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Palou has Strong Run in St. Petersburg to End His Rookie Season

On October 25, 2020



St. Petersburg, FL (October 25, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou’s rookie season came to end on Sunday with a strong run in the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in which he placed himself 13th after running in the lead pack.

Starting 16th, Palou fell to 19th at the start of the 100-lap race but had made it back up to 15th by the time he entered pit lane for his first stop of the day on Lap 28. Then, with a full course caution less than 10 laps later, Palou and his #55 Guaranteed Rate team opted for a different strategy and pit again on Lap 38.

With multiple full course cautions over the next 15 laps, and finding himself at the back of the field, Palou headed down pit lane twice. Once for fuel only on Lap 46 and again on Lap 51 for fuel and a fresh set of Firestone Alternate tires.

Palou found himself in 16th place when the race resumed on Lap 53 and steadily moved up as other cars pitted. By the time another full course caution came out on Lap 70,

Palou was up to third. The rookie then moved into second place on the Lap 75 restart before another full course caution.

The Spaniard then went for the lead on the Lap 80 restart, taking over first place before getting passed by eventual race winner Josef Newgarden.

Following another full course caution, Palou was running fifth at the restart, where he remained until having to make one final pit stop for fuel on Lap 94. The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver would go on to take the checkered flag in 13th.

“We didn’t have a good start because I made a mistake staying in our fuel saving map, so that sent us back a few spots. It’s so difficult to overtake here so as soon as the yellow came out, we gambled a bit with our strategy. At the end of the day it didn’t work out, but it was the right thing to do, I think we needed another yellow to be able to finish in the top five with our Guaranteed Rate Honda. We did the best we could today. I’m sad that it’s the end of the season,” shared Palou. “Looking back, there were some good moments and some not so good moments. I think it was a tough season in general with the limited practice to learn the tracks and understand the car, but it was a great learning experience that will hopefully help for the future.”

Palou ended up second in the Rookie of the Year standings and 16th in the overall Championship points.

Team Owner Dale Coyne shared his thoughts on the season for both Palou and Santino Ferrucci (Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan): “It’s been a good year for the team. I think both of our drivers have increased their stock. For Alex (Palou) it was tough this year coming here with no testing, not knowing any of these tracks, no extra rookie days and short weekend schedules. It was very tough for him. As for Santino (Ferrucci), he continued to impress, so we’re happy with both guys and the job they did this year.”

The Dale Coyne Racing team now looks forward to start working on the 2021 season.

Ferrucci's Fantastic Start Ends in Early Race Incident

On October 25, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci had a fantastic start to the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season ending Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg only to have it end with an early race incident.
- Ferrucci qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan entry 18th and started on row nine.
- He picked up four positions on the opening lap and got as high as ninth when some cars pitted early in a three stop strategy.
- Following his first pit stop he was hit by another driver causing damage to his car. That was followed by a brush with the wall.
- His race ended shortly thereafter when, following a restart, the front suspension let go sending the car into the wall damaging it beyond repair.

- Ferrucci finished 23rd.
- The Firestone GP of St. Petersburg was original scheduled as the first race of the season, but was rescheduled due to the COVID19 pandemic.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“We had a fantastic start to the race. We had the SealMaster Honda up to 14th, then 13. We just kept racing along. We came out of the pits after a really good, super-fast, pit stop and had contact going into turn four when another car came from the outside and hit us. The contact did slight damage to the car. During the next stint I unfortunately clipped the inside wall. When we went to do the restart the front suspension let go and my car went straight into the wall. Obviously, I’m disappointed about today, however, I want to thank the team for all the hard work and our partners for all their support during this unique season.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned seven points today to finish 13th in the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series championship standings with 290 points.
- Ferrucci finished in the top-10 in five of the 14 races during the 2020 season with a best showing of fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, ninth in the GMR Grand Prix and a 10th at St. Louis Race 2.
- The 2020 season was Ferrucci’s second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- The Firestone GP of St. Petersburg was Ferrucci’s 35th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second on the streets of St. Petersburg.
- In his two starts on the streets of St. Petersburg, Ferrucci has a best qualifying position of 18th this year and a best finish of ninth in 2019.
- In 35 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019.
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Eighth Row Start for Palou in St. Petersburg

On October 24, 2020



St. Petersburg, FL (October 24, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou took part in his first street course qualifying aboard his #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda Indy car on Saturday, placing himself 16th on the starting grid of Sunday’s Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.

Palou who was also taking part in his first three round qualifying format, took to the track in Group 2 of Round 1. The rookie registered a fastest lap of 1:01.1630 on his eighth lap around the 1.8-mile, 14-turn street course, which initially placed him fourth.

However, a local yellow on what would be his final lap meant he was unable to improve his lap time and with a red flag also ending the session early, moving on to the next round wasn’t meant to be for the rookie who ended up eighth in his group, 16th overall.

However, there was a glimmer of hope when IndyCar initially reviewed the results of the session showing the rookie in sixth place. Despite Palou and his team being ready to go, a final review placed him back into 16th overall on the starting grid.

“Practice this morning went really well but I think our result (3rd) was maybe a bit better than the actual pace of our Guaranteed Rate Honda. Qualifying was difficult because we didn’t really get the ultimate lap because of traffic and then the red flag at the end,” said Palou. “We were missing I think a tenth from making it into the next round. I’m a bit upset about that but we should be fine for the race tomorrow. The car is better than where we are starting and hopefully, we can finish in the top 10 again. I really like the St. Petersburg street course, it’s different from what I’m most used to and with limited practice time it makes it tough to learn the track and see the limits, but it’s been fun so far.”

The final round of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be preceded by a 30-minute warm-up at 10:40am ET on Sunday, October 25 with the green flag for the 14th race of the year scheduled for 2:32pm ET. The Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be broadcast live on NBC from 2:30pm ET.

Ferrucci Qualifies on Ninth Row for Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg

On October 24, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan entry 18th for tomorrow's Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on the 1.8-mile, 14-turn temporary street circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Ferrucci went out in Group 2 in Round 1 of qualifying and posted the ninth fastest lap, 1:01.1797, of the 12 drivers in his group. He will start on row nine in the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.
- The 18th place starting position is Ferrucci's best in two races at St. Petersburg. In his debut last year he qualified 23rd and then had an outstanding race finishing ninth.

Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Quote:

"It was a very interesting first day for the SealMaster Honda team. We have a better race car than a qualifying car. We're struggling to break into the top-10. I'm struggling. I've been bouncing the car off the wall multiple times in both practice and qualifying. We're not extracting the best out of the lap time. We've just got to tidy it up for tomorrow and we'll be fine."

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci is currently 12th in the NTT IndyCar Series championship standings with 283 points, 11 points out of 10th.
- He has finished in the top-10 in five of the 13 races during the 2020 season with a best finish of fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, ninth in the GMR Grand Prix and a 10th at St. Louis Race 2.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- The 2020 Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be Ferrucci's 35th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second on the streets of St. Petersburg.
- In 34 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019.
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 14 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, October, 24-25, on the temporary street circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Palou Ready to Make NTT IndyCar Series Street Course Debut at Season Finale in St. Petersburg

On October 21, 2020



Plainfield, IL (October 21, 2020) – Seven months later than initially thought, Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou will finally be able to turn his first laps at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, officially making his NTT IndyCar Series street course debut.

Prior to the start of his North American racing career, the rookie thought he would be making his official Series debut on the 1.8-mile, 14-turn street course in St. Petersburg, but, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event that was meant to kick off the 2020 season, will now be the final race on this year's schedule.

Palou is coming off a top ten finish at the Harvest GP a few weeks ago and is looking to end his rookie season on a high note. So far in 13 starts, the driver of the #55 Guaranteed Rate car has a best finish of third (Road America Race 1) as well as a best starting position of third (Road America Race 2).

While this will be Palou's first NTT IndyCar Series race on a street course, the Spaniard has some experience racing on street circuits having competed at Norisring (Nuremberg, Germany), Pau (Southwestern France) and Macau (China).

"I'm super excited to be heading back to St. Petersburg this weekend and to finally get to race there seven months later! It's great that we can go back to close out the season and that we'll be able to do it in front of fans as well," expressed Palou. "This will be my first street course in an Indy car. It's kind of crazy to think that it's my last race of the season but my first street course. It's going to be challenging, as always, with only one practice, but we'll do our best. Hopefully we can finish the season on a high. Our results have been improving, and we've been more consistent, which we needed. We're aiming for another top 10, it won't be easy, but we'll go for it and maybe even do better than our goal."

With only one IndyCar race scheduled for this weekend's Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Palou will get one 90-minute practice session on Saturday, October 24 at 10:55am ET, followed by the return of three round Fast Six qualifying at 3:05pm ET. Both sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App with qualifying also broadcast on a tape delay on NBCSN from 8pm to 9pm ET.

The final round of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be preceded by a 30-minute warm-up at 10:40am ET on Sunday, October 25 with the green flag for the 14th race of the year scheduled for 2:32pm ET. The Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg will be broadcast live on NBC from 2:30pm ET.

Ninth Place Finish for Palou in Race 2 of Harvest GP

On October 3, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (October 3, 2020) – Rookie Alex Palou reached his target of finishing in the top 10 in Race 2 of the INDYCAR Harvest GP presented by GMR on Saturday crossing the finish line aboard his #55 Guaranteed Rate, Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh Honda in ninth place.

Palou improved his starting position for Race 2 by qualifying fourth earlier in the day with the rookie missing out on a front row start by a mere 0.0567 seconds.

The Spaniard lost one position at the start of the 75-lap event, falling to fifth. He remained in that position for the majority of his stint and entered pit lane in sixth for his first stop on Lap 25.

By the midway point of what ended up being a fuel strategy race, Palou was running ninth. While the rookie kept Simon Pagenaud at bay with a more than 10 second gap in his final stint, he was unable to catch Championship leader Scott Dixon despite running lap times as fast and even better at times.

