final restart.”

Fast Facts:

After the first 16 races of the 17-race NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 11th in the championship standings with 335 points. He has scored eight top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2, Iowa and Portland. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 19th at St. Louis, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

The 2019 Grand Prix of Portland was Bourdais’ 204th NTT IndyCar Series start and seventh at Portland International Raceway.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

In 204 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

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Next Race:

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Ferrucci Sees Top 10 Finish Slip Away at Portland

On September 1, 2019



Portland, Oregon (September 1, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci was on his way to another top 10 finish at the Grand Prix of Portland on Sunday, but

unfortunately for the rookie, an electrical issue aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car ended his day early, for the first time this season.

Ferrucci, who was starting 14th in what was his 20th NTT IndyCar Series race, avoided a multi-car incident at turn 1 on the opening lap and moved into 12th place. The 19 crew then elected to pit under the caution period which meant that Ferrucci would take the restart from 16th.

The rookie returned to pit lane on Lap 28 from 15th, and with his different pit strategy moved up to sixth before heading back to pit lane on Lap 46. Following the stop, Ferrucci continued in 15th and made his way up to seventh before making his final stop on Lap 75.

While the rookie returned to the track in 12th, he was on his way to a top 10 finish when an electrical issue caused the #19 car to stop on track on Lap 96 of the 105-lap event. Unable to continue in the race, Ferrucci ended up 17th on the final results sheet.

“The day started pretty well as we were able to avoid a massive pile up in Turn 1 at the start,” expressed Ferrucci. “After that, we decided to try a different strategy, but it didn’t quite pan out for us and near the end of the race we had an electrical issue that put an early end to our race. It’s unfortunate, because we were on our way to another Top 10 finish and that puts us in a hard place going into Laguna for the rookie championship. We’ll bounce back and do our best at the season finale in a few weeks.”

With today’s result, Ferrucci moves back to second place in the Rookie of the Year standings, 26 points out of first place. He now also sits 10th in the overall driver championship.

The Dale Coyne Racing team will now have two weekends off from racing before returning to the track for the final round of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. The Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey takes place September 20 to 22, 2019 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

Fuel Issue Derails Bourdais' Fast Six Qualifying Run at Grand Prix of Portland

On August 31, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#PORTLANDGP
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

ROUND 1 (GROUP 1):
3RD Fastest // 0:57.6301

ROUND 2:
FUEL MALFUNCTION // Starts 12TH

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais was running the second fastest lap in round two of qualifying for the Grand Prix of Portland when a non-engine related fuel issue brought an end to his qualifying session. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan car, went out in group one in the first round and posted the third fastest lap of the 11 drivers in his group to advance to the second round. In round two, he was in fourth place and seemed assured of a top-six spot, which would have put him in the Firestone Fast Six, when the issue reared its head bringing an end to his run with only two minutes to go. Bourdais will start 12th tomorrow on the 1.967-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course in Portland, Oregon.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“We were working a P2 (position two) qualifying lap when we had a fuel issue. We’re not sure what caused it, but it wasn’t engine related. The SealMaster Honda No. 18 had good pace. The guys did a good job. We had a Firestone Fast Six car. Things happen, that’s racing. We’ll get after it tomorrow, do the best we can and get the best result possible.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 nine times in the first 16 races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. He qualified a season-high second last week at St. Louis, was third in Texas, qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park and Mid-Ohio, seventh at Road

America and for the Indy 500, eighth at Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2, and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais has now qualified in the top-five six times with one pole, 2004, in seven attempts at PIR. In six previous races, he has finished on the podium five times with two wins, 2004 and 2007.

After the first 15 races of the 17-race NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 12th in the championship standings with 312 points. He has scored seven top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 19th at St. Louis, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

The 2019 Grand Prix of Portland will be Bourdais' 204th NTT IndyCar Series start and seventh at Portland International Raceway.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

In 203 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 16 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Grand Prix of Portland, August 30 – September 1, on the 1.967-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course in Portland, Oregon.

Ferrucci to Start from Seventh Row in Portland

On August 31, 2019



Rookie misses out on second round of qualifying by only a tenth of a second

Portland, Oregon (August 31, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci missed making it into the second round of qualifying aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda by a mere tenth of a second on Saturday at Portland International Raceway. The rookie will be starting the penultimate round of the NTT IndyCar Series in 14th place.

Ferrucci took to the track in the second qualifying group and while he spent most of the 10-minute session in the top six, sitting as high as second at one point, his fastest lap of 57.8476 seconds wasn’t quick enough to allow him to move on to Round 2 of qualifying, in what is a very close field. The top seven drivers in his group were only separated by four tenths of a second.

“Qualifying went well, but we just didn’t have enough in our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda today,” said Ferrucci. “We’re trying really hard, but the margins are so small here between all cars and we didn’t have what it takes to move into the next round. We’ll start

from 14th and just have to pass some cars. Our race cars have normally been good all year, so I'm not too worried about it for tomorrow.”

The Dale Coyne Racing driver currently leads the Rookie of the Year standings by two points and sits ninth in the overall driver Championship with 326 points.

The Grand Prix of Portland is scheduled to go green on Sunday, September 1 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 3pm ET (Noon local).

Ferrucci Returns to Portland Looking to Pick Up Where He Left Off

On August 29, 2019



Portland, Oregon (August 29, 2019) – With the NTT IndyCar Series taking on Portland International Raceway for the Grand Prix of Portland this weekend, Dale Coyne Racing Rookie Santino Ferrucci is heading to a track he has previously raced on aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda for only the second time this season.

Ferrucci, who will be making his 20th IndyCar Series start at Portland, first competed on the 12-turn, 1.964-mile road course last year with DCR in what was his third IndyCar race. The rookie was having a strong race until a fuel system issue cost him a potential seventh place finish.

The 21-year-old driver is looking to pick up where he left off last year and continue his wave of momentum after picking up a pair of fourth place finishes in the last two events at Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

So far this season, the rookie has three fourth place finishes and a best starting position of sixth (Gateway). His best road course starting position is 10th (Barber Motorsports Park) and best non-oval finish is ninth (St. Petersburg).

“I’m really looking forward to going back to Portland this weekend for the Grand Prix. I enjoyed racing there last year,” expressed Ferrucci. “We had a solid race car and we had a good race going but unfortunately, we had an issue that cost us a strong finish. I’m confident we’ll have a good car again this time around and hopefully things will go our way. It’s nice to be riding this momentum of back-to-back top five finishes to a track that I’ve been to before. We’ll try to keep it going.”

Thanks to his performance at the previous round, in which he led 97 laps, Ferrucci has taken over the Rookie of the Year standings with a two-point lead. He also sits ninth in the overall standings with 326 points, 170 of which came on oval tracks, placing him fourth amongst all Series drivers when just counting oval points this season.

Ferrucci also continues to lead the series for most laps completed with 1893, from a possible 1897.

Drivers will get two practice sessions on Friday, August 30, with one more practice session on Saturday morning ahead of qualifying later that afternoon. Qualifying can be watched live on NBCSN from 6:00pm ET (3pm local).

The Grand Prix of Portland, the penultimate round of 2019, will go green on Sunday, September 1 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at 3pm ET (Noon local).

All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Ferrucci Leads 97 Laps in Bommarito Automotive 500 on way to Fourth Place Finish

On August 25, 2019



Madison, IL (August 24, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci had his best NTT IndyCar Series race weekend so far this season at the World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway on Saturday night, once again matching his best finish of the season with a fourth place in the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, after leading 97 laps of the 248-lap event.

After starting sixth, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda moved up to fourth at the start and gained one more position following a Lap 7 restart to take over third place.

Ferrucci remained in third for most of his first stint and entered pit lane on Lap 53 after taking over the lead one lap earlier. Once pit stops had cycled through, following another caution period, the 21-year-old was sitting second behind James Hinchcliffe when the race resumed on Lap 70.

The driver from Woodbury, Connecticut then took over the lead of the race with a pass on Hinchcliffe on Lap 83. He remained in that position until his next pit stop on Lap 115. Once again, after pit stops had cycled through the 22-car field, the rookie would regain the lead on Lap 124.

Ferrucci continued to run in first place until his Lap 188 pit stop. However, he wound up losing some positions following an untimely caution period on Lap 191 and ended up in sixth when the race returned to green on Lap 206.

Not one to shy away from moving up the field, the Dale Coyne Racing driver got by Alexander Rossi for fifth on Lap 210, and then made his way around Josef Newgarden on Lap 212. While the rookie tried to make his way onto the podium, it wasn't meant to be for Ferrucci who scored his third fourth place finish of the season.

With Saturday night's result, Ferrucci climbed back into the Top 10 in the overall Championship, into ninth with 326 points, and took the lead in the Rookie of the Year standings by two points.

"I had so much fun leading this race. Having open air like that and being able to run to a pace, run your lines and not have to think about it and just enjoy it. But hats off to our crew. We had a race car, a winning race car. It's just a little bit unfortunate that we got caught by the yellow," expressed Ferrucci. "Then at the end, I was racing so hard to get back into the top three. I was really trying to bring home some hardware for the boys. Unfortunately, not everything went our way but I'm happy we came home in fourth and picked up some more points in the Rookie of the Year standings and jumped into the Top 10 in the overall Championship."

The team will now head straight to Oregon for the Grand Prix of Portland which takes place next weekend, August 30 to September 1, 2019.

Spectacular Weekend by Dale Coyne Vasser Sullivan Ends Short

On August 24, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais was having a spectacular race in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car when tragedy struck. Bourdais, who had his best qualifying effort of the season started on the outside of the front row. Never running lower than fourth, except following pit stops, Sebastien consistently ran in the top three and led one lap. Bourdais moved into second place halfway through the 248-lap contest, when while working on lap 190, without warning, he found himself in the wall at the exit of turn four. Bourdais ended up 19th in last night's Bommarito Automotive Group 500 on the 1.25-mile World Wide Technology Raceway oval in Madison, Illinois.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“The SealMaster No. 18 Honda was really on it tonight. It was a perfect weekend and I just couldn't quite bring the finish. It's my fault for sure. We were doing the job on fuel, and we were quick enough early on to stay at the front. I got the car down to the apex and it took off. I didn't expect it. I wasn't pushing very hard. We were saving fuel. It was really

strange. I just hate it for the team. They did such a good job. We had a podium finish in our hands.

Fast Facts:

Bourdais earned 12 points and with two races left in the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season is now

12th in the championship standings with 312 points. He has scored seven top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 19th at St. Louis, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

In three races at WWT Raceway, Bourdais has a best showing of ninth in 2018.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 was Bourdais' 203rd NTT IndyCar Series start, third at WWT Raceway and 45th on an oval.

In 202 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais' 45 career oval starts, 37 have come in the last seven years (36 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

Bourdais made eight oval starts in Champ Car earning four victories: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2004 and 2005; Milwaukee 2006 and capturing three poles: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2005; Milwaukee, 2006.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 16 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Grand Prix of Portland, August 30 – September 1, on the 1.967-mile, 12-turn Portland International Raceway permanent road course in Portland, Oregon.

Bourdais' Impressive Qualifying Run Leads to Front Row Start for Bommarito Automotive Group 500

On August 23, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais put on an impressive display in qualifying today for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 on the 1.25-mile World Wide Technology Raceway oval in Madison, Illinois. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry, went out 13th of the 22 drivers to make a qualifying attempt. In an exciting, and crowd pleasing two laps, he took over the pole position with a two-lap average of 185.927 mph. Bourdais held the pole during an onslaught by eight of the nine remaining drivers, who had all posted faster times during the midday practice. The ninth, and final driver, barely topped Bourdais' speed (just over half a mile per hour), which guaranteed him a front row starting position. This is Bourdais' best qualifying position of the year and best on an oval since taking the pole in Phoenix last year.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“A very strong run for the SealMaster Honda No. 18. It was a really solid effort and the guys gave me a great car. It felt very similar to Phoenix (pole in 2018). You never

completely know how things are going to evolve from the practice session. The conditions are so different. During the qualifying run there was a lot of sliding around in turns one and two. I gave it everything I had and I'm just really pleased with the run."

Fast Facts:

Today's second place qualifying position is Bourdais' highest of the season, surpassing a third in Texas. In the first 15 races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 nine times. In addition to the second and the third in Texas, he qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park and Mid-Ohio, seventh at Road America and for the Indy 500, eighth at Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2, and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

This is Bourdais' best qualifying position in three attempts at WWT Raceway. He previous high was ninth in 2018. In two previous races his best finish is 10th in 2017.

After the first 14 races of the 17-race 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 10th in the championship standings with 300 points on the strength of seven top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. He finished seventh at Pocono, eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 will be Bourdais' 203rd NTT IndyCar Series start, third at Pocono Raceway and 45th on an oval.

In 202 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais' 44 career oval starts, 36 have come in the last seven years (35 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

Bourdais made eight oval starts in Champ Car earning four victories: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2004 and 2005; Milwaukee 2006 and capturing three poles: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2005; Milwaukee, 2006.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Race Broadcast:

Round 15 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, August 23-24, on the 1.25-mile, on the World Wide Technology Raceway oval in Madison, Illinois (St. Louis Metro Area).

Ferrucci to Start from Third Row at Gateway

On August 23, 2019



– Rookie qualifies a career best of sixth –

Madison, IL (August 23, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci picked up his best NTT IndyCar Series start on Friday at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway by qualifying sixth for Saturday night's Bommarito Automotive Group 500.

After ending the first practice session of the day in first place, Ferrucci was the 11th car to take to the 1.25-mile track. The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car immediately

jumped to the top with a first lap of 184.535mph (24.3856 seconds). He then followed up that lap with an even quicker one at 185.126mph (24.3078 seconds) for a two-lap average of 184.830mph.

The rookie remained in the provisional pole position until his teammate Sebastien Bourdais knocked him off the top spot a couple of cars later. With nine more cars to go, Ferrucci would end up sixth, and the fastest rookie, once everyone had made their qualifying runs.

“I’m really happy with our qualifying run,” said Ferrucci. “We have good momentum going right now and things are going really well. The car was great in practice this morning and I was confident going into qualifying. I took it a bit easy on the first lap but when I saw how great the track was I pushed harder on the second one. The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was awesome in qualifying so hopefully our race car will be as good and we can go out and pass some cars tomorrow.”

Drivers will have one more practice session this evening to fine tune their Indy car ahead of Saturday’s race which will be broadcast live on NBCSN on Saturday, August 24 from 7pm local time (8pm ET).

The final practice session will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Ferrucci Eager to Discover Another Oval Track

On August 23, 2019



Plainfield, IL (August 23, 2019) – After matching his best finish of the season last weekend, Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci is carrying momentum into the final oval race of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 at World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

Ferrucci continued his strong run on ovals at the previous round at Pocono Raceway by registering a fourth-place finish, after spending a good portion of the event in the top three. His result matched his best finish picked up at Texas Motor Speedway in June.

In his two other oval events, the rookie has a seventh-place finish at the Indianapolis 500 and a 12th at Iowa Speedway. Ferrucci currently sits fifth in oval standing with 135 points behind seasoned drivers such as Simon Pagenaud and Josef Newgarden.

This weekend will be the 21-year-old's first time racing at the 1.25-mile uniquely shaped track.

“Gateway is going to be a bit of a similar situation to Pocono Raceway for me, in the sense that I’ve never raced there, I’ve just been a spectator. According to my team boss that’s a good thing because I don’t know any better! We’re riding the momentum from a solid top five finish at Pocono and we just have to keep it up. Keep our head down and have another good race aboard our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda, stay out of trouble and try to get another strong finish,” shared Ferrucci.

Ferrucci currently sits second in the Rookie of the Year championship, only 13 points away from first place. He is also 12th in the overall standings as he heads into his 19th NTT IndyCar Series race and only fifth oval event.

The Dale Coyne Racing driver, who leads the Series for most laps completed with 1645, will have a one-hour practice session on Friday afternoon (1pm local time) to get familiar with the track before heading into qualifying on Friday evening. Qualifying will be broadcast live on NBCSN starting at 5:00pm local time (6pm ET).

The 15th race of the 2019 season will be broadcast live on NBCSN on Saturday, August 24 from 7pm local time (8pm ET).

All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Great Run Places Ferrucci Fourth at Pocono Raceway

On August 18, 2019



Long Pond, PA (August 18, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci had a great ‘home’ race at Pocono Raceway on Sunday, finishing fourth in the rain-shortened ABC Supply 500 after running in the top three for most of the event.

With qualifying having been cancelled due to rain on Saturday, the field started on points which meant that Ferrucci would be taking the green flag in 13th place.

The rookie had a solid start to what was scheduled to be a 200-lap race. Fortunately for the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car, he was able to avoid a five-car incident in front of him and move up to fifth place after the first lap.

Following a red flag for track repairs, Ferrucci took the Lap 9 restart in fourth place but would fall to fifth by the time he entered pit lane for his first stop at the end of Lap 34.

Once pit stops had cycled through, the 21-year-old driver ended up in third thanks to a pass on Scott Dixon who had just exited pit lane. Ferrucci then headed back to pit lane on Lap 68 from fourth place.

This time, Ferrucci cycled back up to second place once pit stops were completed, even keeping Simon Pagenaud at bay on a lap 83 restart. The rookie continued on in second until his final pit stop on Lap 105.

The driver from Woodbury, CT then fell back to fourth once everyone had made their stops and he was still sitting in that position when the red flag fell due to weather in the area. With a storm hitting Pocono Raceway the race was called with 128 laps complete.

“This weekend has been pretty amazing to have over 120 people here from family and friends to sponsors and to race in front of such a large crowd,” said Ferrucci. “Hats off to the whole team, we rolled the car off the trailer and it was fast. I’d say that’s a job well done and homework well researched. The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was on rails. I think we definitely had a top three in us and we were fighting for a chance to win the race at one point. Obviously with the conditions and everything, I’m still happy to bring home a top five. It makes a huge difference in the rookie championship and moves us up to 12th overall. With three races to go and one more oval, we’ll see how much further we can move up.”

With his fourth-place finish, Ferrucci has closed the gap to within 13 points in the Rookie of the Year standings and sits 12th overall with 291 points.

There won’t be much time to rest for the Dale Coyne Racing crew as they head to the World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway for the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 this coming weekend, August 24, 2019.