“It was a good day with the #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda. Qualifying went well this morning. We improved a lot from yesterday. We did a risky strategy of doing two sets of Firestone reds and it paid off. Our target for the race was to finish in the Top 10 and we did,” said Palou. “It was the first time for me doing a fuel strategy race like this and it worked out so I’m happy. This is where I think we belong in the top 10 so hopefully we can finish out the season with another good result in a few weeks.”

Next up for the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, the final race of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season, on October 25.

Ferrucci Finishes 12th in Harvest GP Race 2

On October 3, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Harvest Grand Prix Race 2 Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster–Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan entry to a 12th place finish in the inaugural Harvest Grand Prix Race 2 on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana.

- Ferrucci qualified an IMS road course high 11th for Race 2 with a lap of 1:09.4791 earlier today.
- He again had a phenomenal start to the race, picking up five spots slotting into sixth place.
- At the end of the first stint Ferrucci struggled with the used red (alternate) tires and lost some positions.
- During the second stint, which was on the black (primary) tire, Ferrucci essentially held station.
- He recovered during the third stint on new red tires to finish in 12th place.



Santino Ferrucci Harvest Grand Prix Race 2 Quote:

“We had another phenomenal start to the race in the SealMaster Honda moving up almost into the top-five. After the start we struggled on the used red (alternate) tires and we weren’t so great on the black (primary) tires. I think we had a little too much front wing. It just wasn’t the same as yesterday. Once we put the new reds on everything seemed to make more sense with the car. Now we’ll head to St. Petersburg for the final race and see if we can end the season on a high note.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 18 points today and remains 12th in the NTT IndyCar Series championship standings with 283 points.

- Ferrucci has finished in the top-10 in five of the 13 races during the 2020 season with a season-high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, ninth place in the GMR Grand Prix and 10th at St. Louis Race 2.

- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

- The 2020 Harvest Grand Prix Race 2 was Ferrucci's 34th career NTT IndyCar Series start and fourth on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

- The 12th place finish is Ferrucci's second best in four races on the IMS road course behind a ninth place performance earlier this year at the GMR Grand Prix. Today's 11th place starting in the Harvest Grand Prix Race 2 is his highest.

- In 34 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 14 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, October, 24-25, on the temporary street circuit in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Ferrucci Finishes 15th in Harvest GP Race 1

On October 2, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Harvest Grand Prix Race 1 Summary:

Santino Ferrucci piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan entry to a 15th place finish in the inaugural Harvest Grand Prix Race 1 on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana.

Ferrucci qualified 20th for Race 1.

In a strategy move, he was one of only six of the 25 drivers in the race, and the only outside the top-seven, to start on the red (alternate) Firestone tires.

The move paid off as Ferrucci went from 20th to 11th in the first eight laps of the race.

Shortly thereafter an incident with another driver dropped him back to 19th place where he began to battle back.

When other teams pitted early to shed their black (primary) tires Ferrucci climbed into the top-10, leading one lap.

His track position see-sawed back and forth as different pit strategies played out, however he eventually settled into a spot in the mid-to-low teens where he finished.

The five positions Ferrucci gained tied him for third biggest mover of the race.

Santino Ferrucci Harvest Grand Prix Race 1 Quote:

“We showed today the No. 18 SealMaster Honda had good pace even with a smashed front wing. We were having a really good race, just Hunter-Reay didn’t want to give up the inside going into turn two and well...I wasn’t going to lift. Other than that, I’m really proud of the crew. On the last pit stop, it was nobody’s fault. One of the lug nuts got striped and that’s that. All and all I think we are ready tomorrow.”



Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

Ferrucci earned 16 points today and is now 12th in the NTT IndyCar Series championship standings with 262 points.

Ferrucci has finished in the top-10 in five of the 12 races during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, ninth place in the GMR Grand Prix and 10th at St. Louis Race 2.

Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2020 Harvest Grand Prix Race 1 was Ferrucci’s 33rd career NTT IndyCar Series start and third on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

In three races on the IMS road course Ferrucci has a best finish of ninth earlier this year at the GMR Grand Prix and a best starting position of 14th in 2019.

In 33 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

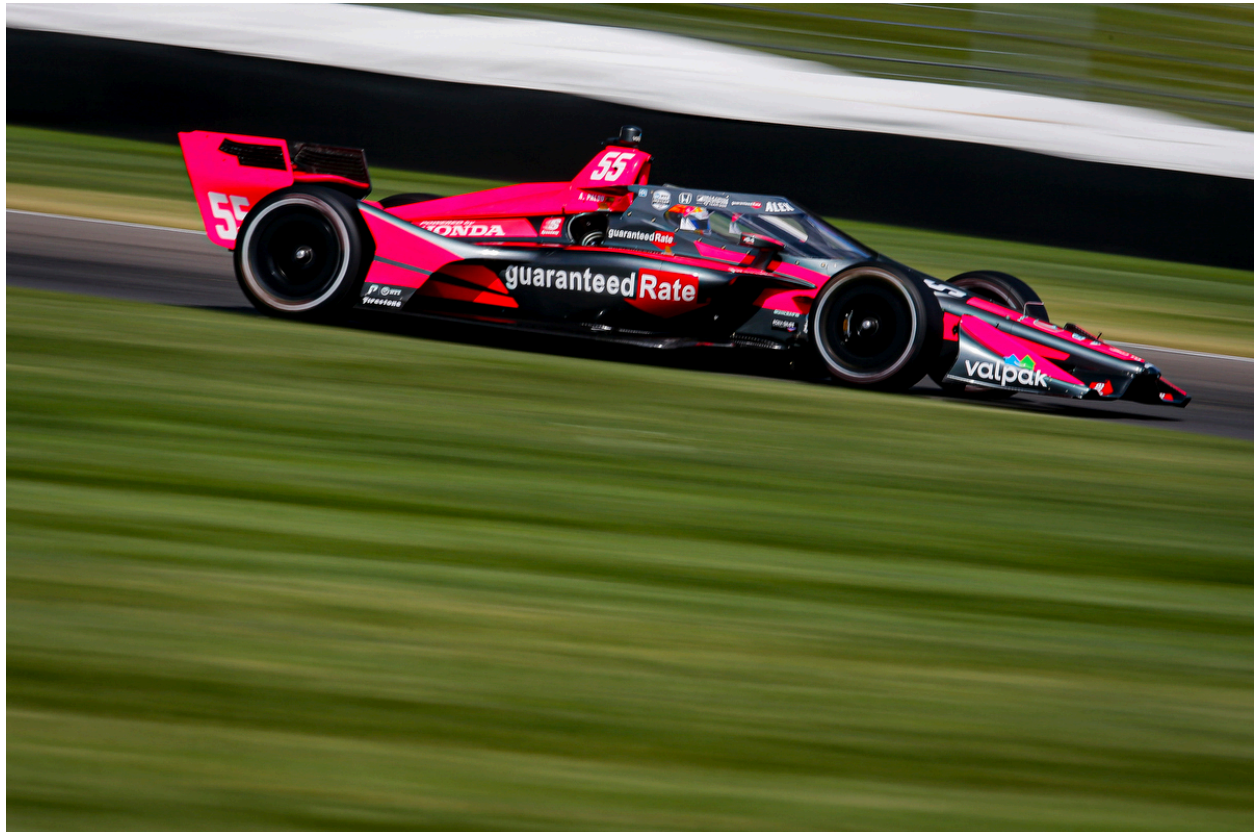
Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 13 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Harvest Grand Prix Race 2, October, 3, on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course in Speedway, Indiana.

Early Penalty Costly for Palou in Race 1 of Harvest GP

On October 2, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (October 2, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou's first race of the doubleheader INDYCAR Harvest GP presented by GMR didn't go as he had hoped when an early penalty cost him a chance at a better finish. Palou crossed the finish line in 17th.

Starting from 17th, the rookie moved up a few positions at the start of the 85-lap event. Palou then continued to make his way up the charts having opted for a longer first stint than most of his competitors.

The driver of the #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda entered pit lane at the end of Lap 22 having just taken over the lead thanks to his pit stop strategy. However, the Spaniard received a drive through penalty for a pit exit violation and found himself in 25th place after having served his penalty.

Despite registering the fifth fastest race lap (1:10.9775) and gaining positions throughout the remainder of the race, Palou was only able to make it as high as 17th by the time he took the checkered flag.

“I made a mistake leaving pit lane after my first stop so that set us back and pretty much cost us our race. There’s not much more to say,” expressed Palou. “It’s a shame because our #55 Guaranteed Rate car was good, quite competitive. We discovered what our issue was yesterday in qualifying so hopefully we can have a better qualifying run tomorrow and that we can start further up for Race 2 and give ourselves a better chance.”

Round 13 of 14 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will go green Saturday, October 3 at 2:31pm and will be broadcast live on NBC from 2:30pm ET. Qualifying for Race 2 of the Harvest GP will take place at 10:20am earlier that day.

Red Flag Brings Early End to Ferrucci’s Qualifying Session for Inaugural Harvest GP Race 1

On October 1, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Summary Harvest Grand Prix Race 1:

A red flag ended Santino Ferrucci's qualifying session for the inaugural Harvest Grand Prix Race 1 early before he could turn a single lap on the faster red (Firestone alternate) tires. Ferrucci went out in Group 1 (of two groups) on the black (primary) tires for the first stint like the other 11 drivers in his group. With five minutes left in the 12-minute session, Ferrucci pitted for the red tires, however just as he exited the pits another driver went off-track bringing out a red flag. Unfortunately, time expired before the track went green again. Ferrucci will grid on the 10th row for tomorrow's race.

Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Quote Harvest Grand Prix Race 1:

"The SealMaster Honda would have been much better on the red (alternate) tires, however the session was not extended after the red flag. We lost a lot of time during the practice session earlier today and unfortunately that hurt us in the cold weather during qualifying. The race tomorrow should be super exciting because of the fans that are here."

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

Ferrucci is currently 10th in the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series championship standings with 249 points.

He has finished in the top-10 in five of the 11 races contested during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix and 10th place finish at St. Louis Race 2.

Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2020 Harvest Grand Prix Doubleheader will be Ferrucci's 33rd and 34th career NTT IndyCar Series starts and third and fourth on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

In three qualifying attempts on the IMS road course Ferrucci has a best starting position of 14th in 2019. In two previous races he has a best finish of ninth earlier this year.

In 32 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 12 and 13 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Harvest Grand Prix Doubleheader, October, 1-3, on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course in Speedway, Indiana

Alex Palou to Start from Ninth Row for Race 1 of Harvest GP

On October 1, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (October 1, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou will start Race 1 of the Harvest GP presented by GMR from the ninth row after qualifying 17th in Thursday evening’s 10-minute qualifying session.

After leading practice earlier in the day, the rookie was looking forward to getting back on track for qualifying. The driver of the #55 Guaranteed Rate car spent the first part of the session in the top four of his group, however, after switching to the alternate Firestone tire, he was unable to move up the time charts and found himself ninth in his group despite registering a fastest lap of 1:10.0323.

“The #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda was really strong in practice earlier today, so I was optimistic heading into qualifying this evening. So, I’m disappointed with our qualifying result, there’s not much to say. The car felt okay but the speed wasn’t there. The engineers are looking into it. I’m confident we’ll come back strong on the race tomorrow,” shared Palou.

Round 12 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series will go green at 4pm ET on Friday, October 2. The 85-lap race will be broadcast live on the USA network.

The penultimate round of the 2020 season, will be broadcast live on NBC from 2:30pm ET on Saturday, October 3 with qualifying scheduled for 10:20am earlier that day.

Alex Palou Hoping Third Time's a Charm at IMS

On October 1, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (October 1, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou will be making his third visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend, this time for the doubleheader Harvest GP presented by GMR.

It will be the first time in his NTT IndyCar Series career that Palou will be returning to race on a track that he's previously raced at. The rookie made his IMS road course debut in July at the GMR Grand Prix.

“I'm super excited for the Harvest Grand Prix at Indy, especially after coming from a difficult weekend at Mid-Ohio. We had good pace, which was good for us, to show that

we have a good car and to show what we can do but, unfortunately, we had some bad luck and were not able to get the results we should have,” said Palou. “Looking forward to Indy, we’ve been there earlier this year, but it will be very different mainly because of the temperature difference from July. I think that will make it a bit easier because tire degradation will be less and when the temperature is lower every car handles better. I also think that it won’t be as tough physically just because it won’t be so hot. It’s our last doubleheader weekend and our last road course for the season so hopefully we can have a couple of good races with our Guaranteed Rate Honda.”

In his previous trip to the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course, the rookie finished 19th after starting 21st in what was only his second career NTT IndyCar Series race. The Spaniard’s best result came earlier this year with a third-place finish at Road America Race 1, where he also registered his best starting position of third (Race 2).

Palou and his #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda will be on track Thursday, October 1 for a 75-minute practice session starting at 2:25pm ET. Qualifying for Race 1 will also take place on Thursday from 6:20pm ET with the first event of the doubleheader going green at 4pm ET on Friday, October 2.

Round 13 of the 2020 season, will go green at 2:31pm ET on Saturday, October 3 with qualifying scheduled for 10:20am earlier that day.

Race 1 from IMS will be broadcast live on USA with Race 2 live on NBC. Practice, and both qualifying sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold app.

First Lap Incident Wrecks Ferrucci's Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Race 2

On September 13, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race 2 Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci had a spectacular qualifying effort. Heavy rain fell last night and this morning, so the track was wet requiring drivers to qualify on rain tires.
- Ferrucci went out with Group 1 in the No. 18 SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry when the track was at its worst and took the top spot on the speed charts by three seconds. He ended up second on the starting grid because Group 2 had a much dryer track.
- The second place starting position is Ferrucci's IndyCar career high, surpassing a pair of sixth place starting positions most recently at Road America earlier this year (also at St. Louis in 2019). Ferrucci started on the outside of Row 1.
- On the opening lap of the race Ferrucci tried to pass for the lead. He moved to the outside and ended up off track. Ferrucci fought to get the car back under control but in doing so damaged it and ended up in a multi-car incident which dropped him to sixth place.
- A subsequent penalty for avoidable contact put him at the back of the field.

- The team then went to alternative fuel strategy and Ferrucci fought his way back through the field getting good pit stops along the way to finish 14th in the Honda Indy 200 Race 2 on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit in Lexington, Ohio.

Santino Ferrucci Race 2 Quote:

“It was a tough race. The SealMaster Honda had good pace, but on the opening lap I got caught off guard on the outside and when I tried to collect it I did some damage to the car. We came back from last to finish 14th with a couple of good pit stops and a really good last stint. Obviously, it was not our weekend, however we had a lot of good takeaways, so I’m looking forward to the Harvest Grand Prix.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 17 points today and remains 10th in the IndyCar championship standings with 249 points.
- Ferrucci has finished in the top-10 in five of the 11 races during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- The 2020 Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Race 2 was Ferrucci’s 32nd career NTT IndyCar Series starts and third at the Mid-Ohio SportsCar Course.
- In three races at Mid-Ohio, Ferrucci has qualified 14th twice and has a best finish of 12th in his Mid-Ohio debut last year (finished 14th in both races at Mid-Ohio this weekend).
- In 32 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

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First Lap Contact Ends Palou's Race 2 at Mid-Ohio

On September 13, 2020



Lexington, OH (September 13, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou's race ended as quickly as it started after contact going into the second turn of the 75-lap event put an end to his Honda Indy 200 doubleheader weekend at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Palou, who was starting from fourth, maintained his position at the start, however his race would soon come to an end following contact with teammate Santino Ferrucci. The Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan driver was getting back on track after running wide into the grass when he hit Palou.

Damage to the front suspension combined with a sprained thumb suffered in the incident put an end to the rookie's race.

“That’s not how I wanted to end my day at Mid-Ohio in our #55 Guaranteed Rate car. We were happy to be starting from fourth and to be starting at the front of the field. I had a good start but then I saw a car coming towards me. I moved to the right a bit to try and avoid him, but I couldn’t go very far because Felix (Rosenqvist) was next to me and we

ended up both getting hit and taken out. It just wasn't our weekend at Mid-Ohio," shared Palou.

Next up for Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh is the doubleheader Harvest Grand Prix weekend October 2 and 3rd.

Palou Gains Eight Positions, Finishes 12th in Race 1 at Mid-Ohio

On September 12, 2020



Lexington, OH (September 12, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou moved up eight positions, the most of any driver, during Race 1 of the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio to finish 12th aboard his No. 55 Guaranteed Rate Honda on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, things were looking up for Palou after finishing seventh in the weekend's only practice session. Then in qualifying, Palou took over first place in his group after two laps on primary tires. However, he ended up going off track on his third qualifying lap and in doing so, damaged the underwing on his Honda powered car.

In addition to losing his quickest time for causing a local yellow and impeding a competitor's lap, the broken underwing meant he also ruined his chance of improving his lap time. Palou had to settle for 20th place on the starting grid of a race where passing proved to be difficult even with a fast car.

At the start of the 75-lap event, Palou gained three positions on the first lap and was running 16th by Lap 2. Despite moving up while others pit ahead of him, the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver would once again find himself 16th after making his first trip down pit lane on Lap 24.

Palou then picked up another three positions during his second stint to move into 13th following his final pit stop on Lap 52. The rookie registered the fifth fastest lap of the race on his way to a 12th place finish.

“It was a tough day. Things went really well in practice this morning. I was very confident and comfortable with the #55 Guaranteed Rate car,” said Palou. “Then in qualifying, the first two laps with the blacks were really good. I was P1 at the time but I went off track and broke the underwing so that ruined our run on the alternate Firestone tire. Starting 20th there wasn't a lot we could do. It was a difficult race just because we were quick but couldn't overtake much. On the positive side, we gained the most positions of all drivers. At the end of the day, I don't think there was much more we could do. It was tough but we have another chance tomorrow to do better.”

Palou and the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad will be back in action tomorrow for Race 2 of the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car course.

Qualifying for Race 2 will take place on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15am ET and will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App with Race 2 of the Honda Indy 200 doubleheader weekend broadcast live on NBC from 1pm ET.

Ferrucci Determined After Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Race 1

On September 12, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race 1 Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci is determined to get the SealMaster Honda in the top-10 in tomorrow's second half of the Honda Indy 200 doubleheader following a 14th place finish in Race 1 on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course permanent road circuit in Lexington, Ohio.
- Ferrucci qualified 14th for Race 1 with a time of 1:07.5011. He started on the outside of Row 7.
- Ferrucci quickly moved just inside the top-10, getting as high as fourth (as other cars pitted), prior to his first pit stop.
- He rejoined the race in 13th place where he remained for almost the entire second stint.
- Ferrucci ran the entire last stint in 14th place, where he finished.



Santino Ferrucci Race 1 Quote:

"It was a very physical race. We had a really good start and the SealMaster crew did a good job in the pits. We tried some things with the setup in practice this morning, but it's hard with minimal track time. We just have to focus on tomorrow and get the car in the top-10."

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 16 points today and is now 10th in the IndyCar championship standings with 232 points.
- Ferrucci has finished in the top-10 in five of the 10 races during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- The 2020 Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Race 1 was Ferrucci's 31st career NTT IndyCar Series starts and second at the Mid-Ohio SportsCar Course.
- In two races at Mid-Ohio, Ferrucci has qualified 14th twice and has a best finish of 12th in his Mid-Ohio debut last year.
- In 31 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

• Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut. He resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 11 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Race 2, September 13, at the Mid-Ohio SportsCar Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Alex Palou Heads Back to Where it All Began

On September 11, 2020



Lexington, OH (September 11, 2020) – For the first time this season, Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou will be competing at a track he’s driven an Indy car before when the NTT IndyCar Series heads to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the Honda Indy 200 doubleheader September 12 and 13.