Bourdais has Strong Race in Rain Shortened ABC Supply 500

On August 18, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais drove the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan car to a seventh place finish in today’s rain shortened ABC Supply Inc. 500 on the 2.5-mile Pocono Raceway tri-oval in Long Pond, Pennsylvania. Bourdais started 11th after qualifying was cancelled yesterday, due to inclement weather, and drivers were gridded based on championship points. A horrific first lap crash took out five cars and Bourdais quickly found himself in sixth place. He remained there through his first pit stop and most of the second stint before taking over fifth place just prior to his second stop. By the end of the second round of stops, Bourdais was in fourth place. However, following the third and final yellow flag of the race he lost four positions on the restart. Bourdais ran in eighth place for the remainder of the third stint and shortly after his third, and what would prove to be his final pit stop, picked up one position to move into seventh. At that point he was running as fast, if not faster, than many of the cars ahead of him and gaining track position when the race was halted on lap 128 of the 200 lap contest for lightning within seven miles of the track. Officials quickly threw a red flag

halting the contest and shortly thereafter checkered flagged the race when a massive rain storm arrived. Bourdais earned his seventh top-10 finish of the season scoring 26 points, which moved him back into the top-10 in the championship race at No. 10 with 300 points.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“It was a strong run for the SealMaster Honda No. 18. We were quick and I got up to fourth at one point. I think we deserved that position. It was kind of a broken up race and unfortunately, on the last restart, the guys in front of me checked up and I got swallowed up and lost four positions. I got one position back, then the race was stopped because of the weather. I think if the race continued we would have finished better than seventh, but that’s racing.”

Fast Facts:

After the first 14 races of the 17 race 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 11th in the championship standings with 274 points on the strength of seven top-10 finishes including a season high third place finish at Barber and a fifth at COTA. In addition to today’s seventh place finish he placed eighth at Toronto and Texas, and ninth at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. Bourdais also has four 11th place showings, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

In six races at Pocono, Bourdais has finished in the top-10 three times with two top-five showings, a Pocono best fourth in 2018 (fifth in 2016).

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 ABC Supply Inc. 500 was Bourdais 202nd NTT IndyCar Series start, sixth at Pocono Raceway and 44th on an oval.

In 202 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais’ 44 career oval starts, 36 have come in the last seven years (35 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

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Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 15 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group 500, August 23-24, on the 1.25-mile, Gateway Motorsports Park oval in Madison, Illinois (St. Louis Metro Area).

First ‘Home’ Race for Ferrucci at Pocono Raceway

On August 14, 2019



Plainfield, IL (August 14, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci is looking forward to what is considered his home race this weekend as the NTT IndyCar Series heads to Pocono Raceway for the 14th round of the season, the ABC Supply 500.

The 21-year-old driver hails from Woodbury, Connecticut a town located about 150 miles away from the 2.5-mile oval known as the 'Tricky Triangular'.

Ferrucci is hoping to continue his strong run on ovals this weekend. So far this season, the rookie has scored his two best finishes of his young IndyCar career on superspeedways with a fourth place at Texas Motor Speedway and a seventh at the Indianapolis 500.

"It was nice for the team to have a couple of weekends off from racing, before we take on the final stretch of races, but I'm very much looking forward to getting back behind the wheel of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda this weekend at Pocono Raceway," shared Ferrucci. "I'm also looking forward to this event because it's a bit of a home event for me as it's only a couple of hours from my hometown. I'll have a lot of family and friends there. Hopefully we can have another strong weekend on an oval."

This weekend will mark Ferrucci's 18th NTT IndyCar Series start and only fourth on an oval track. The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing entry will be looking to close the gap in the Rookie of the Year standings, in which he currently sits second, 37 points back.

In addition to his best finish of fourth this season, Ferrucci has a best starting position of 10th (Barber Motorsports Park) and is tied with Alexander Rossi for most laps completed this season with 1517 out of a possible 1521.

Ferrucci will get to discover the 'Tricky Triangle' for the first time on Saturday, August 17 with a one-hour practice session at 9:30am ET. Qualifying will take place later that day at 12:30pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

The ABC Supply 500, the penultimate oval race on the 2019 schedule, is scheduled to go green at 2:45pm on Sunday, August 18 and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 2pm ET.

All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Bourdais Falls Victim to an Incident and a Penalty in Honda Indy 200

On July 28, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais fell victim to an early race incident and a mid-race penalty today in the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio. Bourdais, who qualified the No. 18 SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car fifth on the picturesque 2.258-mile, 13-turn permanent road circuit, was running fifth prior to his first pit stop on lap 12. Three laps later, he was hit from behind and spun by Colton Herta, losing valuable track position. Bourdais continued to fight and regained much of the lost ground prior to pitting for the second time. Unfortunately, upon entering pit lane he exceeded the pit lane speed limit and was assessed a drive through penalty. Rejoining the race in 13th place, Bourdais continued to battle picking up two positions, earning valuable championship points with an 11th place finish.

Fast Facts:

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Barber, a fifth at COTA, eighths at Toronto and Texas; ninths at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. He has finished 11th four times, Mid-Ohio, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

In nine races at Mid-Ohio, Bourdais has now finished in the top-10 five times with three top-five performances and a best showing of second in 2014.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Honda Indy 200 was Bourdais' 201st NTT IndyCar Series start and ninth at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

In 201 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 14 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the ABC Supply Inc. 500, August 17-18, on the 2.5-mile, Pocono Raceway tri-oval in Long Pond, Pennsylvania.

Ferrucci Takes the Checkered Flag in 12th at Mid-Ohio

On July 28, 2019



Lexington, OH (July 28, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing driver Santino Ferrucci had to settle with a 12th place finish aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car at the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio on Sunday, despite showing a great pace throughout the race.

The rookie driver, who was starting the 90-lap event in 12th place, couldn't avoid a first lap incident in front of him right at the start of the race and suffered damage to his front wing. While he was able to continue racing with the damage, he had fallen to 16th by the end of the first lap.

From then on, the driver from Woodbury, Connecticut slowly made his way back up the field. Thanks to his strong pace and other cars pitting earlier than him, he was sitting in fifth place when he made his initial pit stop at the end of Lap 27.

Ferrucci exited the pits in 13th and the team then elected to next pit out of sequence and had the rookie enter pit lane from 12th position for his second stop at the end of Lap 37.

The 21-year-old driver continued in that same position following his stop, and despite making it all the way back up to third before his final trip to pit lane on Lap 65, he would remain in 12th for the majority of the remaining 25 laps.

“The race started well but I got caught up in an incident in front of me. I couldn’t stop in time and I just drove right into the back of Sato’s car,” said Ferrucci. “Unfortunately, we lost a lot of spots because of that and we broke the front wing. The car was still drivable despite the damage but driving 90 laps around this track with a broken front wing was a challenge. At the end of the day, I think we raced really well to come back to 12th. The team did a great job and our pit stops were really good. Now I can look forward to my home race in a few weeks.”

The team will now get a couple of weekends away from the race track and return to action for the ABC Supply 500 at Pocono Raceway on August 18, 2019.

Bourdais Has Strong Qualifying Run, Will Start Fifth in Honda Indy 200

On July 27, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais had a strong qualifying run and will start fifth in tomorrow's Honda Indy 200 on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit in Lexington, Ohio. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry, went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted the fastest lap of the 12 drivers in his group. As a result, he advanced to the second round where he almost got caught out when the No. 60 car went off track while Bourdais was on his fast lap. The dirt from the off-track excursion forced Bourdais to abort, but he recovered and on the next lap recorded the sixth fastest time making it into the final round, the Firestone Fast 6. In the finals, Bourdais logged the fifth fastest lap of the session and will start on the inside of row three tomorrow...a far cry from the last place starting position he had last year when he had a miscue in qualifying, but in the race charged to a sixth place finish in one of the finest driving performances ever witnessed.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“The SealMaster Honda No. 18 is strong and has been strong all weekend. A very solid effort by the whole Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan team. The first run was perfect. It was just about as good a run as I could do. I may have had a little bit more in it, I over shot one corner, but I could bring the tires perfectly where I wanted them to be. In the second round, the 60 car went off the track in turn two and threw a lot of dirt on the track when I was on my hot lap. So I had to abort that lap and go again. In the Firestone Fast 6 we re-ran the tires from the second round. The sun came out a little too early for us and the hotter track temperature hurt us a little bit, we lost a bit of grip. When you are first in the first round you want to do more, but I'm happy with fifth especially after last year.”

Fast Facts:

Today's fifth place qualifying spot ties Bourdais second highest of the season and is the second time he has made the Firestone Fast 6. In the first 13 races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 eight times including a season high third at Texas, a fifth at Barber Motorsports Park, seventh at Road America and for the Indy 500, eighth at Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2, and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 five times, including three times in the top-three with one pole (2014) in nine attempts at Mid-Ohio. In eight previous races he has finished in the top-10 five times with three top-five performances and a best showing of second in 2014.

After the first 12 races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais is 10th in the championship standings with 255 points. He has a season high third place finish at Barber, a fifth at COTA, eighth at Toronto and Texas; ninth at Detroit GP Race 2 and Iowa. He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

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Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Race Broadcast:

The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, July 28 is Round 13 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. The race will be broadcast live on NBC from 4pm ET.

Ferrucci Qualifies Just Outside the Fast 12

On July 27, 2019



– Rookie misses top 12 by less than three hundredth of a second –

Lexington, OH (July 27, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing driver Santino Ferrucci came up less than three hundredths of a second from making it into Round 2 of qualifying on Saturday and had to settle for 14th place on the starting grid for Sunday’s Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio.

After a strong performance in the morning practice session, in which he ended up fifth quickest, Ferrucci was looking good early on in his Group 2, Round 1 of qualifying.

The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing entry spent most of the 10-minute session in the top six and was sitting third in his qualifying group before heading to pit lane for a fresh set of Firestone Alternate tires (reds) in the final minutes.

Ferrucci went on to register his fastest lap of the session on his seventh and final lap with a time of 1:05.7588. However, moving on to the second round of qualifying was not meant to be for the rookie who ended up seventh in his group, a mere 0.0294 seconds from the top six.

“At this Mid-Ohio track everyone is so close. We just missed it by a bit with our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda. Unfortunately, we lost a little bit of time everywhere around the track. Also, being a rookie here and not having the chance to really run the Reds yesterday in practice 2 (due to red flags) kind of hurt us today. Had we had more time with them, we would have known to put a little more front wing in it,” explained Ferrucci. “That said, we’ve started there before, and we’ve made some good things happen, so we’ll have to do it again.”

Ferrucci enters his 17th NTT IndyCar Series race sitting second in the Rookie of the Year standings and 12th in the overall driver Championship with 241 points.

The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio is scheduled to go green on Sunday, July 28 at 4:05pm. The race will be televised live on NBC from 4pm ET.

Ferrucci Heads to Familiar Territory at Mid-Ohio

On July 24, 2019



Plainfield, IL (July 24, 2019) – Rookie Santino Ferrucci is taking on a familiar track this weekend when his Dale Coyne Racing team heads to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the 13th round of the NTT IndyCar Series season, the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio.

This weekend will be the first appearance for Ferrucci at the 2.258-mile, 13-turn natural terrain road course aboard an Indy car, but it's very familiar territory for the 21-year-old who drove there often early on in his car racing career.

“It's nice to be going to Mid-Ohio this weekend. It's a track I know and one I've raced well at, getting multiple podiums back when I first started racing cars in 2013,” said Ferrucci. “I'm happy to be going back. The track at Mid-Ohio is super fun to drive and it has a lot of rhythm to it. It's always a pleasure. The racing there is really good and there's a fair amount of strategy as well. I think the team has had a good package there, so hopefully we can finish out these three races in a row with a good result.”

Ferrucci will be making his 17th IndyCar start this weekend. He has a best starting position of 10th (Barber Motorsports Park) and a best finish of fourth (Texas Motor Speedway) so far in the Series. He is currently tied with Alexander Rossi for most laps completed this season with 1427, from a possible 1431.

The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda also sits second in the Rookie of the Year standings, 14 points behind first place, and is 12th in the overall driver Championship with 241 points.

Ferrucci will be able to turn his first Indy car laps at Mid-Ohio on Friday, July 26 with two practice sessions taking place that day. Qualifying is scheduled for 2:35pm on Saturday, July 27 and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 2:30pm.

The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio goes green on Sunday, July 28 at 4:05pm. The race will be televised live on NBC from 4pm ET. All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Bourdais Goes from 21st to Ninth in 200th IndyCar Start at Iowa Speedway

On July 21, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Following a lengthy delay due to rain, Sebastien Bourdais made a success out of his 200th career IndyCar start by going from 21st on the starting grid to a ninth place finish last night in the Iowa 300 on the 7/8-mile Iowa Speedway oval in Newton, Iowa. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan entry, had his lowest qualifying position of the season, but drove a smart and deliberate race. He slowly, but methodically worked his way through the field to earn his sixth top-10 finish of the season. Bourdais earned 23 points for his effort and moved back into the top-10 in the championship standings, at No. 10, with 255 points.



Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“I found a couple of options on the track that seemed to be working really good for the No. 18 SealMaster Honda. I started to pick people off and get good runs out of turn two. That was really the key to passing a bunch of guys. Before I just didn’t have enough front to be able to do that. Then all of a sudden I had it and we gained a bunch of positions. I’m really proud of the SealMaster crew. They did a great job in the pits. It was a good result from where we started.”

Fast Facts:

In addition to last night’s ninth place finish, Bourdais has a season high third place showing at Barber, a fifth at COTA, eighth at Toronto and at Texas; ninth at Detroit GP Race 2. He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

In six starts at Iowa Bourdais has three top-10 finishes with a best finish of eighth in 2016 (ninth in 2019 and 2015).

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

In 200 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 13 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, July 26-28 on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road course in Lexington, Ohio.

Impressive Run by Ferrucci at Iowa Speedway

On July 21, 2019



Newton, Iowa (July 21, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing's rookie Santino Ferrucci was making his first start on a short oval on Saturday night at Iowa Speedway, but his lack of

experience didn't show with the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing entry putting in an impressive run before finally taking the checkered flag in 12th position.

Once the race finally got underway after a lengthy rain delay, Ferrucci impressed right from the drop of the green flag by passing six cars at the start to move into sixth place.

Once the race settled into its pace, the rookie battled with Alexander Rossi to take over fifth place on Lap 75. He then continued to fight with the former Indy 500 winner and defended his position while then passing veteran Takuma Sato for fourth place on Lap 101.

Unfortunately for Ferrucci, his car got loose as the race went on. While he still had good battles with his competitors, made up positions on the restarts and ran in the top 10 for the majority of the night, he would end up 12th when all was said done.

"I think for my first short oval it was definitely a tough one for us. I do believe that we had some of the best moves of the race, especially on some of the restarts," expressed the rookie. "We had a super solid car in the first stint. But for the rest of the stints, towards the end of them, the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car was just really loose and really hard to drive. From there I kind of struggled to keep it on the track in Turns 3 and 4 so we just managed what we could until the end.

"(About the start of the race) At the start, Pancho (Carter, spotter) said that it was possible to pass three rows here and he wasn't telling lies! Everybody went low and checked up and no one was in that third lane and I wasn't afraid of possible weepers, probably because I'm too new. I just kept my foot in it, passed a lot of cars and made my way forward."

Next up for the Dale Coyne Racing team will be the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio next weekend July 26 to 28, 2019.

Ferrucci Scores Best Oval Start at Iowa Speedway

On July 19, 2019



Newton, Iowa (July 19, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci took part in his first qualifying session on a short oval on Friday at Iowa Speedway and picked up his best starting position on an oval track by placing himself 12th on the starting grid for Saturday’s Iowa 300.

Ferrucci was the 11th driver to take to the 0.875-mile circuit. The rookie immediately jumped to the third spot on the provisional starting grid with a two-lap average of 175.316mph. However, with 11 more drivers to qualify behind him, he would end up 12th when the remainder of the field had made their qualifying runs.

“It’s difficult getting adjusted to the short oval,” said Ferrucci. “It’s tough to say the least. I was loose my whole run. The car was moving out of Turn 2 and I had a massive moment out of Turn 4 so I just kept my foot in it. That said, I’m happy with our qualifying run today, it’s our best start on an oval. Now we have to keep it going tomorrow. Hopefully we can move up the field during the race and get another Top 10 finish on an oval.”

Drivers will have one last hour of practice later this evening to fine tune their cars ahead of tomorrow's race. The Iowa 300 will go green at 6:15pm local time (7:15pm ET) tomorrow, Saturday, July 20. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 7:00pm ET.

Bourdais Qualifies for 200th IndyCar Start

On July 19, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#IOWA300
IOWA SPEEDWAY

**2 LAP AVERAGE:
171.390 MPH**

LAP 1: 172.101 MPH // 0.18.7006
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QUALIFIED: 21ST

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

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Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“The No. 18 SealMaster Honda car was okay this morning. Then for the qualifying run I had no grip. I’m not sure what happened between the morning practice and qualifying. We’ll take a look at the data and see what we can come up with.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 seven times in the first 12 races of the 2019 season. His best starting position is third at Texas. He qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park, seventh at Road America and for the Indy 500, eighth at Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2, 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais has a best starting position of sixth at Iowa (2014) in six attempts. In five previous races at Iowa he has a best finish of eighth in 2016 (finished ninth in 2015).

Bourdais is 11th in the championship standings with 232 points. He has scored five top-10 finishes including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber and fifth at COTA. Bourdais placed eighth at Toronto and at Texas; ninth at Detroit GP Race 2. He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

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In 199 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Race Broadcast:

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Bourdais is 11th in the championship standings with 232 points. He has scored five top-10 finishes including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber and fifth at COTA. Bourdais placed eighth at Toronto and at Texas; ninth at Detroit GP Race 2. He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

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Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Race Broadcast:

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Ferrucci Eager to Make Short Oval Debut at Iowa Speedway

On July 18, 2019



Newton, Iowa (July 18, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing and rookie Santino Ferrucci are heading to Iowa Speedway this weekend for the 12th round on the NTT IndyCar Series schedule. The Iowa 300 will mark the first event for the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda on a short oval.

In 11 starts this season, Ferrucci has scored his best finishes on oval tracks. He placed seventh at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway. However, this will be a new experience for the 21-year-old who got his first taste of the 0.875-mile short oval last month during a one-day test with the team.