Palou got his first taste of IndyCar at the 2.258-mile, 13-turn natural terrain road course during an impressive test with the team in July 2019. With changes in the schedule and no testing permitted this season due to the coronavirus pandemic, the rookie hasn’t had the chance to visit a track he’s tested at previously until now.

“I’m super excited to be heading back to a road course this weekend at Mid-Ohio after doing six oval races in nine events so far this season. I’ve had great fun on the ovals and learned a lot. We had really good pace but unfortunately no strong results to show for it. So, I’m really looking forward to Mid-Ohio this weekend,” expressed Palou. “It’s the first track that I’m going to this year that I’ve driven on before, so I know what to expect. It’s an environment that I’m much more comfortable with and our #55 Guaranteed Rate car has been strong on road courses. My confidence is 100%. I will definitely be more in ‘push’ mode versus ‘rookie’ mode! Hopefully we can get our first win at Mid-Ohio. Plus, it’s a doubleheader weekend, so it’s a great opportunity for us to maximize our results. I can’t wait to get on track.”

The Spaniard scored his best NTT IndyCar Series result so far on a road course with a third-place finish at Road America Race 1 and he also registered his best starting position of third at Road America Race 2.

Drivers will get a 75-minute practice session on Saturday, September 12 starting at 10:45am before qualifying in the early afternoon (2pm ET) for that evening’s race. Race 1 from Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will go green at 5pm ET and be broadcast live on NBCSN from 4:30pm ET.

Qualifying for Race 2 will take place on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15am ET with the second part of the doubleheader weekend broadcast live on NBC from 1pm ET.

Practice and both qualifying sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold app.

Ferrucci Has Strong Drive to Finish in Top-10 in Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 2

On August 30, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race 2 Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci had a strong drive piloting the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan entry to a 10th place finish in the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 2 on the 1.25-mile World Wide Technology Raceway oval in Madison, Illinois.
- Ferrucci qualified 16th for Race 2. He started on the outside of Row 8.
- The race opened with two yellow flag laps due to some fluid on the track from one of the sweepers.
- When the green flag flew Ferrucci did what he has become known for, he picked up six positions on the opening two laps to move into 10th place.
- Ferrucci ran in the top-10, except for pit stops, through the entire race.
- He had a chance at a top-five finish, however lapped traffic during the final stint made it impossible to move forward.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“We finished in the top-10 and the car was phenomenal. It was a solid Race 2 for the SealMaster Honda team in the Bommarito Automotive Group 500. We really had a top-five car. I just got caught up in lapped traffic at the end, so we ended up sitting where we were. Overall, really proud of the engineering team getting the car sorted.”



Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 20 points today and is now ninth in the IndyCar championship standings with 216 points.
- Ferrucci has finished in the top-10 in five of the nine races during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.
- The 2020 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 2 was Ferrucci's 30th career NTT IndyCar Series start and third at World Wide Technology Raceway.
- In three starts at WWT Raceway he has finished in the top-10 twice with a best showing of fourth in his WWT debut last year. His best starting position is sixth also in 2019.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- In 30 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019) and 12 top-10 showings.
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Palou Registers Fastest Race Lap in Race 2 at Gateway, Finishes 12th

On August 30, 2020



Madison, IL (August 30, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou's #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda was the quickest car on track, but in a race where passing was extremely limited, the rookie had to settle with a 12th place finish in Race 2 at World Wide Technology Raceway on Sunday.

Starting 14th, Palou lost a couple of positions at the start but managed to gain one spot back to move into 15th place. With passing being very difficult for everyone on track, the Spaniard held his position for the majority of his first stint.

Once all cars on track had completed their first pit stops, Palou had moved into 14th, where once again he would remain until his second stop on Lap 92.

Shortly after completing his third and final pit stop that allowed him to gain a couple more spots, Palou registered the fastest race lap on Lap 147 with a time of 25.69 seconds

around the 1.25-mile oval. Despite his speed, the rookie would take the checkered flag in 12th position.

“That was an uneventful race. It was super difficult to pass. I think the only passing that happened was at the start and with the pit strategy where we gained four or five positions. It was easy to follow other cars but just very hard to get a run on them, and that was the same for everyone on track. It ended up being about strategy and trying to make that work in our favor. It’s a shame because we had a really fast car, we had the fastest race lap and that shows how good our #55 Guaranteed Rate car is. I felt really comfortable with the car, it’s too bad we couldn’t finish any higher,” shared Palou.

Early Penalty Costly for Palou in Race 1 at Gateway

On August 29, 2020



Madison, IL (August 29, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou’s race got off to a bad start at World Wide Technology Raceway after a questionable penalty sent him to the back of the field at the start. The rookie went on to cross the finish line in 15th place aboard his #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda.

Palou, who qualified 11th earlier in the day, was heading down the front stretch for the start of the race when cars in front of him slowed down as they waited for the green flag to fly. In order to avoid contact with the car in front of him, Palou jumped out of line and made it through unharmed while others spun behind him. However, the rookie would end up being penalized for getting out of formation before taking the green flag, even if it was to avoid contact.

The penalty meant that Palou had to take the Lap 14 restart from 18th. The driver of the #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda made it back up to 11th before his first pit stop on Lap 63 but continued on in 15th once stops had cycled through.

Palou climbed into the top 10 on Lap 102 a few laps before a caution for very light rain falling on the raceway. However, the rookie fell back to 13th when the race resumed on Lap 122.

In the later part of the race, the Spaniard stayed out as long as possible before making his final stop, in the hopes a caution would play in his favor, but it wasn't meant to be, and Palou ended the race in 15th.

“The race didn't start off like we wanted. I tried to avoid hitting the car in front of me as we were coming to take the green flag. They checked up in front of me and I pulled out of line to avoid contact, but I still got penalized for pulling out of line before the green. Because of that we got sent to the back and started last. From there, we just tried to make our way back up. We were a bit lucky with the yellow and made it back to the top 10. However, on the last restart I lost some places. We tried to go long before our last pit stop, hoping that a caution would come out, but it didn't go our way. Tomorrow we have another race and the #55 Guaranteed Rate car is really strong so I'm looking forward to it.”

Palou will be starting Race 2 at World Wide Technology Raceway from the 14th place on the grid. The second part of the doubleheader weekend goes green at 2:45pm local time (3:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

Mistake During Final Pit Stop Costs Ferrucci Top Five Finish in Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 1

On August 29, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race 1 Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci had the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne with Vasser-Sullivan entry solidly in the top-five heading into the final pit stop of the race. However, a major mistake during the stop dropped him to the back of the field in Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 1 on the 1.25-mile World Wide Technology Raceway oval in Madison, Illinois.
- Ferrucci qualified 20th for Race 1. He started on the outside of Row 10.
- He spent the first stint running in the mid-teens, settling in and working with the car.
- The team employed a pit strategy that worked when a yellow flag came out just past the halfway point of the race, with Ferrucci in 10th place.
- He was in ninth position when the race resumed and had a spectacular restart, picking up four places to move into fifth place.

- Ferrucci was running in fifth when he came to the pits for his final stop. During the stop there was a major mistake which dropped him to 17th place.
- Fighting back he picked up one spot to finish 16th and gained valuable championship points.
- Ferrucci led two laps today. It was the second race in a row he has led laps (one in the Indy 500).
- Ferrucci qualified 16th for tomorrow's Bommarito Automotive Group Race 2.



Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“With limited practice yesterday it took me the first stint to get used to the car. We went with a different fuel strategy, which with a late caution, played in our favor. It put us up to 10th. We had a killer restart and moved into fifth. We rode there and things were looking real promising. Until the final pit stop. We had a major mistake during the stop and ended up in the back of the field.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- The 2020 Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 1 was Ferrucci's 29th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second at World Wide Technology Raceway.
- In two starts at WWT Raceway he has a best starting position of sixth and a best finish of fourth both in his WWT debut last year.
- Ferrucci earned 15 points today and remains eighth in the IndyCar championship standings with 196 points.

- Ferrucci has finished in the top-9 in four of the eight races during the 2020 season with a season high fourth in the Indianapolis 500, two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.

- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

- In 29 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-five finishes. Fourth in the 2020 Indy 500 and fourth at Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019) and 11 top-10 showings.

- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 9 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 Race 2, August 30, at World Wide Technology Raceway in the Madison, Illinois. Metro area.

Guaranteed Rate Extends Its Partnership with Alex Palou

On August 28, 2020



Madison, IL (August 28, 2020) – Guaranteed Rate, one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the United States, is returning as primary sponsor on the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh car driven by Alex Palou this weekend. The #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda will be back in action at World Wide Technology Raceway for the Bommarito Automotive Group doubleheader weekend on August 29 and 30 for Rounds 8 and 9 of the 2020 season.

Guaranteed Rate made its first appearance on Palou’s car at last weekend’s Indianapolis 500.

“Alex has come in and made a big splash in the sport. His confidence and drive to win has kept race fans on the edge of our seats throughout the season, and gives him the inside track toward Rookie of the Year honors,” said Guaranteed Rate Chief Marketing Officer Steve Moffat. “We’re excited to continue Guaranteed Rate’s partnership with Alex in this weekend’s double-header.”

Palou completed every practice session at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the top 10. He made it into the Fast Nine for qualifying, registered the fastest single lap (231.901mph) of the nine drivers in the Fast Nine qualifying session and posted the fastest trap speed of all drivers at 240.288mph. While his race ended after contact with the wall more than halfway through the 500-mile race, the rookie says he gained the experience and confidence to fight for wins on ovals.

“I want to thank Guaranteed Rate for their continued support this weekend. Hopefully we can give them a win. I’m super excited about racing at World Wide Technology Raceway (Gateway). I now have much more experience on an oval with these last two weeks at Indianapolis where I felt really comfortable. Already in Iowa, I think we made a big step forward, but I think Indy was the big moment where it clicked, and I gained confidence and feel ready to fight for races on ovals. Despite the accident, looking back at Indy we had an amazing two weeks. Until that moment, I think we were in a good spot to fight for the win,” said Palou. “Going to Gateway, if we look at the race last year, the team did an amazing job. They were close to accomplishing a 1-2 finish, so hopefully we can try and do the same this year with Santino.”

Palou enters the weekend at the 1.25-mile oval with a best oval starting position of seventh (Iowa Race 2, Indianapolis 500) and a best oval finish of 11th (Iowa Race 1) in only four oval starts. Overall this season, the rookie has a best finish of third (Road America Race 1) as well as a best starting position of third (Road America Race 2). Palou currently leads the Rookie of the Year standings by one point.

“We’re extremely pleased that Guaranteed Rate has extended its sponsorship of Palou’s car for this weekend,” expressed Team Owner Dale Coyne. “Alex has shown great potential and I’m confident we can have a strong weekend at Gateway and make Guaranteed Rate proud.”

The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver will get 90 minutes of practice time on Friday starting at 3:30pm local time. The starting grid for each race will be set in Saturday’s qualifying session (11am local time). Each driver will get two qualifying laps with Lap 1 setting the grid for Saturday’s Race 1 and Lap 2 the grid for Sunday’s Race 2.

Both races will go green at 2:45pm local time (3:45pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

About Guaranteed Rate

Guaranteed Rate is one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the United States. Headquartered in Chicago, the Company has more than 5,000 employees in nearly 350 offices across the U.S., and is licensed in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Since its founding in 2000, Guaranteed Rate has helped hundreds of thousands of homeowners with home purchase loans and refinances and funded more than \$30 billion in loans in

2019 alone. The Company has cemented itself as Positively Different by introducing innovative technology, such as the world's first Digital Mortgage, by offering low rates and by delivering unparalleled customer service. Honors and awards include: Top Lender for Online Service for 2018 by U.S. News & World Report; No. 3 ranking in Scotsman Guide's Top Retail Mortgage Lenders 2019; Top Lender 2016, 2017 and 2018 by Chicago Agent magazine; Chicago Tribune's Top Workplaces list for seven consecutive years; and Best Online Mortgage Lender, Best Mortgage Lender for VA loans and Best Conventional Mortgage Lender by NerdWallet in 2019. Visit rate.com for more information.

About Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh

Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh was formed at the end of 2019 as a partnership between Dale Coyne Racing and Kazumichi Goh, the founder of Team Goh. The two teams first collaborated in the early 1990s and reconnected nearly 20 years later to run Spaniard Alex Palou in the NTT IndyCar Series. Dale Coyne Racing has participated in every season of the North American open-wheel series since 1984. Dale Coyne, a Midwestern entrepreneur who designed and built Route 66 Raceway and Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL, is known for taking on young drivers and mentoring them in the early stages of their careers. The team has claimed multiple victories, most notably, winning back-back races at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in the past few years. Team Goh also has a storied history in racing. The team won the 1996 All Japan Grand Touring Car Championship 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.

Ferrucci has Phenomenal Drive Finishes Fourth in 104th Running of the Indianapolis 500

On August 24, 2020



Has Most On-Track Passes and Improves the Second Most Positions

Santino Ferrucci Race Day Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci drove a phenomenal race in the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry passing the most cars on track, 29, and improving the second most positions, 15, to finish fourth in the 104th running of Indianapolis 500 on the fabled 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval.
- Santino Ferrucci qualified 19th and started on the inside of Row 7 for the “Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”
- He moved into the top-10 on lap 47 where he remained the entire race other than during pit stops.
- Ferrucci battled his way into the top-five, which some incredible on track passes on lap 79 and waHs never lower than eighth the rest of the race.
- He took over fourth place on lap 185 and if not for a late yellow flag, which ended the race, had a legitimate shot at a top-three finish.
- Ferrucci led one lap today, his first in an Indy 500.

Santino Ferrucci Race Day Quote:

“Just an incredible race. The SealMaster Honda was insane today. We started 19th and finished fourth. The guys worked really hard on pit lane, on the timing stand and the strategy was perfect. I’m just really happy, after two incredibly long weeks of focusing on the SealMaster car we ended really good. During the first pit stop I got caught in neutral, and it was like a blessing in disguise. It set us way back, but the momentum we had just carried us. On the restart we went from 25th right back into the top-10 where we needed to be and we just fought our way into the top-four.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- **The 2020 Indianapolis 500 was Ferrucci’s 28th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second Indianapolis 500.**
- **The fourth place finish is his best in two Indianapolis 500 races surpassing a seventh place showing in his Indy 500 debut last, which earned him the 2019 Rookie of the Year Award.**
- **Ferrucci earned 65 points today (double points for the Indy 500) and is now eighth in the IndyCar championship standings with 181 points.**
- **Today’s fourth place finish is his best of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season. He has now finished in the top-9 in four of the seven. In addition to the fourth place showing in the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 he placed sixth twice, both at Road America, and finished ninth in the GMR Grand Prix.**
- **Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.**
- **In 28 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has four top-four finishes (Fourth: 2020 Indianapolis 500, Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019) and 11 top-10 showings.**
- **Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.**

Next Race:

Round 8 and 9 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Bommarito Automotive Group doubleheader, August 29 and 30, at World Wide Technology Raceway in the Madison, Illinois. Metro area.

Alex Palou's Strong Run at the Indy 500 Ends in Heartbreak

On August 23, 2020



INDIANAPOLIS (August 23, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou saw his impressive performance at his first Indianapolis 500 end in heartbreak after contact with the wall. The rookie was running ninth when he lost control of his #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda coming out of Turn 1 on Lap 122.

Starting seventh, Palou lost a few positions at the start of the race, falling just outside of the Top 10. Despite moving back in the field, the rookie kept up with the lead pack all while gaining valuable experience around the 2.5-mile famed oval.

Palou made it back into the top 10 by lap 61 and climbed all the way to fourth before making his second pit stop of the race three laps later. With other cars on a different pit stop strategy, Palou exited the pits in 20th. However, by the time he was ready to make his next stop under caution at the end of Lap 87, the Spaniard had moved up to 12th.

The rookie was running 13th when the race returned to green flag conditions on Lap 101. Palou started moving up, passing veteran drivers like Tony Kanaan and Ryan Hunter-Reay on his way back up to ninth.

Sadly, that would be as high as he would get as he spun coming out of Turn 1 on Lap 122, putting an end to what has been an impressive debut for the rookie at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Palou, who ended up 28th, still leads the Rookie of the Year standings with 127 points.

“It’s a shame. I don’t really know what happened, if I was too low or too high. It’s difficult to say when you are going so quick. I had been working on getting a run on Newgarden for 2 or 3 laps because I think our car was quicker than his,” explained Palou. “It’s just a big shame for all the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh crew, Guaranteed Rate and our other sponsors that were behind us, and for me. It was my first Indy 500 and I wanted to finish. I think we had a car capable of winning. We’ll come back stronger for sure. When I look at my experience as a whole, it’s been awesome being here, it’s really nice to drive at this historic place, I just want to go back out there now. I learned a lot about driving. I turned so many laps and I was learning every lap. It was a lot of fun. I just wish it didn’t end the way it did.”

Despite the disappointing end to his first Indianapolis 500, Palou put in an outstanding performance over the two weeks, completing every practice session in the top 10, making it into the Fast Nine for qualifying, registering the fastest single lap (231.901mph) of the nine drivers in the Fast Nine qualifying session and posting the fastest trap speed of all drivers at 240.288mph.

Palou and his Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad will be back in action next weekend at World Wide Technology Raceway for a doubleheader weekend.

Tough Day at Indianapolis for James Davison and the Dale Coyne Racing with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD & Belardi Team

On August 23, 2020



Indianapolis, Ind. (August 23, 2020) – The No. 51 Dale Coyne Racing with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD & Belardi driven by James Davison was forced into an early exit in the 104th edition of the Greatest Spectacle in Racing due to a brake issue on lap 6.

Davison rolled off for the Indy 500 from the 27th position but had his race cut short when one of his brakes exploded with only a handful of laps completed.

The crew radioed to Davison informing him that his front brakes were glowing bright red indicating they were engaged but, unfortunately Davison didn't have time to make it back to pit lane.

Davison did manage to make it off track onto the warm-up lane before his right front brake burst into a ball of flame putting an end to their day.

“Well, that’s obviously heart-braking to go out of the Indy 500 in the first handful of laps with a mechanical issue. I’ve got to thank my team for all their hard work throughout the event, our car felt good and we had gotten by Alonso and I was pretty excited for the race

ahead. Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be, but hopefully we will be back next year with the Jacob Construction car running a bit stronger," said James Davison.

Guaranteed Rate to Sponsor Alex Palou's Indy 500 Car

On August 22, 2020



INDIANAPOLIS (August 22, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh is pleased to welcome Guaranteed Rate, one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the United States, as the primary sponsor on Alex Palou's #55 car for Sunday's 104th running of the Indianapolis 500.

The #55 Guaranteed Rate Honda piloted by the rookie driver will be starting from seventh on the 33-car grid. Palou has been impressive since turning his first ever laps at the 2.5-mile oval at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway last week, finishing every practice and qualifying session in the top 10.

“We’re thrilled to partner with Dale Coyne Racing for the Indy 500,” said Guaranteed Rate Chief Marketing Officer Steve Moffat. “Alex Palou turned some heads with his speed and execution during the qualifier, and we’re proud to have him represent Guaranteed Rate on the #55 car this weekend.”

“We’re excited to have Guaranteed Rate as the primary sponsor on Alex Palou’s car for this weekend’s Indianapolis 500,” expressed Team Owner Dale Coyne. “As an Illinois-based team we’re proud to be able to represent a Chicago-based national brand at the biggest race of the year. We hope to make them proud in return with a strong showing in Sunday’s race. Alex has done an amazing job so far and we look forward to seeing how he does tomorrow.”

The seventh round of the NTT IndyCar Series season, the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500, will go green on Sunday, August 23 at 2:30pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm ET.