“I’m looking forward to going to Iowa Speedway this weekend,” expressed Ferrucci. “I’ve had a couple of occasions already to go there in the last month. One was to help out

Habitat for Humanity during an advance media visit and I also took part in a one-day test. Things went well at the test and I think we'll be up to the task. Our oval results so far have been above average for a rookie and hopefully we can continue that trend this weekend.”

With only six races left in the 2019 season, Ferrucci sits second in the rookie of the year standings, 16 points out of first place. His 223 points also put him 12th in the overall driver championship.

Teams will get a one-hour practice session on Friday, July 19 at 10am local time ahead of qualifying which takes place later that day at 1:15pm local time (2:15pm ET). Qualifying can be seen live on NBCSN from 2:00pm ET.

The Iowa 300 takes place on Saturday evening with a scheduled 6:15pm local time (7:15pm ET) green flag. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 7:00pm ET. All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Bourdais Drives Mouser Molex Machine to Eighth Place Finish in Honda Indy Toronto

On July 14, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Mouser – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan car, finished eighth today in the Honda Indy Toronto on the 1.786-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bourdais, who qualified eighth, ran in the top-eight through the first three quarters of the race, except following pit stops, getting as high as fifth. Then on lap 65 of the 85 lap contest, while running in sixth, he had a minor incident in turn three when he brushed the nose of the car into the tire barrier. Bourdais recovered quickly, but the mishap cost him three positions. Shortly thereafter, Takuma Sato, who was in fifth place just ahead of Bourdais prior to the incident, caught fire ending his race. From ninth place, Bourdais went on to pick up one spot.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“We got the Mouser Molex car in a pretty decent groove. It was a car you could compete with. Obviously, we should have finished fifth today, but I made one mistake and it cost us big. It was definitely more fun and we’ll try and keep making it better. It’s the last street course of the season, but I think we are headed down the right path. Hopefully, we can extrapolate from the work we have done and improve our overall performance through the rest of the season.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais earned 24 points today and is 11th in the 2019 NTT IndyCar championship standings with 232 points. He has scored five top-10 finishes including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber and fifth at COTA. He placed eighth here in Toronto and at Texas; ninth at Detroit GP Race 2. Bourdais has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

In 15 races on the streets of Toronto, Bourdais has finished in the top- 10 a total of 13 times with eight top-five showings, five podium performances and two wins (2004 and 2014 Race 1, both from the pole)..

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Honda Indy Toronto was Bourdais’ 199th NTT IndyCar Series start and 15th on the Toronto temporary street circuit.

In 199 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 12 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Iowa 300, July 19-20 on the 7/8-mile Iowa Speedway oval in Newton, Iowa.

Ferrucci Finishes Just Outside Top 10 at Honda Indy Toronto

On July 14, 2019



Toronto, ON (July 14, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci was searching for a top 10 finish this weekend at the Honda Indy Toronto. The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda came close, but just missed reaching his goal, crossing the finish line in 11th place at the completion of the 85-lap event.

After starting 17th, Ferrucci and his #19 team elected to pit under a second lap caution period which then allowed the rookie to make his way up to third by lap 20, once the rest

of the field had headed to pit lane for their initial stops. The 21-year-old driver then moved up to second place on lap 31 before heading to pit lane for his second scheduled stop on lap 34.

The Dale Coyne Racing rookie returned to the track in 15th position, and while he made his way up to 13th, he ended up losing a position while dealing with lapped traffic.

Ferrucci returned to pit lane on Lap 52 for his last stop and exited pit lane in 15th place. He would then take advantage of his speed to pass a few cars, once again dealing with slower lapped traffic, while making his way up to 11th.

“This street course is definitely more unique than most. I found it pretty hard to stay super consistent, but the crew did an amazing job,” expressed the rookie. “The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was on rails today at the Honda Indy Toronto. We just unfortunately got shuffled back a bit due to lapped traffic, which wasn’t necessary. At the end of the day, we learned and completed another race. We almost finished in the top 10, we’ll have to try again next weekend on the short oval in Iowa.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team will be in action in less than a week, when the NTT IndyCar Series heads to Iowa Speedway next weekend for the Iowa 300 on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Bourdais Qualifies Mouser Molex Machine Eighth for Honda Indy Toronto

On July 13, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais qualified the No. 18 Mouser – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan entry eighth for the Honda Indy Toronto on the 1.786-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Bourdais went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted a fast lap of 59.0743 seconds putting him second on the speed charts and advancing him to Round 2. In the second round, Bourdais was sitting in fourth position until the closing seconds of the 10 minute session when four other drivers barely slipped past him, dropping Bourdais to eighth. He will start on the outside of Row 4 tomorrow.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“We made a big step this weekend, but when the field is that close and we are just a tenth off it bites you. I had two fairly similar laps on the red tires with ups and downs on both. The car was just a tiny bit unpredictable under braking, so I left some on the table for sure. We are still a few adjustments away, but when it comes down to those kind of

margins, I want to be the one who makes a difference and brings it home for the team and our sponsors.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 seven times in the first 11 races of the 2019 season. His best starting position is third at Texas. He qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park, seventh at Road America and for the Indy 500, eighth here in Toronto, ninth for Detroit Race 2 and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

In 15 attempts at Toronto, Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 a remarkable 14 of 15 times with nine top-five starting positions and four poles (2004, 2005, 2007 and 2014 Race 1). He has finished in the top- 10 a total of 12 times with eight top-five showings, five podium performances and two wins (2004 and 2014 Race 1, both from the pole)..

Bourdais is 11th in the 2019 NTT IndyCar championship standings with 208 points. He has scored four top-10 finishes including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber and fifth at COTA (Texas, eighth; Detroit GP Race 2, ninth). Bourdais has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

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Race Broadcast:

Round 11 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series is the Honda Indy Toronto, Sunday, July 14. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

Tough Toronto Qualifying for Rookie Ferrucci

On July 13, 2019



Toronto, ON (July 13, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci was hopeful heading into Saturday’s qualifying session at the Honda Indy Toronto after a strong morning practice session. However, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda had to settle for a 17th place on the starting grid for tomorrow’s Canadian round on the NTT IndyCar Series schedule.

Ferrucci, who finished the morning practice fourth quickest, looked good early on in his Round 1 Group 1 qualifying session. The rookie jumped to the top of the time charts on his second lap of the 10-minute session. However, while he went on to improve his fastest time around the 1.786-mile, 11-turn track to a lap of 59.9761 seconds, he would end up ninth in his group when all was said and done.

“The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car was really good today. But I wasn’t on top of my game,” shared Ferrucci. “I made too many mistakes in qualifying and missed a little bit of the windows with the tires. It wasn’t a good qualifying session for us, it’s a nice track but

it's a tough one. We'll try and make up for it tomorrow. It's a massive strategy race, so we'll see how it goes."

The Honda Indy Toronto is scheduled to go green on Sunday, July 14 at 3:42pm. The 11th round of the season will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 3:00pm.

Ferrucci Ready for First Appearance at Honda Indy Toronto

On July 11, 2019



Toronto, ON (July 11, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing driver Santino Ferrucci will be making his first trip to the Honda Indy Toronto this weekend, when the NTT IndyCar Series heads north of the border to Canada for the 11th round of the 2019 season.

Ferrucci is looking for another top-10 finish to add to his performances so far this season. After scoring four top-10 finishes in the last seven races, for a total of five top-10 finishes this year, he's looking to bounce back from a 19th place finish at the previous round at Road America a few weeks ago.

So far in his young NTT IndyCar Series career, Ferrucci has a best starting position of 10th (Barber Motorsport Park) and a best finish of fourth (Texas Motor Speedway). His best finish on a street course came at the season opening race in St. Petersburg with a ninth-place.

“This will be my first time racing at the Honda Indy Toronto track. It will be another weekend of learning a new track. All I know about it so far comes from watching videos and speaking with Sebastien (Bourdais) and my engineers,” shared Ferrucci. “That said, I always enjoy racing on a street circuit and I’m very much looking forward to this one. We struggled a bit at our previous race weekend as things didn’t go our way but I’m confident that we can bounce back in Toronto and get back into the Top 10.”

Ferrucci currently sits second in the Rookie of the Year standings, only five points out of first place, and 12th in the overall driver championship.

Ferrucci will get three practice sessions – two on Friday, July 12 and one on Saturday, July 13 – to familiarize himself with the 1.786-mile, 11-turn layout ahead of qualifying which takes place Saturday, July 13 at 2:00pm ET. Qualifying will be broadcast live NBCSN.

The lone Canadian round on the schedule will go green on Sunday, July 14 at 3:42pm and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 3:00pm.

All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Mouser Electronics and Molex to be Primary Sponsor for Second Year at Honda Indy Toronto

On July 9, 2019



MANSFIELD, Texas – July 9, 2019 – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan announced today that for the second consecutive year Mouser Electronics, Inc. and Molex, LLC will be the primary sponsors of the No. 18 entry driven by Sebastien Bourdais for the Honda Indy Toronto, July 12-14 in Toronto, Canada.

“Mouser Electronics and Molex Connectors are so much more than sponsors for us. For eight years now we have collaborated together as partners to make both our teams better. We head into the Honda Indy Toronto proud to be unveiling the newest version of the Mouser-Molex machine,” said Vasser-Sullivan Co-Owner James “Sulli” Sullivan.

Mouser first sponsored IndyCar racing in 2011 as an inventive way to communicate its performance driven business model and promote the newest technologies. The Mouser- and Molex-sponsored car won the Indianapolis 500 in 2013 as well as the 2017 and 2018 series-opening races at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Now all eyes will be on the Toronto race and the sharp-looking No. 18 car as championship driver Bourdais navigates the tight 11-turn, 1.786-mile course through scenic downtown Toronto — about an hour's drive from Mouser's Canadian Customer Service Center at Kitchener-Waterloo in the Ontario technology corridor.

“We wish Sebastien and the team the best of luck as they take to the streets of Toronto in the ‘Mouser Machine’ for the second year in a row,” said Todd McAtee, Mouser Electronics’ Vice President, Americas Business Development. “The collaboration between this team, Mouser Electronics, and Molex is a testament to our collective commitment to excellence.”

Mouser Electronics, the industry's leading new product introduction (NPI) distributor with the widest selection of semiconductors and electronic components. They have, once again teamed up with valued supplier Molex to sponsor Bourdais and the Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan team for the entire 2019 NTT IndyCar Series.

“We are excited to cheer on Bourdais and the team as the No. 18 car flies Mouser and Molex colors this weekend,” said Fred Bell, Vice President of Global Distribution, Molex. “All of us at Molex are honored to once again team up with Mouser to sponsor the No. 18 car this season. This sponsorship further demonstrates our commitment to our long-term relationship with Mouser, to our joint customers and to new innovations in the automotive industry.”

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan. He is currently 11th in the championship standings on the strength four top-10 finishes this season including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park and fifth at COTA (Texas, eighth; Detroit GP Race 2, ninth).

The Honda Indy Toronto will be Bourdais' 199th career IndyCar start and 15th on the streets of Toronto. In 198 IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all-time). In 14 previous races at Toronto, Bourdais has a remarkable record. He has qualified in the top 10 a total of 13 times with nine top-five starting positions and four poles (2004, 2005, 2007 and 2014 Race 1). He has finished in the top-10 a total of 12 times with eight top-five showings, five podium performances and two wins (2004 and 2014 Race 1, both from the pole). Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007). Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France, but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

“I have spent time with the Mouser and Molex team members in Texas and at the track during the last several years and I continue to be impressed with their people and operation,” said Bourdais. “Mouser, Molex and this Dale Coyne Vasser Sullivan team

pursue the same thing...speed and excellence, that's what makes this partnership work," Bourdais noted.

The Honda Indy Toronto is race 11 of the 17-race 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. The race will be broadcast live on NBC at 3:00 p.m. (ET).

About Mouser Electronics:

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Early Incident Damages Car, Bourdais Finishes 12th at Road America

On June 23, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

An early race incident damaged Sebastien Bourdais' No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car, however he was still able to salvage a 12th place finish in the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI.. Bourdais qualified seventh on the scenic 4.048-mile, 14-turn permanent road course and had a good start to the race. Shortly after the drop of the green flag Takuma Sato made contact with Bourdais. From that point on, Bourdais struggled with the car, but continued to battle and despite the damage finished the 55-lap contest to score valuable championship points. Bourdais earned 18 points today and is now 11th in the championship standings with 208 points.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“We had a pretty good start. Then I was side-by-side with Takuma and coming off turn three, maybe he got his wheels in the curb or something. He wiggled and his car turned

hard right and his side pod made contact with my left front. After that the wheel was off and the car felt weird. I don't know if our race was dictated by that initial contact or by something else, but it was a very average day, starting seventh and finishing 12th. I feel bad for the SealMaster No. 18 guys. They really worked hard all weekend.

Fast Facts:

In seven races at Road America, Bourdais has finished on the podium four times including a win from the pole in 2007.

Bourdais has scored four top-10 finishes this season including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park and fifth at COTA (Texas, eighth; Detroit GP Race 2, ninth). He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR GP, placed 12th here at Road America, 24th at St. Petersburg and 30th in the Indy 500.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 REV Group Grand Prix at Road America was Bourdais 198th NTT IndyCar Series start and seventh at Road America.

In 198 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 11 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the Honda Indy Toronto, Sunday, July 14 on the 1.786-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit in Toronto, Canada.

Tough Day at the Office for Ferrucci at Road America

On June 23, 2019



Elkhart Lake, WI (June 23, 2019) – Luck wasn't on the side of Dale Coyne Racing and rookie Santino Ferrucci on Sunday during the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR at Road America with the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda finishing 19th.

The #19 engineering team had elected to go with a different strategy than their competitors for the 55-lap event with Ferrucci entering pit lane at the end of Lap 5. The strategy was looking good early on with the rookie moving up as high as eighth during his second stint.

However, a loss of time during the third stint due to tire pressure sent them back into the field, instead of allowing them to move forward as planned.

When all was said and done, Ferrucci crossed the finish line in 19th place.

“We had a good race car. We had a unique strategy going for us that could have paid off,” said Ferrucci. “Unfortunately, during the stint on our second set of Reds, we lost

some time because of the tire pressure. We should have had a better race going for our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda. It's just what we got this weekend. Luck wasn't on our side, we just have to look forward to the next one."

The Dale Coyne Racing team will next head north of the border for the Honda Indy Toronto which takes place July 11 to 14, 2019.

Bourdais Qualifies Seventh for REV Group Grand Prix at Road America

On June 22, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan entry seventh for tomorrow's REV Group Grand Prix at Road America on the scenic 4.048-mile, 14-turn permanent road course in Elkhart Lake, WI. Bourdais went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of road/street course qualifying and posted the fourth fastest lap in his group of 11 drivers, so he advanced to the second round. In the second round he recorded the seventh quickest lap which is where he will start tomorrow.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“I’m kind of happy where we ended up. Craig (Race Engineer Craig Hampson) and the SealMaster crew did a good job, but I really don’t feel like I did my job. Going into every corner I was guessing what’s going to happen and how much I should push. I just don’t have a good feel for it. We’re in a good position, so we’ll see what happens tomorrow.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 six times in the first 10 races of the 2019 season. His best starting position is third two weeks ago at Texas. He qualified fifth at Barber Motorsports Park, seventh here at Road America and for the Indy 500, ninth for Detroit Race 2 and 10th for the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

In seven qualifying attempts at Road America, Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 six times including four times in the top-two with two poles, 2007 and 2004. In six previous races at Road America, he has finished on the podium four times including a win from the pole in 2007.

Bourdais is 10th in the championship standings with 190 points. He has earned four top-10 finishes this season including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park and a fifth at COTA (eighth at Texas and ninth in the Detroit GP Race 2). Bourdais has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix. He placed 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race) and 30th in the Indy 500.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 REV Group Grand Prix at Road America will be Bourdais 198th NTT IndyCar Series start and seventh at Road America.

In 197 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 10 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America, Sunday, June 23 on the Road America permanent road course in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Engine Issue Halts Ferrucci in Qualifying at Road America

On June 22, 2019



Elkhart Lake, WI (June 22, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci didn't get the opportunity to show what he could do during qualifying on Saturday for tomorrow's REV Group Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR when an engine issue ended his qualifying session earlier than planned.

The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda will start from the 21st place on the grid.

“Practice went really well this morning and I think we showed the potential of what our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda could do,” said Ferrucci, who was eighth quickest in the morning practice session. “Unfortunately, in qualifying things didn't go our way when an engine issue ended our session early. That said, we'll have a couple of new sets of Firestone Reds for the race tomorrow, which should help us out. We'll just have to pass more cars as we try to move forward.”

The REV Group Grand Prix at Road America presented by AMR is scheduled to go green on Sunday, June 23 at 11:50am local time (12:50pm ET). The race will be broadcast live on NBC.

Rookie Ferrucci on a Roll Heading to Road America

On June 19, 2019



Plainfield, IL (June 19, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing driver Santino Ferrucci has been on a roll of late with a run of top-10 finishes and a personal best result. The rookie is hoping to keep that string of performances alive as he enters this weekend’s REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR at Road America.

Ferrucci has scored four top-10 finishes in the last five races and has a total of five top-ten finishes in nine starts this season. He picked up his best finish of his young NTT IndyCar Series career at the previous round at Texas Motor Speedway two weeks ago, placing fourth on what was only his second career oval race.

This weekend will be the Woodbury, Connecticut native’s first time on the Road America track aboard an Indy car.

“I’m looking forward to going back to Elkhart Lake. I went there a lot as a kid when I was karting, so it will be nice to be racing on the big track in an Indy Car,” shared Ferrucci. “I’m not too sure what to expect heading into the weekend, we didn’t have the opportunity to test at the track, but I’d definitely like to keep the Top 10 finishes going and keep collecting points and completing laps. I have a lot of confidence in our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda and my crew and I think we can have a good weekend.”

In addition to keeping his top-10 streak alive, Ferrucci will also be looking to maintain and increase his 12-point lead in the Rookie of the Year standings.

Teams will get two practice sessions on Friday, June 21, with qualifying taking place Saturday, June 22 at 3:00pm local time (4pm ET).

Round 10 of the 2019 season will go green on Sunday, June 23 at 11:50am local time (12:50pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBC. All practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App with qualifying also being broadcast on tape delay on NBCSN from 5:00pm ET.

Ferrucci Scores Best Finish with a Fourth Place in Texas

On June 8, 2019



Fort Worth, Texas (June 8, 2019) – Rookie Santino Ferrucci continued to impress with his on-track performances aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Dale Coyne Racing entry on Saturday night as he scored his best NTT IndyCar Series finish with a fourth place at Texas Motor Speedway, in what was only his second oval event of his career.

Ferrucci, who was starting from the 18th position, gained a couple of spots at the start and sat 14th for the majority of his first stint. Upon exiting the pits following his first stop on lap 60, Ferrucci returned to the track in the same position before climbing up to 12th by Lap 100.

About 15 laps after making his second stop on Lap 119, Ferrucci climbed to eighth place, gaining a few positions following a full course caution in which he avoided a spinning car in front of him. He would then fall back to 13th on Lap 186 after his last scheduled pit stop. From there, the 2019 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year continuously moved up the field, making it to seventh by the time a yellow flag fell on Lap 219 of the 248-lap event.

The rookie then made it up to fifth with less than 20 laps remaining when a final caution period came out. He would then make his way to fourth on the final restart, getting by Ryan Hunter-Reay with 12 laps remaining. Ferrucci then held off the veteran driver to hang on to his first top-five finish in the NTT IndyCar Series and his fifth top-ten of the season.

“I can’t thank my crew enough. We had a stellar crew in the pits, they did fantastic stops, and we just made our way to the front while avoiding a couple of incidents in front of us,” said Ferrucci. “I can’t thank my spotter Pancho (Carter) enough to get me to push my limits in the car, coaching me throughout the race. To bring home a top five with our Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda, my first one in the IndyCar Series feels pretty good. For someone who had no experience on ovals, I’m starting to say I love them. I’m happy with a fourth place. After Indy, knowing what kind of car we had, how hard our crew has been working and how much power we have from Honda as well, I knew we could do something special here, regardless of what happened in qualifying, and we did.”

Ferrucci now sits ninth in points with 193 points and leads the rookie of the year standings by 12 points.

The Dale Coyne Racing team will now have one weekend off from racing before heading to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin for the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America June 23.

Bourdais Finishes Eighth in DXC Technology 600

On June 8, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais drove the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car to an eighth place finish today in the DXC Technology 600 at Texas Motor Speedway. Bourdais qualified a TMS best and season high third. Starting from the inside of row two on the challenging 1.5-mile D-shaped oval, Bourdais ran in the top-10 the vast majority of the race and in the top-six for much of it, including leading three laps. If not for a couple of unlucky breaks, the result could easily have been in the top-five.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“We finished eighth and got some good championship points, but obviously we were hoping for a lot better. The No. 18 SealMaster Honda was good. I think we had a top-five car. The guys did a good job with the pit stops. We had a strategy that could have worked, but the yellows worked against us. Honestly, I am not really sure what happened. We’ll just have to sit down and take a look at the race and get it figured out.”



Fast Facts:

Bourdais earned 25 points tonight and is 10th in the championship standings with 190 points. The eighth place finish was Bourdais' fourth of the season including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park, a fifth at COTA and ninth in the Detroit GP Race 2. Bourdais has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix. He placed 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race) and 30th in the Indy 500.

In six races at TMS, Bourdais has now finished in the top-10 three times. The eighth place finished ties his best performance at TMS. He also finished eighth last year (finished 10th in 2016).

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 DXC Technology 600 was Bourdais 197th NTT IndyCar Series start, his sixth at Texas Motor Speedway and 42nd on an oval.

In 196 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais' 42 career oval starts, 34 have come in the last seven years (33 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las

Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

Bourdais made eight oval starts in Champ Car earning four victories: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2004 and 2005; Milwaukee 2006 and capturing three poles: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2005; Milwaukee, 2006.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round 10 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America, Sunday, June 23 on the Road America permanent road course in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Bourdais Qualifies Career Best Third at Texas Motor Speedway

On June 7, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais qualified a career best third at Texas Motor Speedway for tomorrow's DXC Technology 600. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan car, went out 12th of the 22 cars to make a qualifying attempt and posted a two-lap average of 219.746 mph on the challenging 1.5-mile D-shaped oval. The third place qualifying position is his best at TMS and his best qualifying effort this season.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“A really solid effort by the No. 18 SealMaster team. Honda gave us great power and we put it to use. I actually turned the fastest lap in qualifying on lap one. I maybe pushed it a little far that lap, so we had a drop off on lap two. I’m just really happy for the guys, they did a really good job. To start on the inside of row two, obviously, it’s my best qualifying position here by quite a bit. Solid for Honda today locking up the top-four. I’m really proud of the Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan organization and we’ll see what we have tomorrow.”

SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#DXC600
TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

QUALIFIED: 3RD
2 LAP AVERAGE:
219.746 MPH

CAREER BEST START AT TEXAS

Fast Facts:

Bourdais earned his highest qualifying position in six attempts at Texas Motor Speedway, surpassing a fifth place starting position last year. It is just the second time Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 let alone the top-five at TMS. In five previous races at TMS, he has two top-10 finishes with a best showing of eighth last year (finished 10th in 2016).

This is Bourdais best qualifying effort of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season surpassing a fifth place starting spot at Barber Motorsports Park. He has now qualified in the top-10 five times in the first nine races this year (third, Texas; fifth, Barber; seventh, Indy 500; ninth, Detroit Race 2; 10th in the INDYCAR GP).

Bourdais is currently 10th in the championship standings with 165 points. He has earned three top-10 finishes this season including two top-5 showings, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park, a fifth at COTA and ninth in the Detroit GP Race 2. Bourdais has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix. He placed 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race) and 30th in the Indy 500.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 DXC Technology 600 will be Bourdais 197th NTT IndyCar Series start, his sixth at Texas Motor Speedway and 42nd on an oval.

In 196 career IndyCar starts, he has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais' 41 career oval starts, 33 have come in the last seven years (32 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

Bourdais made eight oval starts in Champ Car earning four victories: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2004 and 2005; Milwaukee 2006 and capturing three poles: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2005; Milwaukee, 2006.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round nine of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the DXC Technology 600, Saturday, June 8 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Ferrucci to Start from Ninth Row in Texas

On June 7, 2019



Fort Worth, Texas (June 7, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci took part in his first oval qualifying on a 1.5-mile track on Friday at Texas Motorsport Speedway and placed 18th on the grid for Saturday night’s DXC Technology 600.

Ferrucci, who was 11th on the combined practice time sheet earlier in the day, registered a first lap of 217.278 mph, followed by a second lap of 216.848 mph for an average two-lap speed of 217.063 mph. While his average speed initially placed him fifth, he would end up on the outside of the ninth row when all cars had made their qualifying runs.

“Our Cly-Del Manufacturing car has been good all day and in practice yesterday,” said Ferrucci. “I don’t know what quite went wrong for us in qualifying today, but we have something much stronger than what our qualifying result shows. The second you go through Turns 1 and 2 the first time, and the car is doing something you’re not quite expecting you just want to hold on and finish your run and keep it in one piece. That’s

just what we did. Now there's nothing we can do but race and I'm confident we have a good race car for tomorrow night."

The DXC Technology 600 at Texas Motor Speedway is set to go green on Saturday, June 8 at 7:45pm local (8:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

Ferrucci Eager for Next Oval Race

On June 5, 2019



Plainfield, IL (June 5, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci is looking forward to taking on his second oval race of the season this weekend as the NTT IndyCar Series heads to Texas Motor Speedway for the DXC Technology 600.

The Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year picked up his best IndyCar career finish a couple of weeks ago at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a seventh-place after an impressive performance in his maiden oval event.

While this weekend will be the 21-year-old's first race at Texas Motor Speedway, Ferrucci is familiar with the 1.5-mile circuit having done his initial rookie orientation at the track in October 2018 during a private team test.

“I think coming off of Indy, I feel really comfortable on an oval,” expressed Ferrucci, who will be making his 13th IndyCar career start this weekend. “We tested at Texas Motor Speedway last fall which was my first taste of an oval track, and we were quick. I’d like to have another solid Top-10 finish and have a little bit more fun. I’m looking forward to it very much.”

The NTT IndyCar Series field will get two hours of practice Thursday evening and another hour of practice on Friday afternoon before taking on qualifying Friday evening at 5:45pm local time (6:45pm ET).

The 248-lap race at Texas Motor Speedway will go green on Saturday, June 8 at 7:45pm local (8:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN. All practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed on the NBC Gold app, with qualifying also broadcast on NBCSN.

Bourdais Recovers from Intense Incident to Finish Ninth in Detroit GP Race 2

On June 2, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#DETROITGP // RACE 2
STREETS OF BELLE ISLE

RACE BREAKDOWN
● STARTED: 9th 🏁 FINISHED: 9th
⚡ HIGHEST: 7th

TIRE SELECTION

START (REDS ALT) ● LAP 2 (BLACK (PRIMARY)) ● LAP 15 (NO TIRES) ● LAP 18 (BLACK (PRIMARY)) ● LAP 44 (BLACK (PRIMARY)) ● FINISH (75 LAPS) ●

Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais overcame an intense incident that saw him “wheelie” for several yards to finish ninth in the Detroit Grand Prix Race 2 on the 2.35-mile, 14-turn Belle Isle temporary street circuit. Bourdais began the day by qualifying ninth. He moved into seventh on the opening lap, but pitted on lap three in a strategy move to switch from the Firestone red alternate tires to the black primary tire. On lap 14, he was involved in an incident with Spencer Pigot, who tried to pit from the middle of the track as Bourdais was making a run on the inside. The contact tore off Bourdais’ front wing and lifted the nose of the car sending it down the track on just its rear wheels. Bourdais immediately pitted and his Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan crew flew into action. The damage was significant, so in order to stay on the lead lap, Bourdais left the pit without a front wing and closed the gap to the field, which was running under a yellow flag. He pitted again a couple of laps later to complete the repairs and rejoined the race in 17th place. The outstanding effort by his crew kept him on the lead lap, albeit the last car in the queue. From that point on he drove an incredible race despite working with a damaged car. Twice he recorded the fastest lap of the race and three more yellow flag incidents allowed him to pick up several positions and secure the top-10 finish..

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“It’s just a real shame, the incident with Spencer (Pigot), because ultimately the SealMaster Honda No. 18 was in the mix. I think we had the right strategy. We were going to be in contention. The reds (Firestone alternate tire), as expected fell off and the guys who tried to make it, didn’t. We caught up with them and I don’t know what Spencer was thinking. I had a run on the inside and he tried to make it to the pits from the center lane when I was to his right rear. Then he jumped on the brakes. I not sure what I was supposed to do. The Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan guys did a great job fixing the car and we reset and went again. The car was a little hurt, but we were still pretty quick. It was definitely a tough run coming from the back, but there were a lot of incidents which bought us some positions. So we’ll take our top-10 finish and move on to Texas.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais earned 22 points today and picked up two positions in the championship race. He now sits 10th in the standings with 165 points.

The ninth place finish was Bourdais third top-10 performance of the season including two top-5 finishes, a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park (finished fifth at COTA). He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix. Bourdais finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race) and 30th in the Indy 500.

In 13 Detroit GP races Bourdais has four top-10 finishes with two wins (2016 Race 1 and 2015 Race 2). He has qualified in the top-10 five times with a best starting position of

sixth in 2015 Race 1 (seventh in 2014 Race 1, ninth: 2015 Race 2 and 2019 Race 2; tenth: 2012).

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Detroit Grand Prix Race 2 was Bourdais 196th NTT IndyCar Series start and 13th Detroit Grand Prix.

In 196 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round nine of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the DXC Technology 600, Saturday, June 8 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Ferrucci Salvages Detroit Doubleheader Weekend with Top 10 Finish in Race 2

On June 2, 2019



Detroit, MI (June 2, 2019) – Rookie Santino Ferrucci salvaged his Detroit race weekend by picking up a top-10 finish in the second race of the Detroit Grand Prix Doubleheader on Sunday, after leading for 20 laps. However, had it not been for an untimely caution, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda could have possibly come home with an NTT IndyCar Series career best finish in the Top 6.

Ferrucci moved up early on in the race from his 17th place on the starting grid to third, following an early caution period in which the majority of the cars ahead of him headed to pit lane. When the race resumed on Lap 8, the rookie was focused on moving even higher up the field and got by Scott Dixon for the lead on Lap 14.

While the 21-year-old driver continued to lead the field, a yellow flag flew just before he was to head to pit lane for his first stop. Due to the untimely caution, Ferrucci would find himself at the opposite end of the field with all cars now on similar pit strategies.

The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was sitting in 15th place following his pit stop on Lap 35. However, through more caution periods and restarts, Ferrucci would end up climbing back into the Top 10 with two laps remaining to score his fourth top ten finish of the season.

“It ended up being a good thing to start on the prime tire,” shared Ferrucci. “We led the race for a solid stint but then we got an unlucky caution for us, if not for that we could have stayed up front. Our Cly-Del Manufacturing crew did a great job in pit lane. We also had great fuel mileage with the Honda engine and we were able to bring it home with a top-10 finish and salvage our Detroit weekend.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team won't have much time to rest with the NTT IndyCar Series heading to Fort Worth, Texas on Thursday, June 6 for the start of the DXC Technology 600 weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.

Bourdais Just Misses Top-10 in Rain Shortened Detroit Grand Prix Race 1

On June 1, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

The Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix Race 1 was shortened from 70 laps to 75 minutes (43 laps) due to severe weather at the start of the race. Sebastien Bourdais used his considerable skill in the wet, and eventually a dry track, to move from 16th place, where he qualified, to finish 11th on the 2.35-mile, 14-turn Belle Isle temporary street circuit. The race was declared a “wet” race so drivers started on rain tires and in a single file. Bourdais quickly moved into the top-12 in the wet. As the track began to dry the team pitted on lap 19 for fuel and black primary Firestone tires.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“In a short race like this it’s tough to make anything happen. It was really difficult in the wet. I struggled to keep the rear tires together. We were going to pit a bit early and sure enough the yellow came out right when we were deciding what to do, so we missed the shot. After that everyone went on slick tires. I made up one or two spots. There were a couple of mistakes and we recovered to 11th. There just wasn’t enough time to make much happen. The cars in front were doing a good job. I felt I was a bit faster at times, but not enough to make moves. Not the greatest day, not the worst day. We’ll keep working on the SealMaster No. 18 and see what we can do tomorrow.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Detroit Grand Prix Race 1 was Bourdais 195th NTT IndyCar Series start and 12th Detroit Grand Prix.

In 12 Detroit GP races Bourdais has three top-10 finishes with two wins (2016 Race 1 and 2015 Race 2). He has qualified in the top-10 four times with a best starting position of sixth in 2015.

In 195 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais earned 19 points today and is now 12th in the championship standings with 143 points. He has two top-5 finishes including a season high third at Barber Motorsports Park (finished fifth at COTA). He has finished 11th three times, Detroit Race 1, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix. Bourdais finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race) and 30th in the Indy 500.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida

Next Race:

Round eight of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix Race 2, Sunday, June 2 on the Belle Isle temporary street circuit.

Ferrucci has Forgettable Day in Detroit Race 1

On June 1, 2019



Detroit, MI (June 1, 2019) – Following a severe weather delay that forced a shortened-75-minute race, Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci had a day to forget in Race 1 of the double header in Detroit, crossing the finish line in 19th place.

After qualifying in 22nd place earlier in the day, Ferrucci was hoping to move up the field when the race finally got under way. Unfortunately for the rookie, he only managed to pick up a few positions before making his first and only pit stop, from 18th place, with about 46 minutes to go.

Things then looked up briefly for the 21-year-old driver when a caution period came out just following his stop. However, with the cars ahead of him failing to pack up in a timely manner, Ferrucci was unable to leapfrog the cars that headed into pit lane and he would

end up 15th, instead of in the top six, when the race resumed with about 33 minutes to go.

Ferrucci was then unable to gain anymore positions and he would end up 19th after being forced to go wide and making slight contact with the wall.

“We had an OK start, you can’t really pass in the rain at the start because you can’t see, so we weren’t really able to move up,” said Ferrucci. “Then, we pit early for dry tires and we thought that we’d be able to move up the field when the yellow came out, but the cars in front of me didn’t pack up and that set us back in the field. Nothing really went our way today, there’s nothing we could really do other than now prepare for Race 2 tomorrow and hope for a better result aboard our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda.”

Ferrucci will be back in action tomorrow for the second race of the weekend which goes green at 3:50pm ET. The race will be broadcast live on NBC.

Ferrucci Riding Wave of Momentum into Detroit

On May 31, 2019



Detroit, MI (May 31, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci is heading to Belle Isle for the Detroit doubleheader weekend with loads of momentum after registering his best NTT IndyCar Series career finish last weekend in his oval debut at the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Ferrucci crossed the finish line in seventh place after moving up from his 23rd spot on the grid. His impressive performance behind the wheel of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda earned him the Indy 500 Rookie of the Year award and moved him atop the rookie standings with 129 points.

The rookie is looking to maintain and build on that lead this weekend at the 2.35-mile, 13-turn temporary street circuit on Detroit's Belle Isle.

Ferrucci made his Series debut last season with Dale Coyne Racing in Detroit and for the first time will be returning to a track that he's previously raced on aboard an Indy car. The Woodbury, Connecticut native has a best starting position of 13th and a best finish of 20th in two races at Belle Isle.

"After picking up my best career finish in the NTT IndyCar Series as a rookie at the Indianapolis 500 last weekend, I can't wait to head to Detroit this weekend, to a track that I've actually raced at before, where I made my Series debut last year," said Ferrucci, who celebrates his 21st birthday today. "We're carrying momentum from our last two races and we were fast in Detroit last year, so I don't see why we can't continue our top 10 progress. I'm really looking forward to the doubleheader weekend."

Ferrucci and his fellow NTT IndyCar Series drivers will get two practice sessions on Friday. Qualifying for Race 1 will take place Saturday, June 1 at 10:45am with Race 1 going green at 3:50pm later that afternoon. Qualifying for Race 2 is scheduled for the same time on Sunday, June 2 with the race also going green at 3:50pm. Both races will be broadcast live on NBC.