About Guaranteed Rate

Guaranteed Rate is one of the largest retail mortgage lenders in the United States. Headquartered in Chicago, the Company has more than 5,000 employees in nearly 350 offices across the U.S., and is licensed in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. Since its founding in 2000, Guaranteed Rate has helped hundreds of thousands of homeowners with home purchase loans and refinances and funded more than \$30 billion in loans in 2019 alone. The Company has cemented itself as Positively Different by introducing innovative technology, such as the world’s first Digital Mortgage, by offering low rates and by delivering unparalleled customer service. Honors and awards include: Top Lender for Online Service for 2018 by U.S. News & World Report; No. 3 ranking in Scotsman Guide’s Top Retail Mortgage Lenders 2019; Top Lender 2016, 2017 and 2018 by Chicago Agent magazine; Chicago Tribune’s Top Workplaces list for seven consecutive years; and Best Online Mortgage Lender, Best Mortgage Lender for VA loans and Best Conventional Mortgage Lender by NerdWallet in 2019. Visit rate.com for more information.

About Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh

Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh was formed at the end of 2019 as a partnership between Dale Coyne Racing and Kazumichi Goh, the founder of Team Goh. The two teams first collaborated in the early 1990s and reconnected nearly 20 years later to run Spaniard Alex Palou in the NTT IndyCar Series. Dale Coyne Racing has participated in every season of the North American open-wheel series since 1984. Dale Coyne, a Midwestern entrepreneur who designed and built Route 66 Raceway and Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, IL, is known for taking on young drivers and mentoring them in the early stages of their careers. The team has claimed multiple victories, most notably, winning back-back races at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in the past few years. Team Goh also has a storied history in racing. The team won the 1996 All Japan Grand Touring

Car Championship 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 Palou to Start Seventh in First Indianapolis 500

On August 16, 2020



INDIANAPOLIS (August 16, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou took part in the Fast Nine qualifying session on Sunday in which he secured himself a seventh place on the starting grid for next Sunday's 104th running of the Indianapolis 500.

Despite registering the fastest single lap of the nine drivers in the session with a speed of 231.901 mph around the 2.5-mile oval, Palou experienced an issue with his weight jacker on his first lap which made it impossible to make adjustments on his next three laps to help keep up his speed. The rookie ended up with a four-lap average speed of 229.676mph which initially placed him second on the provisional grid.

Today's qualifying result ties Palou's best oval start of the season.

Position: 7th

Lap 1: 231.901 mph
Lap 2: 230.364 mph
Lap 3: 228.083 mph
Lap 4: 228.398 mph
Average: 229.676 mph

Alex Palou – #55 Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh

“We had some issues on our run. The team is looking into it, but it looks like the weight jacker malfunctioned. We had the speed, it was in the car, we just couldn’t put the lap together. It’s a shame, but at the end of the day, we are in the Fast Nine which was our first objective. I would have loved to be on pole, just like the 32 other drivers that are here, but it’s ok. I’m not happy with my run today, but overall, I’m super happy with how the week is going. We can now focus on the race. I’m really looking forward to it.”

The 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 will go green on Sunday, August 23 at 2:30pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm ET.

Alex Palou Impresses with Seventh Place in Day 1 of Indianapolis 500 Qualifying

On August 15, 2020



Rookie driver will be fighting for pole position in Fast Nine Qualifying on Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS (August 15, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou continued to impress on Saturday during the first day of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 by placing seventh quickest and giving himself the opportunity for a shot at pole position in Sunday’s Fast Nine qualifying session.

Palou was the 23rd driver to take to the 2.5-mile oval and he immediately jumped to the top of the timing charts thanks to a first lap of 231.552 mph. However, with a small loss of speed over his next couple of laps he fell to fourth following his third lap and ended up placing sixth after his run. Ultimately, Palou’s four-lap average of 231.034mph was the seventh quickest on the day. Next weekend’s Indianapolis 500 start will only be Palou’s third oval race of his career.

Position: 7th

Lap 1: 231.552 mph

Lap 2: 231.211 mph

Lap 3: 230.808 mph

Lap 4: 230.546 mph

Average: 231.034 mph

Alex Palou – #55 Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh

“That was awesome to complete a qualifying run here at Indy. The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh crew gave me such a great car. It’s so enjoyable to drive, every lap. I think we had a really good first three days of practice. We already felt really comfortable yesterday. The speed was there. The car has a lot of speed, so I was really confident and comfortable with the car balance. We just did the job we’ve been doing all these days and we’re in the Fast Nine. I think that’s really amazing in my first year here for me, for the team, for everybody. It shows how all my crew worked to give me the best car possible. I think we’re able to fight. I don’t know about fighting for the pole because there are a lot of really fast cars out there, but we will study tonight and see if we can go for it. Just starting in the top 9 is going to be awesome for my first Indy 500. I’m really looking forward to it. I think it will be a bit easier going into tomorrow because now I know how it works, what you feel when you’re waiting there with the engine off and you hear all the cars go by and you don’t really know what’s going on. I think it’s going to be a bit calmer. I know what to do now. It was the first four consecutive laps I did in qualifying mode. We’re ready for tomorrow. I’m super happy and this gives me a lot of motivation for the Fast Nine qualifying. I think it’s going to be a great day for the team.”

Sunday’s Fast Nine qualifying session will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm to 3:00pm ET.

The 104th running of the Indianapolis will go green on Sunday, August 23 at 2:30pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm ET.

James Davison Qualifies for the 104th Indianapolis 500

On August 15, 2020



Indianapolis, Ind. (August 15, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD & Belardi with driver James Davison qualified 27th for the Indianapolis 500 with a four-lap average speed of 228.747mph.

Davison attempted to better his speed later on in the day, however due to the conditions being warmer than earlier in the day he was unable to improve his position.

Position: 27th

Lap 1: 230.957mph

Lap 2: 230.267mph

Lap 3: 227.771mph

Lap 4: 226.061mph

Average: 228.747mph

James Davison – #51 Jacob Construction Honda

“Today was a frustrating day for the No. 51 Jacob Construction crew, we had speed in the car running high 230’s on the first lap. No matter what we tried, in advance or on the fly to tune the balance, we would lose it. Not only would we lose it, but we would be fighting a car that pushed and was loose. Through no lack of effort, we have ended up qualifying further back than we would have liked but there is 500 miles ahead and we will regroup and do what we can to get on top of the balance in the final practices we have prior to the race,” said James Davison.

The 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 is set to take the green flag August 23, 2020, with live television coverage available on NBC starting at 2:30pm ET.

Dale Coyne with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD & Belardi Unveil Jacob Construction Livery for 104th Indy 500

On August 14, 2020



Speedway, Ind. (August 14, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD & Belardi today unveiled their Jacob Construction livery for the No. 51 machine to be driven by James Davison in the 104th Indianapolis 500.

The No. 51 Honda will be sporting different colors than its usual red and black, due to the addition of a new primary partner to the team. The car will sport the blue and white Jacob Companies and Jacob Construction colors and feature the logos of major associate sponsors Tilson and America's Best Value Inn.

"We're thrilled to be making our Indianapolis 500 debut this year and to be working with this group of great partners as we venture into the NTT IndyCar Series," said Don Perry, President of Jacob Companies and Jacob Construction. "Seeing our blue and white colors on an Indy car at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway is very special to me and to everyone at Jacob Construction. We wish James and the team the best of luck. We know they'll make us proud."

Jacob Companies and Jacob Construction is a multifaceted construction firm covering everything from construction, development, and technology services. Jacob delivers to its clients an expansive knowledge in the design, build, and construction management areas of the construction industry. In addition to these services offered by Jacob, the company also self performs structural concrete, HVAC and low voltage and technology services.

The 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 is set to take the green flag August 23, 2020, with live television coverage available on NBC starting at 2:30pm ET.

Alex Palou Completes Rookie Orientation, Eighth Quickest on Opening Day at IMS

On August 12, 2020



INDIANAPOLIS (August 12, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou took to the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval for the first time on Wednesday. The driver of the #55 Honda successfully ran through all phases of rookie orientation (ROP) and was 8th quickest out of the 33-car field at the end of first day on track.

Palou ran through the three ROP phases during the rookie session at 1pm completing 10 laps in the 205mph to 210mph range, another 10 laps in the 210mph – 215mph window and 10 laps at 215mph and higher.

Following rookie practice, Palou was able to take to the track with the whole field for a 2.5-hour practice session in which he ran a fastest lap of 223.104mph.

“This is such a different place than the two other ovals I’ve been to. It’s a crazy place, in a good way,” expressed Palou. “That was a lot of fun getting to run with everyone after the Rookie Orientation earlier today. Right now, running alone is easier than with traffic. I think I got really comfortable in the rookie session and again this afternoon running alone. But then I was just getting up to speed running in traffic. I was able to follow the cars ahead of me but I’m still working on overtaking them. I’m taking it one step at a time. We have a full day tomorrow and Friday to keep working on that. I think we have a fast

car. The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh crew did a really good job on the set up and preparing the car.”

Palou will have two more days of practice on Thursday and Friday with sessions running from 11am to 5:30pm, ahead of Saturday’s qualifying session.

Saturday’s qualifying session will go green at 11am ET and will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold app. Fans can also watch the final two hours of qualifying from 3pm to 5pm live on NBC.

Positions 10 to 33 will be determined on Saturday, August 15, while Saturday’s top 9 cars will have a chance at pole position on Sunday, August 16. Sunday’s Fast Nine qualifying will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm to 3:00pm ET.

The 104th running of the Indianapolis will go green on Sunday, August 23 at 2:30pm ET and will be broadcast live on NBC from 1:00pm ET.

Davison, BYRD, Belardi Return to Dale Coyne Racing in Partnership with Rick Ware Racing for Indianapolis 500

On August 6, 2020



Plainfield, IL (August 6, 2020) – James Davison is set to return to Dale Coyne Racing for the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 this month. The team has entered into a partnership with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD and Belardi Auto Racing to run the #51 Jacob Construction entry for the Australian driver, with continued support from Americas Best Value Inn, Tilson HR, and Cruz Associates.