Ferrucci Wins Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year Award

On May 28, 2019





Indianapolis, IN (May 28, 2019) – Dale Coyne

Racing's Santino Ferrucci won Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year honors and was presented with award at the Victory Celebration last night at the J.W. Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

Rookie Ferrucci impressed with an outstanding run to seventh in his oval debut at the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car climbed from his 23rd spot on the starting grid and was the highest-finishing rookie among the six drivers making their first Indianapolis 500 starts this year at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Additionally, the 20-year-old, who celebrates his 21st birthday later this week on May 31, led his first NTT IndyCar Series lap and made the largest number of passes of any driver on track with 30 while on his way to registering his best NTT IndyCar Series career finish.

Ferrucci earned \$50,000 for being named Rookie of the Year.

“To be honest, it’s finally sinking in,” expressed Ferrucci. “You can only win Rookie of the Year once. That hadn’t occurred to me until now. It’s quite an honor. I can’t thank the team enough for giving me such a fantastic car the whole month. I was comfortable in the car all month and I think as a rookie that’s really important. Thank you to Honda, Firestone, and Cly-Del Manufacturing who has been behind me through everything that’s happened in the last few years.”

Ferrucci now leads the NTT IndyCar Series Rookie of the Year standings with 129 points and sits 10th in the Series Championship standings.

Ferrucci Top Finishing Rookie in Indianapolis 500 with Seventh Place

On May 26, 2019



Davison places 12th despite pit lane incident

Indianapolis, IN (May 26, 2019) – The Dale Coyne Racing team had quite the day at the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday. Santino Ferrucci made the largest number of passes of all the drivers, led a lap and moved up the field to place seventh as the best finishing rookie while James Davison salvaged a 12th place finish after an incident in pit lane sent him to the back of the field. The race reports for both drivers are below.

7th – Santino Ferrucci – #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing

Rookie Ferrucci made a strong impression during his oval debut at the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. The driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car moved up from his 23rd spot on the starting grid to finish seventh, making the most passes of any driver on track with 30, led his first NTT IndyCar Series lap and picked up his best IndyCar career finish along the way. Ferrucci steadily moved

up the field as the race progressed. By lap 50 he sat in 15th place and had moved into the top 10 by the halfway mark. The rookie was then able to rebound from an untimely yellow that came out right when the driver was about to head to pit lane on Lap 137. Despite having to delay his pit stop and fall further back in the field, Ferrucci managed to make his way back up and was sitting ninth when a Red Flag came out with 20 laps to go. Following the final restart, the Dale Coyne Racing driver was sitting in seventh and while he lost one position with 12 laps remaining, he was able to make one final pass and cross the finish line in seventh. Ferrucci now leads the NTT IndyCar Series Rookie of the Year standings with 129 points and sits 10th in the Series Championship standings.



Ferrucci Quote:

“This is my introduction to oval racing and I’m happy. There was one stint where I was so scared, I was racing around, and the car was just moving around. Then, I just put my visor down after the red flag and gave it my all and to finish seventh, in the top ten was all I cared about. I surpassed all of my expectations. Our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing crew did solid stops, amazing engineering. It was a huge team effort. I couldn’t have done it without my spotters Pancho and Dane Carter. We passed nearly all the cars out there. I wouldn’t have had the confidence to do it without them telling me how to do it. I appreciate that a lot. I had a moment when I had to go through the lawn to avoid an incident in front of me, but it was the safest way out, fortunately it paid off. I’ve never experienced or witnessed anything like this race. It’s amazing for the fans but also for the competitors.”

DavisonRacelIndy12th – James Davison – #33 Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi
The # 33 Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi team had a great Indianapolis 500 run with driver James Davison. During the opening stint, Davison was able to make his way up from his original starting position of 15th into ninth place. When the first round of pit stops began on lap 35, Davison was dealing with a pit lane speed limiter issue, causing him to have to guess his speed. Unfortunately for Davison, contact with Helio Castroneves sent him spinning into the 33 team’s pit box and it ultimately put him two laps down by the time he returned to the track. Davison was able to recover both laps

thanks in part to some well-timed cautions and great strategy from engineer Rob Ridgely. Throughout the day restarts were Davison's strength and he came through on the final restart, gaining five positions, moving up from 17th into 12th where he would wind up finishing the race.

Davison Quote:

"What an epic Indy 500 for the 33 team. Certainly, the starts and restarts gave us positions today. It was fantastic to move up to ninth in the first stint and run there solidly. When we pit, the pit lane cruise wasn't working, so I had to do it NASCAR style by just looking at the rpm. As a result, I wasn't running exactly 60 mph and Castroneves pulled out to pass me as I was going into the box and it just ended up being a really unfortunate situation. Nobody's fault. From there we recovered from two laps down to get a fantastic final restart and finish 12th. That was just the best that we could hope for today after what happened. I'm just really proud of this Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi, Rokit, Cruz team. They gave me my best Indy 500 experience and I just absolutely loved it."

Bourdais' Strong Indianapolis 500 Ends with Incident

On May 26, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais was having a very strong 103rd Indianapolis 500 in the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry, but with just over 24 laps remaining in the 200 lap contest, he had an incident with Graham Rahal. Bourdais started seventh on the fabled 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval and ran in the top-seven getting as high for most of the 176 laps he completed. Unfortunately, Rahal got a run on him heading into turn three and neither driver was prepared to give in. Rahal hit the back of Bourdais' car. Bourdais was forced to turn in and the two made contact a second time sending them into the wall and ending both their races,

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“It was a very solid run for the SealMaster Honda No. 18 for most of the race, but when the sun started to come out the car wasn't as good as it had been and some guys started to charge hard. I fell back a little bit and I was hoping I could stay there. Graham got a bit of a run and I thought it wasn't enough for him to stay there. Going side-by-side in those corners at Indy is never something you want to do. Once we got to the corner I really thought he was going to give up on it. He made contact with his right front to my left rear, which moved my car quite a bit. At that point I had to turn in. I tried to give some room. I put myself on the edge of the caution, but it was not enough. So we ended up making contact again and it was all over from there. That's always the problem when somebody pulls a move like that so late. You either have, as the lead car, to let him go really early or the guy on the inside has to give up. I considered backing off, but I felt it was too late and Graham didn't either, so we both ended up in the wall which is a real shame.”

Fast Facts:

In seven eight races on the IMS oval, Bourdais has finished in the top-five twice with a best showing of seventh in 2014 (finished ninth in 2016). He has qualified in the top-10 three times in eight attempts. This year's seventh place starting spot ties his second best starting position behind a fifth place qualifying position last year. He qualified seventh in 2015.

Bourdais earned 13 points today and is now 11th in the championship standings with 124 points. He finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race), then had back-to-back top-five performances placing fifth at COTA and third at Barber. He finished 11th at Long Beach and in the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Indianapolis 500 will be Bourdais' 194th NTT IndyCar Series start, eighth on the Speedway oval and 41st career oval race.

In 194 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Of Bourdais' 41 career oval starts, 33 have come in the last seven years (32 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

Bourdais made eight oval starts in Champ Car earning four victories: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2004 and 2005; Milwaukee 2006 and capturing three poles: Lausitz, 2003; Las Vegas, 2005; Milwaukee, 2006.

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Next Race:

Rounds seven and eight of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix featuring two races. The first will be on Saturday, June 1, the second on Sunday, June 2 on the Belle Isle temporary street circuit in Detroit, Michigan.

Dale Coyne Racing Welcomes ENEOS as Official Lubricant Supplier

On May 24, 2019



Indianapolis, IN (May 24, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing is pleased to announce that ENEOS, Japan’s leading oil company, has joined its family of partners by becoming the team’s Official Lubricant Supplier.

ENEOS is the brand name for products manufactured by JXTG Nippon Oil & Energy Corp. – the largest oil company in Japan and sixth largest in the world. ENEOS products are among the highest quality lubricants available in the marketplace today.

The products use advanced base oil and additive technology as the result of joint engineering, research and supply to all the major Japanese automotive manufacturers. ENEOS lubricants provide exceptional protection, performance and power for a wide variety of applications, from automobiles to diesel trucks, motorcycles and race cars.

While the company spans the globe, its US-sold products are produced in the United States at a plant near Birmingham, AL.



ENEOS1 “We’ve been involved in many different racing series around the world, from Formula DRIFT and NASCAR to MotoGP and Formula One. Our next logical step was to partner with a team in the NTT IndyCar Series, and we’re delighted to have formed this partnership with Dale Coyne Racing as we look to broaden our brand exposure into different markets,” said Shinichi Handa, CMO of JX Nippon Oil & Energy USA.

“I’m proud to welcome ENEOS to our team as our Official Lubricant Supplier,” added Team Owner Dale Coyne. “Without question, ENEOS is among the best lubricant brands in the world. We look forward to working with them and benefiting from their understanding of high-technology lubricants.”

The ENEOS logo will make its first appearance on the Dale Coyne Racing entries at this weekend’s 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500, in which the team’s cars are starting seventh (Sebastien Bourdais #18), 15th (James Davison #33) and 23rd (Santino Ferrucci #19). The race will be broadcast live on NBC from 11am ET, with a pre-race show on NBCSN starting at 9am ET on Sunday May 26, 2019.

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ABOUT DALE COYNE RACING

Dale Coyne Racing (DCR) is an NTT IndyCar Series team based in Plainfield, IL, about 40 miles southwest of downtown Chicago. The team has participated in every season of the INDYCAR/Champ Car World Series since 1984. DCR earned its first IndyCar win in 2009 with the late, great Justin Wilson at Watkins Glen and picked up its most recent one after becoming back to back winners on the Streets of St. Petersburg with driver Sebastien Bourdais in 2018. Team owner Dale Coyne is a true racer with a long history in racing. As an Indy car driver for five years, and a team owner for more than 30 years, he is among the most experienced team owners in the Series paddock and highly respected by his peers. Coyne is a Midwestern entrepreneur who designed and built Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, IL. He and Tony George, along with International Speedway Corporation (ISC), expanded the facility by forming a partnership and building Chicagoland Speedway. Coyne served as president of the facility through its construction and opening season and served on its management committee until its eventual buyout by ISC in 2007. The DCR Team Owner has several other investments, including being the largest Sonny's BBQ franchisee in the country.

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Bourdais Qualifies Seventh for 103rd Indianapolis 500

On May 19, 2019



Picks up two positions during Fast Nine Shootout

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais will start seventh for the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500, May 26, on the fabled Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval in Speedway, Indiana. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan car, entered the Fast Nine shootout in the ninth position. He was the first to make a qualifying attempt and ran a strong four-lap average speed of 228.621 to jump past both Josef Newgarden and Alexander Rossi on the starting grid. Bourdais will line-up on the inside of Row 3 for the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“It was a pretty solid run in the No. 18 SealMaster car. The higher you start the better it is. We should’ve been a little faster if I had downshifted like I was supposed to, but not a huge deal. We knew with the weather conditions that it was going to be a little tricky to extract more out of the car because the air was denser. At the end of the day the goal was to get the car in and not make any mistakes. We did that so at least I feel at peace with myself compared to yesterday. We’ll just try to execute in the race and have a solid day next Sunday.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 three times in eight attempts on the IMS Super Speedway oval. The seventh place starting spot ties his second best starting position behind a fifth place qualifying position last year. He qualified seventh in 2015. In seven previous races he has finished in the top-five twice with a best showing of seventh in 2014 (finished ninth in 2016).

This is the second consecutive year that Bourdais has made the Fast Nine. Last year he qualified an Indy 500 career best fifth.

Bourdais is two years removed from a horrific crash at IMS during Indy 500 qualifying. He returned last year and had a remarkable qualifying performance earning a career best fifth place starting position for the Indy 500.

In the first six races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 three times with a best qualifying effort of fifth at Barber. His first two qualifying efforts of the season were plagued by red flags and he ended up starting 19th

in the season opener at St. Petersburg and 17th at COTA. He qualified 14th at Long Beach, 10th for the INDYCAR GP and seventh for the Indy 500.

Bourdais is driving the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan entry for the Indianapolis 500.

He is eighth in the championship standings with 111 points just 27 points out of fourth place. Bourdais finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg (non-team related issue ended his race), then had back-to-back top-five performances placing fifth at COTA and third at Barber. He finished 11th in his last two events, Long Beach and the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

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Of Bourdais' 40 career oval starts, 32 have come in the last seven years (31 in last six years). He has four poles (Phoenix, 2018; Milwaukee, 2006; Las Vegas, 2005; Lausitz, 2003). Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 at Milwaukee. Bourdais has earned five oval wins (Milwaukee, 2015; Milwaukee 2006; Las Vegas in 2005 and 2004; Lausitz, 2003). The oval win in Milwaukee in 2015 was his first oval victory since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

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Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Broadcast:

Round six of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500, Sunday, May 26, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Bourdais Earns Shot at Indy 500 Pole by Making Fast Nine

On May 18, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#INDY500
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

FAST NINE!

LAP 1: 229.726 MPH
LAP 2: 229.760 MPH
LAP 3: 226.777 MPH
LAP 4: 228.967 MPH

AVERAGE SPEED:
228.800 MPH

WILL PARTICIPATE IN TOMORROW'S FAST-9 SHOOTOUT FOR POLE

Sebastien Bourdais placed in the top-nine during the first day of qualifying for the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500, and will have a chance to capture the pole tomorrow. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan car, was the fifth driver to make a qualifying attempt on the 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval. His first two laps were very strong at 229+ mph, however on lap three, he made a mistake which cost him three mph. Bourdais recovered on lap four and ended up posting the ninth best four-lap average speed. The top nine qualifiers today will participate in the Fast Nine shootout tomorrow which will determine the pole for this year's Indy 500 and the next eight positions. The nine are the only drivers with a chance to take the pole.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“The SealMaster No. 18 was fantastic. The crew gave me a brilliant car, spot on. The Honda engine was great. We had a ton of speed. I just blew it. I made one procedural mistake and almost washed into the wall in turn one and two on lap three. I didn't hit the right button. That was all on me. I really thought we weren't going to make the Fast Nine. Fortunately we did, so the consequences were not as bad as they could have been. I'm just really happy for the guys and our sponsors. So, let's see where we end up tomorrow.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 three times (he is assured of at least a top-nine starting spot for the Indy 500) in eight attempts on the IMS Super Speedway oval. In seven previous races at IMS, his best starting position is fifth last year and seventh in 2015. He has finished in the top-five twice with a best showing of seventh in 2014 (finished ninth in 2016).

In the first six races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 three times with a best qualifying effort of fifth at Barber (tenth at the INDYCAR GP). He can improve on his best starting position tomorrow. His first two qualifying efforts of the season were plagued by red flags and he ended up starting 19th in the season opener at St. Petersburg and 17th at COTA. He qualified 14th at Long Beach.

Bourdais is two years removed from a horrific crash at IMS during Indy 500 qualifying. He returned last year and had a remarkable qualifying performance earning a career best starting position for the Indy 500, fifth.

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Of Bourdais' 40 career oval starts, 32 have come in the last six years (31 in last five years).

Bourdais has made 33 IndyCar oval starts (includes the 2005 Indy 500) with a best qualifying effort of first (pole) at Phoenix in 2018. Phoenix was his first pole since Mid-Ohio in 2014 and first on an oval since 2006 when he captured the pole at Milwaukee. His best finish is a victory at Milwaukee in 2015. It was his first oval win since 2006 also at Milwaukee.

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Strong Qualifying Performance Places Davison on 5th Row, Ferrucci on 8th for Start of 103rd Indianapolis 500

On May 18, 2019



Indianapolis, IN (May 18, 2019) – The Dale Coyne Racing team out in an excellent team effort during qualifying for the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Saturday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway by qualifying all of their cars for the 500-mile event. James Davison put in a solid run aboard his #33 Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd and Belardi entry and placed 15th while rookie Santino Ferrucci qualified 23rd with his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda. The qualifying reports for each driver are below.

15th – James Davison – #33 Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi

Lap 1: 229.247 mph

Lap 2: 228.102 mph

Lap 3: 227.885 mph

Lap 4: 227.865 mph

Four-lap average Speed: 228.273 mph

The number 33 Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi piloted by James Davison had an impressive qualifying run, placing them solidly into the 33-car field. Davison was able to make the ten-mile qualifying run with an average speed of 228.2 mph, putting him 15th on the starting grid. The #33 team will be on track for more practice on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:15pm, weather permitting.

Davison on his qualifying run:

“I just have to put it all down to the Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd/Belardi team and Honda for the speed. All my crew guys put in a great team effort and it is great what we pulled off today. We exceeded our expectations. It’s tough when you’re a one-off Indy entry, you have the odds stacked against you. You don’t have the chemistry, you don’t have the full season momentum but that just felt really great and gratifying. It’s a full team effort here to make it into the race, and I’m just really proud of my guys.”

23rd – Santino Ferrucci – #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing



Lap 1: 228.293 mph

Lap 2: 228.083 mph

Lap 3: 227.403 mph

Lap 4: 227.147 mph

Four-lap average speed: 227.731mph

Rookie Santino Ferrucci was taking part in his first ever qualifying on an oval track on Saturday. After a week of learning on the 2.5-mile oval during each practice session, the 20-year-old driver faced his toughest challenge yet as he tried to guarantee himself a spot on the starting grid for this year's Indy 500. Despite a tricky car to drive, Ferrucci put in a strong performance qualifying 23rd for his first Indianapolis 500, on his first and only attempt thanks to a four-lap average of 227.147mph.

Ferrucci on his qualifying run:

“It’s a tough four laps, the first lap was pretty good, the other ones we were just loose, the car was moving a lot more than I ever wanted it to in Turn 1 and 2. Those were the scariest laps I’ve done here all week. I was just kind of hanging on at that point. Obviously, I was a lot happier yesterday when we were actually quicker in the warmer weather, but I can’t complain. We have a really good race car, so unfortunately, we’re just going to have to do a lot of passing. I’m just happy that we qualified, I feel a lot more confident about the race.”

Ferrucci Scores Top Ten Finish in INDYCAR Grand Prix

On May 11, 2019



Indianapolis, IN (May 11, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci picked up his second NTT IndyCar Series top ten finish on Saturday at the INDYCAR Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in what was a mix of dry and wet weather.

The race started out in dry conditions under cloudy skies with Ferrucci climbing up to 12th from his 14th place on the starting grid. With cars pitting ahead of him, the rookie climbed as high as fifth before making his first trip to pit lane on Lap 28.

While there was a bit of a drizzle over the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course during his second stint, Ferrucci and his engineers elected to continue with slick tires when he headed back to pit lane on Lap 51 for his second pit stop.

However, a dozen of laps later the rain picked up and the rookie returned to pit lane from third place, for a fresh set of rain tires while under a caution period.

When the race returned to green on Lap 69, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was sitting eighth. However, having never raced in the rain aboard an Indy car, the rookie took a few laps to acclimate himself to the new conditions but lost a couple of positions along the way.

Ferrucci then held his own, keeping his teammate Sebastien Bourdais at bay and went on to cross the finish line in 10th place.

“I can’t complain with a tenth-place finish today. Our engineers did a solid job. We had a heck of a race car,” expressed Ferrucci. “We were so fast on the Firestone Reds, especially the sticker reds right before it started to rain. We had the grip, we were hooked up. Then the heavier rain came, and we put the rain tires on. I don’t have any experience in this car in the rain, so it took me a little while to figure out how to drive it. By that point it was a little too late, but we held off our teammate. He gave us a good run for our money and I’m happy to bring our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda home in tenth.”

There won’t be much time to rest for the Dale Coyne Racing crew as they’ll be back at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday, May 13. The team will be preparing for oval track practice which kicks off Indianapolis 500 activities on Tuesday, May 14.

Bourdais Drives Solid Race in Tricky Conditions

On May 11, 2019



Remains Eighth in Championship Standings

Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais drove a solid race in what can only be described as tricky conditions to finish 11th in today's INDYCAR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course in Speedway, Indiana. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 GEICO – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan car, started 10th and ran in the top-10 for most of the first part of the 85-lap contest. As the race progressed, Bourdais' skill and a solid strategy got him into the top-six. Unfortunately, the team made the decision to go with black (primary Firestone tires) during his third pit stop. When the conditions deteriorated into a heavy rain, he was forced to pit again for rain tires erasing any hope of a top-five finish. Bourdais earned 20 points today and remains eighth in the championship standings with 111 just 27 points out of fourth.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“The GEICO crew did a great job in the pits and I think we should have finished in the top-five, but we ended up 11th. It was a really tough race. Most of it under a light drizzle, which was tricky. Then it really started to rain. I made a couple of mistakes and I benefited from a couple of mistakes from the other guys. The car still had too much understeer and it wasn’t the ultimate fastest car, but toward the end of the stints I felt we were better than most. We were on the right strategy...red (alternate Firestone tires), red, red...then we went with the blacks (primary Firestone tires) which turned out to be the wrong decision. So now it’s on to the Indy 500.”



Fast Facts:

Bourdais has now finished in the top-five three times in the six Indy car races held since its inception in 2014. His best finish is fourth in 2014, 2015 and 2018.

In the first five races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg, Florida (non-team related issue ended his race), then put together back-to-back top-five showings finishing fifth at COTA and third at Barber to go along with an 11th place performances at Long Beach and in today’s INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais has a win on the IMS road course. In 2012 he won the Grand AM Rolex Sports Car Series event although the course layout was slightly different.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 INDYCAR Grand Prix was Bourdais' 193rd NTT IndyCar Series start and sixth on the IMS road course.

In 193 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Next Race:

Round six of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series will be the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500, Sunday, May 26, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Bourdais Qualifies in Top-10 for Sixth Consecutive Time at INDYCAR Grand Prix

On May 10, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais qualified the No. 18 GEICO – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan car 10th for tomorrow's INDYCAR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course in Speedway, Indiana. Bourdais went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted a fast lap of 1:08.2670 putting him second in his group of 12 drivers advancing to the second round. In the second round he recorded a lap of 1:08.2998 putting him 10th on the speed charts which is where he will start tomorrow.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

"The No. 18 GEICO Honda team made a step forward after a really tough test. The guys did a really good job bouncing back. The first session this morning was really trying, but in the second practice we improved the car. We had a feeling we were going to need a bit more to make it into the Firestone Fast 6. We made a little adjustment, but it didn't really help the car. In the second round we picked up too much understeer, but the GEICO car is good."



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE RACING W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
#INDYCARGP
INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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Fast Facts:

Bourdais has now qualified in the top-10 six times in six attempts on the IMS road course (every year the event has been held) with a best starting position of third last year. He has finished in the top-five three times placing fourth in 2014, 2015 and 2018.

In the first five races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has a best qualifying effort of fifth at Barber. His first two qualifying efforts were plagued by red flags and he ended up starting 19th in the season opener at St. Petersburg, FL and 17th at Austin. He qualified 14th at Long Beach in addition to today's 10th place effort.

Bourdais is driving the No. 18 GEICO – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan entry this weekend in the INDYCAR Grand Prix.

Bourdais is eighth in the championship standings with 91 points just five points out of fifth place. He finished 24th in the season opener at St. Petersburg, Florida (non-team related issue ended his race), then put together back-to-back top-five showings finishing fifth at COTA and third at Barber to go along with an 11th place performance at Long Beach.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

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Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Broadcast:

The INDYCAR Grand Prix, May 10-11, on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana is Round 5 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season.

Ferrucci to Start from Seventh Row in Competitive INDYCAR Grand Prix Field

On May 10, 2019



Indianapolis, IN (May 10, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie Santino Ferrucci came close to making it to the second round of qualifying for a third time this season. However, the driver of the #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda missed out on advancing to Round 2 of qualifying for the INDYCAR Grand Prix by a mere 0.02 seconds, in what was a very competitive group.

Ferrucci, who went out in the second group of qualifying, initially took to the track on the primary Firestone tires, but it was when he switched to the Firestone red tires about halfway through the 10-minute session that he jumped up to second in his group with a lap time of 1:08.4499.

The rookie was unable to improve on his final lap and while it looked like he was about to advance to the Fast 12, he would end up seventh in Group 2 and 14th on the starting grid for Saturday's race.

“We worked really hard. We had a good test here with Honda last week, and that has helped us today. The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing car has been really strong. We’re just missing a little bit on the primary tires but when we put on the alternate Firestone tires everything seemed to be quite alright,” said Ferrucci. “Everyone in the NTT IndyCar Series is so fast, it’s such a competitive group of drivers, so it’s a matter of a blink of an eye and you’re outside of the Top 6. I didn’t really maximize the lap, but we had the car to advance. Now we focus on the race, I’m looking forward to it.”

The INDYCAR Grand Prix is set to go green on Saturday, May 11 at 3:50pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 3pm ET.

Ferrucci returned to pit lane on Lap 52 for his last stop and exited pit lane in 15th place. He would then take advantage of his speed to pass a few cars, once again dealing with slower lapped traffic, while making his way up to 11th.

“This street course is definitely more unique than most. I found it pretty hard to stay super consistent, but the crew did an amazing job,” expressed the rookie. “The #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was on rails today at the Honda Indy Toronto. We just unfortunately got shuffled back a bit due to lapped traffic, which wasn’t necessary. At the end of the day, we learned and completed another race. We almost finished in the top 10, we’ll have to try again next weekend on the short oval in Iowa.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team will be in action in less than a week, when the NTT IndyCar Series heads to Iowa Speedway next weekend for the Iowa 300 on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

GEICO to be Primary Sponsor of Sebastien Bourdais' INDYCAR Grand Prix Entry

On May 9, 2019



Dallas, Texas. – May 8, 2019 – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan announced today that GEICO will be the primary sponsor of Sebastien Bourdais' No. 18 entry for the INDYCAR Grand Prix, May 10-11 on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indianapolis.

“We are very pleased to announce that GEICO will be the primary sponsor of the No. 18 Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry for the 2019 INDYCAR Grand Prix. GEICO has been with us since the beginning, going back to 2008. Over the last 12 years we have established an outstanding relationship with the company and look forward to once again representing them on-and-off the track,” said DCRVS co-team owner James “Sulli” Sullivan.

“Each year our relationship has grown, and we’ve enjoyed the success they’ve experienced, including putting GEICO in the winner’s circle at the 2013 Indianapolis 500. We learned long ago that auto racing fans are a group of dedicated folks and we have

worked hard to engage them and make everyone aware of the products we provide aside from just auto insurance. Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan has been a great partner,” said Bill Brower, assistant vice president of marketing for GEICO.

GEICO first partnered with Jimmy Vasser in 2008 and later with James “Sulli” Sullivan. GEICO, an associate sponsor of the No. 18 entry during the entire 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, will assume the primary role for the INDYCAR Grand Prix. The 12-year partnership includes a win at the 2013 Indianapolis 500 with Tony Kanaan behind the wheel.

Since 1936, GEICO continues to find ways to manage its business costs to offer savings to customers today. In addition to auto insurance, GEICO also provides insurance for motorcycles, ATV’s and RV’s. Coverage for boats, life, homes, and apartments are written by non-affiliated insurance companies and is secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency Inc. Commercial auto insurance and personal umbrella protection are also available.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan. He is the only Indy car driver to win four consecutive championships (2004–2007). Bourdais has won 37 career IndyCar races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all-time) and has won the race from the pole 18 times — third on the all-time list. An accomplished sports car racer, he was part of the Ford Chip Ganassi Racing win the GTE Class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in Ford’s return to the famed endurance race in 2016 and the GT Le Mans class at the 24 Hours of Daytona in 2017. Bourdais finished second overall in 24 Hours three times with Team Peugeot. He has also won the overall 12 Hours of Sebring and Petit Le Mans. Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France, but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

“GEICO started supporting the team long before I arrived, including a win at the Indy 500,” Bourdais said. “It is an honor to have such a prestigious company continue to support our efforts, and I look forward to, hopefully, bringing them another victory at IMS both on the road course and in the Indy 500.”

About GEICO:

GEICO (Government Employees Insurance Company), the second-largest auto insurer in the U.S., was founded in 1936 and insures more than 28 million vehicles. To make changes, report claims, print insurance cards and purchase additional products; policyholders can log into their car insurance policy, connect via GEICO Mobile, phone or by visiting a GEICO local agent. Homeowners, renters, condo, flood, identity theft, and life coverages are written through non-affiliated insurance companies and are secured through the GEICO Insurance Agency, Inc. Commercial auto and personal umbrella coverages are also available. Visit <http://www.geico.com> for a quote or to learn more.

About Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan:

Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is owned by veteran driver, team owner and successful businessman Dale Coyne (Owner of Dale Coyne Racing), and partners with Vasser-Sullivan owned by 1996 IndyCar champion Jimmy Vasser and sports marketer James “Sulli” Sullivan (co-owners of Vasser-Sullivan). Vasser-Sullivan also co-own AIM VASSER SULLIVAN competing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship campaigning two Lexus RC F GT3s. Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is based in Plainfield, IL, which is located about 40 miles southwest of downtown Chicago.

Next Race:

Next up for Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is Round 5 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, the INDYCAR Grand Prix, May 9-11, on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road circuit in Speedway, IN.

Rookie Ferrucci Hoping for a Strong Debut at IMS

On May 9, 2019



Indianapolis, IN (May 9, 2019) – The Dale Coyne Racing team is back in action this weekend as Santino Ferrucci makes his first official appearance at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the INDYCAR Grand Prix, which takes place Saturday, May 11.

While the team didn't have any races the last three weekends, the Plainfield, Illinois-based squad was still hard at work preparing for the coming weeks at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway, taking part in two test days, including one on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course, ahead of this weekend's event.

"I'm very excited to get the month of May started with the INDYCAR Grand Prix this week," shared Ferrucci. "I'm very much looking forward to this next race. We had a successful test there last week with our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda. I have a lot of confidence in our crew and I really enjoyed driving on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, it's a fun track. Hopefully we can have a successful debut at Indy and kick off the month of May with a good result."

The 85-lap INDYCAR Grand Prix will be Ferrucci's ninth NTT IndyCar Series race. So far, the rookie has a best finishing position of ninth (St. Petersburg) and a best starting position of 10th (Barber Motorsports Park).

With a condensed two-day event, both practice sessions and qualifying will take place on Friday, May 10th. Qualifying will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 4:30pm ET with both practice sessions streamed live on the NBC Gold App.

The fifth round of the 2019 season will go green on Saturday, May 11 at 3:50pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 3pm ET.

Bourdais has Solid Finish in Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach

On April 14, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE RACING W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN
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STREETS OF LONG BEACH

RACE BREAKDOWN
● STARTED: 14th ◐ FINISHED: 11th
 ⤴ HIGHEST: 9th

TIRE SELECTION

START
BLACK (PRIMARY)

LAP 25
RED (ALT)

LAP 55
BLACK (PRIMARY)

FINISH
LAP 85

Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais drove a solid race and finished 11th today in the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan car, started 14th on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit, He passed three cars in the first 13 laps to move into 11th place and battled throughout the rest of the contest as he fought to finish in the top-10. Bourdais earned 19 points today and is now eighth in the championship standings with 91 points.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“The No. 18 SealMaster Honda car seemed pretty solid early in the race and I was able to make a couple of moves. As the race went on the balance got away from us and I picked up more and more understeer. I tried and tried to pass Rosenqvist (Felix), but he defended and I could never get by. At the end, I just tried to save the car and made sure I didn’t make any mistakes. We’ll just take our 11th place finish and move on.”

Fast Facts:

In 14 races on the streets of Long Beach, Bourdais has finished in the top-10 seven times with three wins, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Bourdais and Al Unser Jr. are the only drivers to win the Long Beach Grand Prix three consecutive times. Al Jr. did it from 1989 to 1991.

In the first four races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has two top five finishes including a podium (third at Barber) and a fifth at COTA, to go with today’s 11th place showing and a 24th place finish in the season opener at St. Petersburg, Fla. (non-team related issue ended his race early).

Bourdais was inducted into the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach “Walk of Fame” on Thursday, April 11. He joins Dale Coyne with Vasser- Sullivan co-owner Jimmy Vasser who was inducted in 2011.

Bourdais did double duty at Long Beach. In addition to driving the No. 18 Team SealMaster – DCRVS entry he finished fourth for Ganassi Racing in the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship event subbing for Joey Hand. The last driver to run both races at Long Beach was Ryan Hunter-Reay in 2016.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Acura Indy Grand Prix of Long Beach was Bourdais’ 192nd NTT IndyCar Series start and 14th on the streets of Long Beach.

In 192 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

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Next Race:

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Long Beach Race Becomes Learning Experience for Ferrucci

On April 14, 2019



Long Beach, CA (April 14, 2019) – Santino Ferrucci’s race didn’t go as he would have liked aboard his #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing, Dale Coyne Racing entry on Sunday at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. The rookie had to settle for a 21st place finish after a trip into the runoff area sent him a couple of laps down to the leaders.

Ferrucci had a strong start from his 13th place on the grid and was keeping with the cars ahead of him in his opening stint. After gaining a couple of positions, Ferrucci headed to pit lane on Lap 26 for his first stop. However, upon exiting the pits with a full fuel tank, the car bottomed out on him going into Turn 1 and he ended up in the runoff area.

Having stalled the engine while trying to spin and turn the car around, Ferrucci had to wait for the AMR Safety Team to get him restarted. The time spent in the runoff area cost him two laps to the leaders, sent him into 22nd place and put an end to his hopes of a strong finish.

While Ferrucci continued on in the race and posted competitive lap times, the damage was done, and he would only climb one more position to 21st when the checkered flag came out.

“We had a clean start. Sebastien (Bourdais) seemed pretty quick so when he got close to me, I didn’t fight him,” explained Ferrucci. “I’m happy I didn’t because he passed a couple of cars and I watched and followed suit, so it was a good learning experience for me. We seemed pretty quick as well and wanted to run his strategy. But when I came out of the pits, with a heavy fuel load I just bottomed too hard coming into 1, locked the fronts and went into the runoff. Unfortunately, I couldn’t get the car spun with the heavy fuel load, I spun halfway and that caught me off guard and I stalled it. There was nothing we could do from that point on but to turn it into a learning race.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team will now switch gears and prepare for their first oval test of the season as they will take part in the IndyCar Open Test at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on April 24 ahead of next month’s Indy 500. The next race for the Plainfield, IL based team will be the INDYCAR Grand Prix on May 11, 2019.

Bourdais Just Misses Advancing in Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach Qualifying

On April 13, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS
NO. 18 DALE COYNE RACING W/ VASSER-SULLIVAN

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Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais missed advancing to the second round of qualifying by five hundredths of a second and will start 14th in tomorrow's Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan entry, went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying on the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit. He posted a fast lap of 67.3135 seconds putting him seventh in his group of 12 drivers and therefore did not advance to the second round.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“The No. 18 SealMaster Honda guys did a really good job. We turned things around pretty good this morning and I think we have a good race car. I really thought we would be right there in qualifying. Then sure enough in the heat we picked up a bit of understeer. That kind of killed me on the reds (Firestone alternate tire). I was just missing the flow and it's always so close here. It's a shame. The problem is when you start 14th, it's not going to be an easy task, but we will fight and see what we can get tomorrow.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 eight times with two poles, 2006 and 2007, in 14 attempts at Long Beach. In 13 previous races he has finished in the top-10 seven times with three wins, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Bourdais and Al Unser Jr. are the only drivers to win the Long Beach Grand Prix three consecutive times. Al Jr. did it from 1989 to 1991.

In the first four races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has a best qualifying effort of fifth last week at Barber. His first two qualifying efforts were plagued by red flags and he ended up starting 19th in the season opener at St. Petersburg, FL and 17th at Austin, TX to go with today's 14th place qualifying position.

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Bourdais is doing double duty at Long Beach. In addition to driving the No. 18 Team SealMaster – DCRVS entry he will compete with Ganassi Racing in the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship event subbing for Joey Hand who has flu like symptoms. The last driver to run both races at Long Beach was Ryan Hunter-Reay in 2016.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Acura Indy Grand Prix of Long Beach will be Bourdais' 192nd NTT IndyCar Series start and 14th on the streets of Long Beach.

In 191 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ferrucci Qualifies on Seventh Row at Long Beach

On April 13, 2019



Long Beach, CA (April 13, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci was looking to advance to the Fast 12 for the third consecutive race on Saturday during qualifying for the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, but the rookie fell just short and will be starting the fourth NTT IndyCar Series race of the season in 13th place.

After sitting as high as second in the Group 1, Round 1 qualifying session, the rookie headed to pit lane for a fresh set of Firestone Alternate tires about halfway through the session. However, while he was on his way to registering his fastest lap, he touched the

wall coming out of Turn 8 and consequently ended his chances of improving his lap time and moving on to the second round of qualifying.

Soon thereafter, a Red Flag ended the session early and Ferrucci had to settle for seventh in his group with a quickest lap of 1:08.1008 around the 1.968-mile, 12-turn temporary street course.

“Our #19 Cly-Del Manufacturing Honda was really quick today. The engineers did a fantastic job. We were definitely keen to advance into Round 2. Unfortunately, I gave the wall a much bigger kiss than I had ever wanted to do coming out of Turn 8 and that killed our lap and our chances of advancing. I look forward to going into the race tomorrow as I think we have a good race car.”

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will be broadcast live on NBCSN Sunday, April 14, 2019 starting at 4:00pm ET (1pm local), with the race scheduled to go green at 4:42pm ET (1:42pm local).

Ferrucci Anxious to Take on Long Beach Circuit

On April 11, 2019



Long Beach, CA (April 11, 2019) – Rookie Santino Ferrucci is looking forward to his first NTT IndyCar Series race on the streets of Long Beach as the series heads to California for the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach this weekend.

After a couple of disappointing results in the last two rounds of the season at Circuit of the Americas and Barber Motorsports Park, the Dale Coyne Racing driver is looking to score results that reflect his actual on-track performance.

In both previous rounds, Ferrucci was on his way to possible top-10 finishes when circumstances out of his control sent him further down the results sheet.

While the 20-year-old driver has never raced on the 1.968-mile, 12-turn temporary street course in Long Beach, he did take part in a simulator session a couple of weeks ago ahead of this weekend's event to familiarize himself with the track.

"I'm pretty excited about heading to Long Beach," shared Ferrucci. "Then again, I'm always excited going to a street course. I'm curious to see what we'll have when we get there. We did some simulator work and it was really, really good for us. It's helped us at other tracks, so hopefully it will be the same for Long Beach and we can get back into the Top 10. Doing sim work is helpful but I can't wait to drive the actual track. From what I've seen of the circuit, it kind of reminds me of Detroit in a way, it's a little bumpy and I like the hairpin a lot going onto the front straight. I'm excited for that and for the fountain turn, because I'm told it's legendary."

So far this season, Ferrucci has scored a couple of IndyCar career bests by picking up his best finish with a ninth place at the season opener in St. Petersburg and by registering his best starting position at Barber Motorsports by placing himself 10th on the grid.

Ferrucci will be able to get his first real taste of the Long Beach circuit starting Friday when he takes part in two practice sessions. Qualifying for the fourth round of the season will be broadcast live on NBCSN on Saturday, April 13 from 2:45pm ET (11:45am local time) and all practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Gold app.

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Phenomenal Effort by Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan Team Culminates in Podium Finish in Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama

On April 8, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

In what can truly be called a team effort, highlighted by the race craft of Sebastien Bourdais, a strategy that worked and an outstanding job by the pit crew, Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan finished third Sunday in the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Ala. Bourdais, driving the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan entry, qualified fifth on the 2.3-mile, 17-turn permanent road course. He essentially ran in the top three for the entire 90-lap contest including leading the race. Utilizing a two pit-stop strategy that most teams had abandoned early in the race, Bourdais demonstrated the skill and “racecraft” that has been the signature of his career to manage his tires and fuel consumption. He made it work earning his first podium finish this season and second top-five showing in the first three races of the season. Bourdais earned 36 points today and with his fifth-place finish

at COTA is now sixth in the championship standings. The Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama was Round 3 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“I am really proud and happy for the entire No. 18 SealMaster Honda team. A podium from fifth here at Barber after a solid race, I’ll take it all day. Craig (Race Engineer Craig Hampson) gave me a great car. We were one of the very few to stick to the two-stop strategy. Dale (Coyne) has a lot more faith in me than I have in myself, that’s for sure because on lap 18 I said to myself ‘I don’t think I can hang onto the car for another ten laps’. Dale let me know we were committed. I wasn’t quite sure about it, but the strategy worked out and that’s all that matters. It looked like we had to put a bit more fuel in the car on the last stop compared to the other guys and that’s what lost us a position. The pit stop was clean and the guys did a great job. Hats off to the entire crew. We finished third.”

Fast Facts:

The third-place finish is Bourdais’ best result in nine starts at Barber Motorsports Park, surpassing his fifth-place finish last year. Coincidentally, Bourdais started third and finished fifth in 2018. He started fifth and finished third today.

In the first three races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais finished 24th (last) in the season opener at St. Petersburg, Fla. (non-team related issue ended his race early), fifth at COTA and third at Barber. He has gone from last in the points to sixth in just two races.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama was Bourdais’ 191st career NTT IndyCar Series start and ninth at Barber Motorsports Park.

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Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Next Race:

Next up for Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is Round 4 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, April 12-14, on the temporary street circuit in Long Beach, CA.

Untimely Caution Costs Ferrucci Possible Top 10 at Barber

On April 7, 2019



Birmingham, AL (April 7, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s rookie Santino Ferrucci was on his way to another competitive top 10 finish on Sunday at the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, but an untimely caution period with just over 30 laps remaining cost him precious positions, and he had to settle with a 15th place finish.

Starting from 10th – his best NTT IndyCar Series career starting position – Ferrucci lost four places at the start when he was pushed off track and into the grass.

Despite the setback, Ferrucci managed to gain a couple of positions before his first pit stop on Lap 9. He then went on to get as high as sixth before making his second visit to pit lane on Lap 35. With drivers on different pit stop strategies, Ferrucci exited the pits in 15th, but would make his way back into the top ten 20 laps later.

Unfortunately for the rookie, a yellow flag came out soon after and while the majority of the field had managed to make their final stops before the pits closed under the caution, Ferrucci wasn’t as fortunate.

Once he was finally allowed to stop for fuel and Firestone tires, the 20-year-old from Woodbury, Connecticut exited pit lane in 16th place. Despite keeping pressure on the car in front of him, Ferrucci would only make it up to 15th, in what is a very competitive NTT IndyCar Series field.

“I kind of got boxed in at the start since I was on the outside, so I had to go through the grass. Fortunately, we didn’t lose too many spots, but it took us out of the Top 10,” explained Ferrucci. “I managed to gain back a few positions and we had a good strategy going but then the yellow caught us out as I was unable to pit before the pits closed and that really hurt us. The #19 David Yurman car was pretty good today so it’s unfortunate that we couldn’t get a better result out of it. Once again, I can’t thank the Dale Coyne Racing guys enough for their hard work this weekend.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team now heads to the west coast for the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach which takes place April 14, 2019.

Bourdais Qualifies Fifth for Honda Grand Prix of Alabama

On April 6, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

In his best qualifying effort of the young 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Sebastien Bourdais qualified fifth for tomorrow's Honda Grand Prix of Alabama on the 2.3-mile, 17-turn Barber Motorsports Park permanent road course in Leeds, AL. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan machine, was in the top-five (getting as high as second) in all three of the practice sessions, two on Friday and one this morning, prior to qualifying. He went out in Group 1, Round 1 of qualifying and recorded the fourth fastest lap in his group of 12 drivers advancing him to Round 2. In the second round he logged the sixth quickest lap, just enough to advance him into the final round of road/street course qualifying, the Firestone Fast Six. For the final round the team waited until there was approximately four minutes left in the session before heading out on track. Bourdais ran one stint and turned his fastest lap on his last lap, good for fifth on the speed charts. The Honda GP of Alabama is Round 3 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“Overall I’m pretty happy with fifth. I was happy the No. 18 SealMaster Honda made it into the Firestone Fast Six, but I am not happy that I couldn’t fight for the pole. It’s been very close all weekend. The conditions changed a lot and I’m just not getting a good feel for what the tires need. We’ll keep trying and see what we can come up with for the race tomorrow.”

Fast Facts:

This is by far Bourdais’ best qualifying position of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season. In the first two events his qualifying efforts were plagued by red flags and he ended up starting 19th in the season opener at St. Petersburg, FL and 17th at Austin, TX.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama will be Bourdais’ 191st career NTT IndyCar Series start and ninth at Barber Motorsports Park.

In 190 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ferrucci Registers First IndyCar Top 10 Starting Position

On April 6, 2019



Birmingham, AL (April 6, 2019) – For the second race in a row, Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci made it to the second round of qualifying when he placed his #19 David Yurman 10th on the grid for Sunday’s Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, once again improving on his best starting position in the NTT IndyCar Series.

After sitting outside of the Top 6 in the first round of qualifying for the first half of the 10-minute session, Ferrucci jumped up to first thanks to a lap of 1:08.5672, registered on the Firestone Alternate tires, before ending the session in third.

While Ferrucci felt like he had a car to make it into the Firestone Fast 6, he was unable to put together an optimal qualifying lap during Round 2 and had to settle with 10th after putting in a lap time of 1:09.0213 around the 2.38-mile, 17-turn Barber Motorsports Park permanent road course.

Ferrucci’s previous best qualifying result was 11th at Circuit of the Americas a couple of weeks ago.

“I can’t thank my #19 Dale Coyne Racing, David Yurman crew enough today,’ expressed Ferrucci. We’ve had a good car all weekend so far, and it deserved to be in the Firestone Fast 6 today. Unfortunately, I didn’t put the lap together at the end and we ended up P10. This crew has worked really hard and deserved an even better starting position, but, that said, I’m confident we can have a really good race and move up the field, when it really counts. I’m super excited for the Honda Indy Grand Prix tomorrow.”

The Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 4pm ET on Sunday, April 7 with the green flag scheduled for 4:15pm ET (3:15pm local).

Ferrucci Looking to Bounce Back at Barber

On April 2, 2019



Plainfield, IL (April 2, 2019) – Santino Ferrucci is looking to bounce back from a disappointing result at COTA when he takes to the track aboard his #19 Dale Coyne Racing David Yurman car this weekend for the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park.

After starting from an NTT IndyCar Series career best of 11th, Ferrucci was having a strong run at the previous round at the Circuit of the Americas a couple of weeks ago when he was pushed off track onto an elevated curb. With his two front wheels leaving the pavement, he consequently suffered damage to the rear dampers of his Honda powered Indy car and what had looked like another possible top-10 finish ended up with the rookie taking the checkered flag in 20th.

Despite the unsatisfying result at COTA, Ferrucci is still riding a wave of momentum that started at the season opening race at St. Petersburg last month, where he scored his first top-10 finish of his IndyCar career by placing ninth.

The 20-year-old rookie also had a good test at the 2.38-mile, 17-turn Barber Motorsports Park permanent road course a few weeks ago, which gives him plenty of optimism heading into his seventh NTT IndyCar Series race this weekend.

“The Barber Motorsports Park track kind of reminds me of a European track called Zandvoort,” said Ferrucci. “It’s really exciting with a lot of elevation changes. We were able to test at Barber last month, and it was a very helpful test for us. I had never been there before, so it allowed me to learn the track and helped us figure out how to implement my set up, my driving style, to produce competitive lap times. I think we might have found something interesting for the race weekend. We’ll see how we match up with the other cars on track when official practice begins, but I’m very excited to get going there.”

Practice for the third round of the season gets underway on Friday, April 5th with qualifying taking place on Saturday, April 6th at 4pm Eastern time (3pm local). All practice sessions can be watched live on the NBC Sports Gold app, with qualifying being broadcast live on NBCSN.

The Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama is set to go green on Sunday, April 7 at 4:15pm ET (3:15pm local) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 4pm ET.

Solid Strategy, Smart, Patient Drive Propel Bourdais to Fifth Place Finish in INDYCAR Classic

On March 24, 2019





Sebastien Bourdais Race Summary:

Sebastien Bourdais drove a smart, patient race and benefitted from a solid strategy and a timely yellow flag to finish fifth in the INDYCAR Classic on the 3.41-mile 20-turn Circuit of the Americas permanent road circuit in Austin, TX. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan machine, qualified 17th. He essentially held station, getting as high as ninth when other cars pitted, but sat in 14-16th place for most of the race as he managed his tires and stayed out of the trouble that plagued several other competitors. With 17 laps remaining Bourdais pitted for the final time. While on pit lane a yellow flag came out catching multiple drivers, including two of the leaders, out with the pits closed. When the race resumed, Bourdais was in sixth place. On the restart, Bourdais passed Patricio O’Ward for fifth place where he remained over final ten laps of the 60 lap contest.

Sebastien Bourdais Race Quote:

“It’s great to get a top-five finish after the weekend we were having. Great job by the No. 18 SealMaster Honda team. A solid strategy and a good job in the pits. It was a very static race, not much going on. I didn’t really go anywhere. Then toward the end some guys decided to gamble, but I had to stop and then try and run fast. The guys ahead of me didn’t go anywhere. So we weren’t really very far from them. Then the yellow came out as we were in pit lane. That’s about as lucky as you are going to get. I feel bad for the leaders because they really didn’t deserve that, but we didn’t deserve the problem we had in St. Pete, so I guess things even out.”

Fast Facts:

In the first two races of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season, Bourdais has today’s fifth place showing to go with the 24th place finish in the season opener in St. Petersburg, FL (non-team related issue ending his race early).

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 INDYCAR Classic was Bourdais' 190th career IndyCar Series start and first appearance at the Circuit of the Americas.

In 190 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all-time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Next Race:

Next up for Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is Round 3 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, April 5-7, at Barber Motorsports Park.

Ferrucci's Strong Run Dampened at COTA

On March 24, 2019



Austin, Texas (March 24, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing's Santino Ferrucci was off to a strong start on Sunday at Circuit of the Americas in the second race of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series. However, an off-track excursion forced by a competitor resulted in the car getting airborne and broken rear dampers. Despite continuing in the race, Ferrucci would end up 20th on the results sheet.

After starting 11th, the rookie gained a couple of positions on the first lap to take over ninth place. He would pick up one more position before entering pit lane on Lap 10 for his first stop of the race. With many cars on different fuel strategies, Ferrucci exited the pits in 15th but regained his ninth place on Lap 22 when all cars had completed at least one pit stop.

On Lap 26, the young American from Woodbury, CT, returned to pit lane for his second scheduled stop. While things had gone well for the rookie up to this point, bad luck came into play when he was forced off track and onto the curbing causing his #19 David

Yurman Honda's front wheels to lift off the ground and back down again. In doing so, the rear dampers broke making the car difficult to drive.

Ferrucci eventually entered pit lane to replace the broken dampers, but the damage was done, and the rookie would go on to take the checkered flag in 20th place.

Following the race, Ferrucci said: "We had a really good start and worked our way up to ninth. The first stint was really, really solid, the car was really good, and we were able to hold our ground. In the second stint, on Firestone Reds, there was a lot of fighting and I killed the tires a little bit too soon. I was just trying to hang on and survive but then once we put on the Black tires, unfortunately we got forced off track and hit one of the 'baguette curbs' in Turn 12 and we blew up both rear dampers and that was basically it for us. The guys did a good job replacing the broken dampers, so we could go back out and finish the race on the lead lap but now we're looking forward to the next one."

Next up for Dale Coyne Racing will be the Honda Grand Prix of Alabama at Barber Motorsports Park in two weeks' time on April 7, 2019.

Ferrucci Advances to Round 2 of Qualifying at COTA and Scores Best IndyCar Starting Position

On March 23, 2019



Austin, Texas (March 23, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing Rookie Santino Ferrucci reached his goal of making it into the second round of qualifying on Saturday and registered his best starting position in the NTT IndyCar Series with an 11th place on the grid for Sunday’s INDYCAR Classic at Circuit of the Americas.

Ferrucci initially went out in Group 1 for Round 1 of qualifying and registered a fastest lap of 1:46.6126 on his fourth timed lap which placed him fourth in his group and allowed him to move on to the second round of qualifying for the first time in his NTT IndyCar Series career.

The team used a different strategy in Round 2 and elected to head out on a set of Firestone Alternate tires with about nine minutes remaining in the 12-minute session. While Ferrucci registered a best lap of 1:47.3956 on his first timed lap around the 3.41-mile, 20-turn road course and sat atop the time sheets for most of the session, it would only be good enough for 11th when all cars had taken the checkered flag.

“It’s nice to finally make it to Round 2 of qualifying with our #19 David Yurman Honda,” said Ferrucci. **“That was our goal today. The team did a fantastic job. When we tested here at COTA last month, we were always inside of the Top 10 but in practice here on Friday we were struggling quite a bit. So, to bounce back from that before the start of the race and to be starting more than halfway up from where I started at the first race of the season is really encouraging heading into tomorrow. Now the goal is to keep moving forward and to pick up more points for us in the race.”**

The second race of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 1:00pm ET (noon local) on Sunday, March 24, with the green flag scheduled for 1:43pm ET (12:43pm local).

Red Flag Interrupts Bourdais’ Final Qualifying Lap

On March 23, 2019



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CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS

TOP-10 TIME IN PRACTICE 3
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RED FLAG ENDED QUALIFYING SESSION
FLYING LAP INTERRUPTED

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

A red flag interrupted Sebastien Bourdais' final flying lap leaving him ninth in his group and 17th on the starting grid for tomorrow's INDYCAR Classic on the 3.41-mile 20-turn Circuit of the Americas permanent road circuit in Austin, TX. Bourdais, behind the wheel of the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan entry, went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying and recorded a fast time of 1:47.0702. The INDYCAR Classic is Round 2 of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“I just can't find what I need to make the No. 18 SealMaster Honda fast. It's mostly me, the way I drive. It's frustrating. The car was better yesterday when it was sunny. I had some heat in the front tires that brought the car to life. In the cooler conditions, like today, we can make the car loose, but we can't make it turn. I don't know how to drive that. Never have, never will. We'll sit down, take a look at the data again and see what we can come up with for tomorrow. Hopefully, it will be sunny.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 INDYCAR Classic will be Bourdais' 190th career IndyCar Series start and first appearance at the Circuit of the Americas.

In 189 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all-time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

Bourdais competed in 27 Formula One races (2008-2009) and is an accomplished sports car racer having won the GT Le Mans class in 2017, the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours in the GTE Pro category (from the pole), the 12 Hours of Sebring and Petit Le Mans in 2015 and the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2014. He has another pole and three runner-up finishes (2007, 2009 and 2011) at Le Mans.

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ferrucci Carrying Momentum to Circuit of the Americas after Strong Season Debut

On March 21, 2019



Austin, Texas (March 21, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci is carrying momentum from his strong performance at the season-opening race earlier this month into this weekend’s INDYCAR Classic at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA), as he looks to build on his best result of his young NTT IndyCar Series career.

Ferrucci registered a ninth-place finish in St. Petersburg two weeks ago after moving up 14 positions in what was only his fifth NTT IndyCar Series race. Since joining DCR last year for four races, the young American has continuously improved with each race.

For the first time with the team, he will be heading to a circuit that he's previously raced on. Ferrucci made his initial appearance at the 3.41-mile, 20-turn road course at COTA in the Super Trofeo series in 2016 and last tested with the team at the facility in February of this year during the Series' Open Test.

During that test, the driver of the #19 David Yurman entry placed 10th overall on the combined time sheets at the end of the two days of on track activity.

"I'm really looking forward to the race at the Circuit of the Americas this weekend," said the rookie. "It's a track that I very much enjoy driving at as it suits my driving style and it's the type of track that I'm more used to, compared to street circuits. We had a very good test at COTA last month so hopefully we can pick up from where we left off and keep moving forward from there as we look to build on our top ten performance at St. Petersburg."

The 24-car field will get two practice sessions on Friday and one on Saturday morning before taking part in qualifying on Saturday afternoon, March 23 at 3:00pm Eastern Time (2pm local). All practice sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Gold app with qualifying being broadcast live on NBCSN from 3:00pm ET (2pm local).

The second round of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season will take place on Sunday, March 24 and be broadcast live on NBCSN from 1:00pm ET (noon local) with the green flag scheduled for 1:43pm ET (12:43pm local).

Ferrucci Scores Best IndyCar Series Finish with Ninth Place in St. Petersburg

On March 10, 2019



St. Petersburg, FL (March 10, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci registered his best NTT IndyCar Series finish on Sunday at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg by moving up 14 positions, the most of anyone in the field, to place ninth in the opening round of the season.

After a disappointing qualifying session on Saturday, which placed him 23rd on the grid, the rookie came back strong during the race to constantly move up the field thanks to a strategy call by the team, but also thanks to some excellent driving and fuel saving from the 20-year-old from Woodbury, CT.

About a third of the way into the 110-lap race, Ferrucci had made his way into 13th and by the time he headed to pit lane for his last scheduled stop on Lap 75, he had moved into 11th. After making his way into the top 10 on Lap 81, Ferrucci gained one more position with 19 laps remaining to take over ninth, where he stayed until the checkered flag fell.

“I can’t thank the #19 David Yurman, Cly-Del Manufacturing Dale Coyne Racing team enough,” expressed Ferrucci. “We found something in morning warm-up that was unexpected, and we made it work in the race. Our engineer, Michael Cannon called a brilliant strategy and I had to do a lot of fuel saving, to say the least. We kept it clean and in the top 10 and that was the goal. I’m really happy with today’s result, especially considering where we started.”

Ferrucci and the Dale Coyne Racing team will now head to Barber Motorsports Park for a rookie test day on Tuesday, March 12 before heading to Austin, Texas and the Circuit of the Americas the following week, March 22 – 24, for the second round of the season.

Red Flags Rob Bourdais During Qualifying For Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

On March 9, 2019



Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Summary:

A pair of red flags during qualifying destroyed any chance for two-time defending Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg champion and local resident, Sebastien Bourdais, to record a timed lap. Bourdais, in the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with

Vasser-Sullivan car, went out in Group 1 in Round 1 of qualifying. After staying in pit lane for a short period of time to get a clear track, Bourdais launched, however, on his out lap Marco Andretti caused a red flag stopping the action but, by IndyCar rules, not the clock. Time ran down to a little over three minutes left in the 10-minute session before the track was again green. Bourdais left pit lane and once again, on his out lap, a red flag was shown halting qualifying, but again not the clock which expired without another lap being turned. Bourdais, who has won from the back of the field at St. Petersburg the last two years, will start 19th in tomorrow's 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season opening Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

Sebastien Bourdais Qualifying Quote:

“I'm not quite sure what to say. I didn't even get a timed lap. I think the SealMaster Honda car is really competitive. It's just a shame. I feel that we owe it to the fans, sponsors and teams to at least show something that's representative, but the rules are there for a reason. However, the rules do not provide for something like this where you barely get any green flag time. I feel really bad for everybody. I guess we should have gone out right away, but that is easy to say now. The good news is the Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan team has plenty of sticker (new) tires, both the Firestone reds (alternate) and blacks (primary), so I am excited for tomorrow. Obviously, we will be playing the long game again. That's all you can do from where we'll start. We'll give it our best shot. We've done it the last two years from there (won from the back of the field), so we know it's possible.”

Fast Facts:

Bourdais has qualified in the top-10 three times in nine attempts at St. Pete with one pole (his first IndyCar race in 2003).

In eighth previous starts at St. Pete, Bourdais two wins (2017 and 2018). He is the only two-time winner of the St. Pete race.

Bourdais is contesting his 14th NTT IndyCar Series season, fourth with Dale Coyne Racing and second with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be Bourdais' 189th NTT IndyCar Series start and 10th appearance on the streets St. Petersburg. He will be attempting to compete in his ninth race (did not start in 2011).

In 188 career IndyCar starts, Bourdais has won 37 races (sixth all-time) and captured 34 pole positions (seventh all time).

Bourdais is the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004 – 2007).

He competed in 27 Formula One races (2008-2009) and is an accomplished sports car racer having won the GT Le Mans class in 2017, the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours in the GTE

Pro category (from the pole), the 12 Hours of Sebring and Petit Le Mans in 2015 and the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2014 (was runner-up in 2015). He has another pole and three runner-up finishes (2007, 2009 and 2011) at Le Mans.

Bourdais, 40, is a native of Le Mans, France but resides in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Red Flags Mar Qualifying in St. Petersburg

On March 9, 2019



St. Petersburg, FL (March 9, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing’s Santino Ferrucci didn’t have the qualifying session he would have liked on Saturday in St. Petersburg and will be starting the season opening race in 23rd place after causing a red flag in the Round 1 10-minute qualifying session.

Ferrucci, who went out in Group 1 in his #19 David Yurman car, was on a fast lap when a first red flag came out for a car stopped in pit lane two and a half minutes into the session. Due to the stoppage, the rookie was unable to register a lap time.

When the session resumed, Ferrucci was pushing to get the maximum out of the car in the little time left in the session but he would end up sliding into the tire barrier after locking up the brakes heading into Turn 12.

“That’s definitely not how I wanted to start off the season in qualifying here at St Petersburg aboard my #19 David Yurman Honda,” expressed Ferrucci. “I made a rookie mistake going into Turn 12 and ended up in the tire barrier. I feel bad because it not only ruined my qualifying but also Sebastien’s (Bourdais). It’s a long race and we’ll do our best to make our way forward. Sebastien has won from the back here before, so we’ll see what we can do tomorrow.”

Ferrucci will get a final 30-minute practice session on Sunday morning, March 10 ahead of the race which goes green at 1:37pm ET. The race will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 12:30pm ET.

Coyne to run James Davison at 103rd Indianapolis 500 in Partnership with Byrd-Hollinger-Belardi

On March 8, 2019



St. Petersburg, FL (March 8, 2019) – James Davison will be making a return to Dale Coyne Racing for the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 in May as the team partners with Jonathan Byrd’s Racing, Hollinger MotorSport, and Belardi Auto Racing to run the #33 car for the Australian driver.

Davison last raced for the NTT IndyCar Series team at the 2017 Indianapolis 500 as a replacement driver for Sebastien Bourdais who was out with injuries at the time. In that event, Davison ran amongst the lead pack, led two laps along the way and was running fifth before, unfortunately, being involved in a multi-car incident. The 32-year-old driver has four starts at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway including two with DCR.

“I’m enraptured to be rejoining Dale Coyne Racing with Byrd Hollinger Belardi,” expressed Davison. “Dale’s team is special in many ways and I have fond memories driving the #18 and #19 cars at the 500 in the past. We endeavor to recreate our prior success together and can’t wait to get after it.”

With the addition of Davison, DCR will once again be running multiple entries at the Indianapolis 500 with Davison joining full season drivers Sebastien Bourdais (#18 Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan Racing) and rookie Santino Ferrucci (#19 Dale Coyne Racing).

“We’re very excited to have James (Davison) come back to the team for the Indianapolis 500,” said Team Owner Dale Coyne. “He stepped in last minute for us with hardly any practice as a substitute driver to Sebastien (Bourdais) a couple of years ago and did a great job under the circumstances and showed he has the speed to run with the best of them. We’re also happy to be partnering once again with the Byrd family who have a long history with the Indy 500, as well as Hollinger MotorSport, and we look forward to working with Brian Belardi and his team.”

Davison is not the only one making a return with the Dale Coyne team, Jonathan Byrd’s Racing last partnered up with the Plainfield, Illinois-based squad in 2016 as the primary sponsor on its #18 car and also ran an Indy-only entry for the late Bryan Clauson.

“It was only a matter of time before we formed a partnership with Dale Coyne Racing for the Indianapolis 500 this year,” shared David Byrd, one of the principals of Jonathan Byrd’s Racing. “We’re all connected in one way or another. Both the Byrd family and James have a history with Dale and his team and last year James, Brad (Hollinger) and I partnered with Belardi Auto Racing, so this year’s deal came together very naturally. Dale’s team has had strong runs at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway the last couple of years and we hope to continue that with them.”

Although they’ve made numerous appearances at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the Indy Lights Series’ Freedom 100, this will mark only the second time that Belardi Auto

Racing fields a co-entry for the Indianapolis 500, with their first one coming last season, also with Davison, Jonathan Byrd's Racing and Hollinger MotorSport.

"I'm very happy to have Belardi Auto Racing once again part of the Indianapolis 500," said Team Owner Brian Belardi. "I'm especially excited to be partnering with Dale Coyne Racing, who not only have a lot of experience in IndyCar, but they've proven time and time again how competitive their cars are at the Speedway, and I believe that with the great group of partners we have and with James Davison behind the wheel we are setting ourselves up for a very successful month of May at Indianapolis."

Practice for the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 kicks off on May 14, 2019 with the race going green on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

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About Jonathan Byrd Racing:

Jonathan Byrd's Racing was founded by the late Jonathan Byrd in 1982. In its various forms, Jonathan Byrd's Racing has successfully fielded 20 entries in the Indianapolis 500 beginning in 1985, scoring 6 top ten finishes, with a best finish of 5th in 2005. A Jonathan Byrd's Racing car currently holds the all-time Indianapolis 500 1 and 4 lap qualifying records (Luyendyk '96). Jonathan Byrd's Racing has won two IndyCar races (Luyendyk – Phoenix '96, Paul Jr – Texas '98), along with two United States Auto Club National Midget Championships ('86,'87)."



About Hollinger MotorSport:

Hollinger MotorSport was founded by motorsports executive and enthusiast, Brad Hollinger. Brad is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vibra Healthcare, an American specialty acute care hospital company based in Pennsylvania with over 9,000+ employees and more than 50 locations. Additionally, Brad is a shareholder, board member, and non-executive director of Williams Grand Prix Holdings PLC.



About Belardi Auto Racing:

Belardi Auto Racing is an organization comprised of experienced individuals in the racing industry with an aggressive growth strategy and a strong commitment to finishing up front. No stranger to winning, team members have been achieving success in both the amateur and pro ranks for a decade, winning numerous junior formula car races and championships. Based in Brownsburg, IN, Belardi Auto Racing won the 2014 Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires championship and has scored multiple race wins in both Indy Lights and the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda, including the Freedom 100 at Indianapolis and prestigious races like the Long Beach Grand Prix, the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg and the Toronto Indy and events at tracks such as the Milwaukee Mile, Pocono, Road America, Watkins Glen and Laguna Seca.

Ferrucci Eager to Kick Off 2019 NTT IndyCar Series Season

On March 6, 2019



Plainfield, IL (March 6, 2019) – With its pre-season testing program now in the books, Dale Coyne Racing and rookie driver Santino Ferrucci are ready to kick off the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season this week at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg which takes place from March 8 to 10, 2019.

Ferrucci will be taking on his first full season of Indy car racing this year after competing in four races with the team in 2018. This weekend's event will mark his first appearance on the streets of St. Petersburg, but his third on an IndyCar Series street circuit, having raced at the double header in Detroit last year.

With less than a handful of IndyCar Races under his belt, the 20-year-old American from Woodbury, Connecticut has retained his rookie status for 2019 and he will be amongst the talented crop of drivers vying for the Rookie of the Year award.

In addition to his races at Detroit, Ferrucci competed at Portland as well as Sonoma where he scored his best IndyCar result with an 11th place finish to cap off the season, giving him plenty of momentum heading into the 2019 campaign.

“I’m really excited that it’s finally the start of the season, I’ve been waiting six months for this,” shared Ferrucci. “It’s been a long off-season, everyone at Dale Coyne Racing has been working really hard and I can’t wait to get back into the car. We’ve had some good tests leading up to this first race of the season and I’m looking forward to getting on track in St. Petersburg this week. It will be a new track for me and while I’ve done some simulation work to prepare and talked to Sebastien (Bourdais) about this circuit that he knows really well, I can’t wait to discover it for myself aboard my #19 David Yurman entry.”

Ferrucci will get his first taste of the St. Petersburg track on Friday morning March 8 when practice gets underway at 10:45am ET. Fans can follow all practice sessions live on the NBC Sports Gold app while qualifying, which takes place on Saturday, March 9 at 2:30pm ET, will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

The opening round of the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series season goes green on Sunday, March 10 at 1:37pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 12:30pm ET.

Ferrucci completes COTA Open Test Ninth Quickest in Final Session

On February 13, 2019



Austin, Texas, (February 13, 2019) – Dale Coyne Racing rookie driver Santino Ferrucci completed a successful test at Circuit of the Americas on Wednesday by placing ninth in the final test session and 10th overall out of the 25-car NTT IndyCar Series field.

After impressive performances in the four events he took part in last season with the team, Ferrucci continued where he left off by starting the two-day open test by registering a fastest lap time of 1:48.3851, which was good enough to place him ninth on the combined time sheets at the end of the first day.

Although Ferrucci had prior knowledge of the 3.41-mile, 20-turn road course, having raced and won at the track in the Super Trofeo series, there was still a lot to learn for the rookie, and the team who were making their first appearance at the Austin circuit.

The team managed to collect as much data as possible that will serve them well when they return to Austin next month for the second round on the NTT IndyCar Series schedule on March 24, all while allowing Ferrucci to set a fastest lap time of 1:47.5970 right at the end of the final session.

“It was another really good day for us at Circuit of the Americas,” shared Ferrucci. “There was a lot of learning to be done. In the morning session, realistically we were P4 but a red flag came out right before we crossed the line. Luckily, we have the lap on data, but it didn’t show on the time sheets. At the end of the last session, right when we thought we were kind of getting lost a little, we went back in the right direction. It feels good to end up P9 and to have a good lap time to end the test before heading into the race weekend next month. It was a great job by all the guys, it was a busy two days and we’re looking forward to the season opener in St. Petersburg.”

The team will have one more test day at Sebring International Raceway next month before heading to the season opening race in St. Petersburg.

The 2019 IndyCar Series season gets underway on March 10 with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

Dale Coyne, Jimmy Vasser, and James Sullivan Announce Multi-Year Partnership

On January 23, 2019



SEBASTIEN BOURDAIS TO RETURN TO THE TEAM

(PLAINFIELD, IL) – January 23, 2019 – Dale Coyne Racing and Vasser-Sullivan announced today they have reached a new multi-year agreement that will see the two organizations competing together as co-entrants in the NTT IndyCar Series.

The team also confirmed that Sebastien Bourdais would return to the team as driver of the No. 18 SealMaster entry for all 17 races during the 2019 season.

“After nearly a year of planning in 2017, 2018 was really a trial to get to this point of a multi-year go-forward plan,” said Vasser-Sullivan co-owner James “Sulli” Sullivan. “We had flashes of brilliance, and most importantly we proved the new partnership worked. This is what we all wanted, and now we have a great platform to build on as we fight for the IndyCar Championship in the coming years.”

“I am really pleased that Jimmy, Sulli and I have reached an agreement to grow our partnership, and to have Sebastien returning”, said Dale Coyne owner of Dale Coyne Racing. “This next phase of our partnership will see the team with some more resources, equipment and funding. I’m quite looking forward to building upon what we started last year and taking it to the next level.”

Bourdais will campaign his second season for Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan and 14th in Indy cars during the 2019 season. Bourdais, the only driver to win four consecutive IndyCar championships (2004-2007 Champ Car), finished seventh in the 2018 championship standings. He scored eight top-10 finishes with five top-five showings and two podium performances (won at St. Petersburg, third at Portland, fourth in the INDYCAR GP and Pocono, fifth at Barber, sixth at Mid-Ohio and Sonoma and eighth at Texas).

The 39-year-old from Le Mans, France, has made 188 career IndyCar starts. He ranks sixth on the IndyCar career victory list with 37 wins, seventh in career poles with 34 and has won a race from the pole 18 times, third on the all-time list.

“I am very happy that Dale, Jimmy and Sulli are all moving forward together,” Bourdais said. “The project Dale and I started in 2017 will continue to develop over the next two years with the support of a lot of people and great sponsors. As we are getting closer to the beginning of the season, I am looking forward to seeing what we can achieve over the next two!”

Vasser-Sullivan co-owner Jimmy Vasser said, “We are excited to continue our relationship with Dale and to have Sebastien driving for us. Seb is without question one of the greatest drivers ever in an Indy car. All you have to do is look at some of his performances from last year to know what a talent he is. Sulli and I are looking forward to our future as Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan and improving on the success we started last year.”

About Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan:

Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is owned by veteran driver, team owner and successful businessman Dale Coyne (Owner of Dale Coyne Racing), and partners with Vasser-Sullivan owned by 1996 IndyCar champion Jimmy Vasser and sports marketer James “Sulli” Sullivan (co-owners of Vasser-Sullivan). Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan is based in Plainfield, IL, which is located about 40 miles southwest of downtown Chicago.