Davison will be making his fourth appearance in a Dale Coyne Racing car at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway as he looks to make his sixth start on the 2.5-mile oval. In his most recent outing with the team, in 2019, Davison registered his best Indianapolis 500 finish, taking the checkered flag in 12th place.

The #51 Honda will feature the blue and white colors of primary sponsor Jacob Construction, a multifaceted construction firm with a focus on construction, development and technology services. Jacob provides clients with a wide range of services in the Design Build and Construction Management sectors of the construction industry. In conjunction with these services, Jacob self performs structural concrete, architectural and structural precast erection.

The 2020 Indianapolis 500 will be BYRD Racing's third time partnering with Dale Coyne (2016, 2019) and the second for Belardi Auto Racing (2019). While both teams will be making a return to the Greatest Spectacle in Racing, this will be the first appearance for Rick Ware Racing who fields cars in NASCAR, IMSA and the Asian Le Mans Series.

Davison is no stranger to Rick Ware Racing for which he drives on a part time basis in the NASCAR Cup Series.

Practice for the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 kicks off on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 with the race scheduled for August 23, 2020. The seventh round of the NTT IndyCar Series season will be televised live on NBC starting at 2:30pm ET.

James Davison – driver #51 Jacob Construction – Dale Coyne with Rick Ware Racing, BYRD and Belardi

“I am overjoyed to be returning to the Indy 500 with Dale Coyne Racing, Rick Ware Racing, BYRD and Belardi. Last year we had a great run qualifying and finishing in the top half of the field, and we intend to replicate and improve on that. The Byrd family, Brian Belardi, and Dale Coyne have been loyal believers in me and have demonstrated that in a way for which I will forever be grateful, and I am excited to be able to now enjoy the support of Rick Ware Racing as well. While a lot will be different this year due to the unusual circumstances, it is still an exciting time to be involved in Indy car racing under the stewardship of the Penske Corporation and to have the opportunity to get on track next week at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.”

Dale Coyne – Owner Dale Coyne Racing

“James had great runs the last couple times he’s raced at the Indy 500 for us. He picked up his best finish last season and we look forward to seeing him build on that result this year. It’s also great to be continuing our partnership with BYRD and Belardi and we’re happy to be welcoming Rick Ware to the NTT IndyCar Series for his first Indy 500.”

Rick Ware – Owner Rick Ware Racing

“It is not too often I get to experience a ‘first’ in motorsports. However, this year we not only won an International Championship, RWR will be entered into the 104th running of the Indianapolis 500. This is definitely a bucket list item that I’ve had for a long time. I am excited to be partnered together with Dale Coyne Racing, BYRD Racing and Belardi to showcase our efforts.”

David Byrd – Owner Byrd Racing

“Our previous two Indy 500 partnerships with Dale have been nothing short of fantastic, and we are just over the moon to be working together again, while also extending our relationship with Brian Belardi and starting a new one with Rick Ware Racing. We are definitely looking forward to picking up right where we left off last May.”

Brian Belardi – Owner Belardi Auto Racing

“I’m really excited to be back with Dale Coyne Racing, BYRD Racing, and James Davison for a 2nd year at the Indianapolis 500, along with our new partners at Rick Ware Racing. Last year was an amazing finish and a great platform to build on with our 12th place result. I can’t wait to see what the team is capable of accomplishing this year building off the momentum from 2019!”

Untimely Yellow Costs Palou Strong Finish at Iowa Speedway Race 2

On July 18, 2020



Newton, Iowa (July 18, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou was hoping to improve on his previous night's result at Iowa Speedway on Saturday. However, an untimely yellow just after his third pit stop cost him a potential top-10 result, and the rookie had to settle with a 14th place finish.

Palou, who was starting seventh, lost positions at the start but then settled into 12th position for most of his first stint. While the Spaniard moved his way back up to third before entering pit lane on Lap 62, he would end up 22nd after his first pit stop.

The driver of the #55 Honda, who registered lap times as quick as the leaders as he got more and more comfortable with every lap, then took advantage of a full course caution to pit from fifth on Lap 119 and return to the track in eighth place.

However, Palou wasn't so fortunate with the timing of the second full course caution that came out on Lap 180. The rookie had just exited pit lane after pitting from second but would end up 15th, one lap down to the leaders upon exiting the pits.

“We started closer to the front than last night, and unfortunately I didn't have a good start. I lost a lot of positions but once we settled in I think we had a really strong car. We were able to pass some guys which we didn't do as much yesterday. I also started passing cars on the outside, which was pretty cool. I also didn't do that in the first race. So, I've definitely learned a lot the last couple of nights and was more comfortable for sure. We improved a lot so I'm happy. The car was better, I was better. It's just a shame about the result. The last yellow cost us a lot. Overall, I really enjoyed racing on a short oval. The next time I come here it will be a bit calmer, and I'll know what to expect. There was a lot to learn but I really liked racing here,” said Palou.

After five races in three weeks, Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh will have a couple of weekends off before heading to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course August 8 – 9 for the next round of the NTT IndyCar Series.

Ferrucci's Fantastic Start Lost to Untimely Yellow in Iowa IndyCar 250s Race 2

On July 18, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci had a fantastic start to the Iowa INDYCAR 250s Race 2 only to see it lost to an untimely yellow costing him a possible top-10 finish,
- Ferrucci qualified the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan Honda 16th on Friday for Saturday's Race 2.
- On the opening lap he took the outside line and passed eight cars moving him into eighth place.
- Ferrucci made another pass for seventh and got as high as third as other drivers pitted prior to his first pit stop.
- He was running in the low teens and on the move prior to his final pit stop when a yellow came out undoing a strategy that could have put him in the top-10.
- Ferrucci was later assessed a drive through penalty for blocking dropping him to 20th place.
- He continued to battle and gained two positions during the closing laps to finish 18th earning valuable championship points.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“The SealMaster Honda was really good tonight. I think we had a top-10 car. It was a good rebound from yesterday's race. We had a fantastic start. I think we had the wrong strategy and caught the yellows at the wrong time. It put us a lap down and from there we were chasing it, trying to get it back and never could with the way the race unfolded. Now I'm just looking forward to Mid-Ohio and having a good result.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 12 points and is now 11th in the IndyCar championship standings with 116 points.
- Ferrucci has finished in the top-9 in three of the six races during the 2020 season with two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.
- The 2020 Iowa INDYCAR 250s Race 2 was Ferrucci's 27th career NTT IndyCar Series start and third at Iowa Speedway.
- In 27 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019) and 10 top-10 showings.
- In his three starts at Iowa Speedway, Ferrucci has a best starting position of 11th (2020) and a best finish of 12th, in his debut at Iowa in 2019.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.
- He finished third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings, third in laps completed (2037 of 2092) and was fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points.
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 7 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Honda Indy 200 August, 9, on the 2.258-mile, 13-turn Mid-Ohio SportsCar Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Palou Finishes 11th in Short Track Debut at Iowa Speedway Race 1

On July 18, 2020



Newton, Iowa (July 17, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou gained a ton of experience in his NTT IndyCar Series short track oval debut at Iowa Speedway on Friday night taking the checkered flag in 11th place.

Tonight's 250 lap event was only Palou's second oval start of his career. After qualifying 18th earlier in the day for the first race of the weekend, the rookie fell to the back of the field at the start but slowly made his way forward thanks to an alternate pit stop strategy but also by passing oval veterans such as Scott Dixon and Ed Carpenter on track.

After holding his own on used tires, Palou entered pit lane on Lap 78 from fifth place for his first stop of the evening. Following his first trip down pit lane, he fell to 21st but continued to make his way back up through the field and was running 15th when a full course yellow came out on Lap 144.

The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad took advantage of the caution to make their second and final pit stop on Lap 148. Palou then found himself in 12th position when the race returned to green flag conditions on Lap 171 and he went on to cross the finish line in 11th place.

With tonight's performance, Palou continues to lead the Rookie of the Year standings with 98 points.

"It was awesome. It's my first short oval and the first oval race that I finish. I think the result wasn't as good as we would have wanted it but I'm super happy with the car and the race. I felt really comfortable and I was getting more and more comfortable with every lap," said Palou. "It was tough because the strategy we did, we had to do a lot of laps on old tires and those laps were really hard to do because everybody around me was running so quick and we just had to maintain our pace. But it worked out. It's a shame that we were not in the Top 10 but I think 11th place is good and tomorrow we're starting P7 so it should be a bit easier. I learned so much tonight and I have a lot to process before the race tomorrow."

Palou will be starting seventh in tomorrow's second round of the doubleheader weekend thanks to an impressive second lap in today's qualifying session. Race 2 will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 8:30pm ET on Saturday, July 18. Drivers will also get an additional one-hour practice session on Saturday from 2:30pm.

Damaged Front Wing Hampers Ferrucci's Iowa IndyCar 250s Race 1

On July 17, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci battled a damaged front wing on his No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan Honda to finish 13th in the Iowa INDYCAR 250s Race 1 at Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.
- Ferrucci qualified 11th for race 1.
- On the opening lap there was contact with another car causing slight damage to his right front wing which caused his SealMaster Honda to lose aerodynamic balance.
- The damage was not readily apparent and with wing adjustments to the front wing during each of his four pit stops, Ferrucci was able to run in the top-10 for the majority of the race.
- He ran as high as seventh as late as lap 200 of the 250 lap contest, however the damage significantly affected the handling of the car and tire wear.
- Ferrucci was forced to pit on race lap 215 for tires, dropping to 15th place.
- He continued to fight and gained two positions during the closing laps to finish 13th earning valuable championship points.



Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“At the start of the race there was some slight contact that cracked the front wing, so we lost a lot of aero balance which made things really tough. We made some adjustments during the race, but didn’t realize the extent of the damage until the car was back in the pits after the race. The SealMaster crew worked hard tonight and we are looking forward to coming from 16th on the starting grid tomorrow to get back into the top-10 and score some good points.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 17 points today and is now ninth in the IndyCar championship standings with 104 points.
- Ferrucci has finished in the top-9 in three of the five races during the 2020 season with two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.
- The 2020 Iowa INDYCAR 250s Race 1 was Ferrucci’s 26th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second at Iowa Speedway.
- In 26 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019) and 10 top-10 showings.
- In his two starts at Iowa Speedway, Ferrucci has a best starting position of 11th (2020) and a best finish of 12th, in his debut at Iowa in 2019.
- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne w/ Vasser-Sullivan.
- Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.
- He finished third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings, third in laps completed (2037 of 2092) and was fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points.
- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 6 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Iowa INDYCAR 250S Race 2, July 18, at the Iowa Speed oval in Newton, Iowa.

Unknown Territory for Alex Palou at Iowa Speedway

On July 15, 2020



Plainfield, IL (July 15, 2020) – After an excellent doubleheader event at Road America last week, Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou is heading into unknown territory this weekend at Iowa Speedway for what will be his short track debut.

Palou is coming off third and seventh place finishes at the Elkhart Lake road course, where he also scored his best starting position of the season with a third place on the starting grid.

The rookie is carrying momentum to the 0.875-mile oval in Newton, Iowa, and while he is hopeful that he can have another strong doubleheader weekend, he's well aware that there's a lot of learning to be done.

“It’s going to be my first experience on a short oval, which means another completely new experience for me. I now have to switch my mind back to oval racing, it’s not a road course anymore, it’s not my specialty so it will be a lot of learning once again as a rookie. Everyone has told me that Iowa is going to be crazy, that it’s a difficult race with the bumps. We have two races again this weekend, so it will be demanding but it will also be good to help me gain as much experience as possible on that type of track,” expressed Palou.

The driver of the #55 Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh Honda only has one oval start on his resume with a best starting position of 16th and finish of 23rd at Texas Motor Speedway. He and his fellow rookies will get an additional 30 minutes of practice time on Friday, July 17 starting at 1:00pm local time.

All drivers will then get one hour of practice (1:30pm – 2:30pm local) with qualifying for both races taking place from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Each driver will get two qualifying laps. Lap 1 will determine their starting position for Race 1 and Lap 2 their starting position for Race 2.

Race 1 of the Iowa IndyCar 250s will go green on Friday, July 17 at 8:15pm local time (9:15pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 8:30pm ET.

Race 2 will also be broadcast live on NBCSN from 8:30pm ET on Saturday, July 18. Drivers will also get an additional one-hour practice session on Saturday from 2:30pm.

Qualifying and practice will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold app.

FERRUCCI FINISHES SIXTH IN REV GROUP GP AT ROAD AMERICA RACE 2

On July 12, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

- Santino Ferrucci piloted the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan Honda machine to a sixth place finish today in the second race of this weekend's REV Group Grand Prix at Road America doubleheader.
- Ferrucci qualified 11th for Race 2.
- The opening lap of the race was chaotic with multiple cars making contact including Ferrucci. He was penalized for avoidable contact dropping him to the back of the field in 20th place.
- He pitted to top off fuel putting him in an alternate fuel strategy, which in the end paid off.
- When other competitors started pitting for the first time the strategy came to the fore as Ferrucci moved into the top-10 then the top-5.

- He was able to save fuel and maintain his pace allowing him to not only finish the race, but gain 14 positions.

- The sixth place finish was his second of the weekend giving him “double sixths” during the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America Doubleheader.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“We started 11th and on the first lap there was a lot of checking up ahead of me, I got penalized and dropped back to last place. The SealMaster Honda was on rails and Jimmy (Vasser) called a perfect strategy. We were able to make the fuel number and still have a quick pace and bring it home for a sixth place finish...the double six at the doubleheader. It was an incredible weekend to have our Wisconsin SealMaster franchisee at the track supporting us.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

- Ferrucci earned 28 points today and is now 10th in the IndyCar championship standings with 87 points.

- He has now finished in the top-9 three consecutive times in the first four races of the 2020 season with two sixth place finishes, both at Road America, and a ninth place showing in the GMR Grand Prix.

- The 2020 REV Group Grand Prix at Road America Race 2 was Ferrucci’s 25th career NTT IndyCar Series start and third at Road America.

- In 25 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

- In his three starts at Road America, Ferrucci has a best starting position of sixth (2020 Race 1) and a best finish of sixth, twice, both this year at Road America.

- Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

- Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.

- He finished third in the 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings and third in laps completed (2037 of 2092),

- Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 5 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the Iowa IndyCar 250S race 1 and 2, July 17 and 18, at the Iowa Speed oval in Newton, Iowa.

Seventh in Race 2 at Road America Puts Palou Atop Rookie Standings

On July 12, 2020



Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin (July 12, 2020) – After picking up his first podium finish of the season with a third place in race 1 on Saturday, Rookie Alex Palou capped off his weekend at the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR with another solid performance by placing seventh in Race 2 at Road America. Today's result also puts him atop the Rookie of the Year standings with 79 points.

Earlier in the day, Palou scored his best starting position in the NTT IndyCar Series with a third place on the starting grid, after missing out on pole position by a mere two hundredths of a second.

Palou once again started strong, however due to multiple full course cautions in the opening laps, it wasn't until the Lap 8 restart that the rookie was able to take over second place and build a gap to Scot Dixon in third.

Following his pit stop on Lap 13, Palou complained of a lack of grip which cost him valuable positions. Then upon exiting the pits on Lap 28, after his second stop, the rookie pushed too hard in order to maintain his track position but in doing so ended up falling back to 14th place.

However, the Spaniard continued to push to make his way back to sixth place before his final stop on Lap 41. The driver of the #55 Honda exited the pits in seventh place where he would take the checkered flag behind his teammate Santino Ferrucci in the Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser Sullivan entry.

“Our first stint was really good. I felt great. I think Pato (O’Ward) had more pace than us but we were really strong compared to others. Then we stopped and switched to the black tires and I don’t know what happened on that second stint, but we lost grip and didn’t have the pace to keep up with the others. So we lost a lot of track positions there. Unfortunately, I then made a mistake when I came out in traffic after our second stop. I pushed too hard to try to keep my position and instead I lost four places so that wasn’t great. But it was good that at the end of the day we came back from 11th to finish seventh. It’s not ideal, but I’m happy to finish in the top 10,” shared Palou.

“It was fun, I learned a lot this weekend. Overall, I think we had an amazing weekend for Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh. Obviously, I would say that when you’re running second in the opening stint, you want to finish there, but still, I think we did a good job. We’re still learning, we’re only in our fourth race so I’m looking forward to what we can do with more race experience as we move forward.”

The NTT IndyCar Series will be back on track next weekend at Iowa Speedway for another doubleheader event, with races on Friday and Saturday night.

Brilliant Drive Leads to Palou's First Podium Finish

On July 11, 2020



Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin (July 11, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou scored his first NTT IndyCar Series podium on Saturday during Race 1 of the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR with a third-place finish, thanks to a brilliant drive from his 14th place on the starting grid.



Right from the start Palou was on a mission to move forward as he gained five places on the first lap to take over ninth place. The Spaniard, who was making only his third start in the series, remained in that position holding off veteran driver Ryan Hunter-Reay until his first pit stop on Lap 12.

Following the first round of stops, Palou cycled back up to fourth and once again remained there until his second trip to pit lane on Lap 26. This time, the rookie made it up to sixth before his final stop on Lap 38, under a full course caution.

Palou was running fourth at the restart on Lap 45 and immediately overtook Hunter-Reay heading into Turn 1. However, with another caution flag coming out, the pass wasn't allowed, and Palou was relegated back to fourth for the following restart.



The rookie didn't give up and once again got by Hunter-Reay for third place at the restart. With eight laps remaining, he held off Hunter-Reay all while keeping in striking distance of Will Power to score his first podium finish.

“It’s amazing, it feels so good! That was an awesome race for us. It was my first time here at Road America and having practice, qualifying and the race all in the same day isn’t easy. It was tough starting 14th but we were lucky today because we had a really strong car. I could overtake some of the guys at the start and then we just had a really good pace, good enough to be overtaking when we had clean air,” said Palou.

“The crew did well on the pit stops and the last one was amazing as we got ahead of quite a few guys and we were P4 after that last stop. After the restart, I could easily follow Ryan (Hunter-Reay) and Will (Power) and I was able to overtake Ryan twice to get into third. It was a really nice race for us. I hope we can repeat our performance tomorrow, and hopefully do even better.”

Palou and his Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad will have the chance to do it again tomorrow in the second round of the doubleheader weekend. The green flag will drop at 11:42am local time and the race will be broadcast live on NBC from Noon ET.

Ferrucci Finishes Sixth in REV Group GP at Road America Race 1

On July 11, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

Santino Ferrucci drove the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan Honda to a sixth place finish today in the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America Race 1.

Ferrucci had a brilliant qualifying effort earlier in the day on the 4.014-mile, 14-turn Road America permanent road course. His fast time, 1:45.7696, was turned on the last lap of his qualifying run, putting him third in his group and sixth on the starting grid. The sixth place starting position is Ferrucci's best on an Indy car road/street course in 17 races and ties his best overall Indy car qualifying position set last year at WWT Raceway at Gateway.

In the race, Ferrucci had a phenomenal first lap moving from sixth to fourth. He then executed a difficult pass on Ryan Hunter-Reay to take third, and assumed second place during the first round of pit stops. He held second for the entire second stint, then pitted and rejoined the race in third. Ferrucci was running in third when he pitted for the final time, but while coming down pit lane was forced to check up when another car came

from the fast (outside) lane straight across pit lane. The team fought back from the incident and finished sixth.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“We had a fantastic opening lap moving up from sixth to fourth. I then made a really tough pass on Ryan Hunter-Reay and got around him for third. From there we moved into second and held our own, didn’t make any mistakes. Coming out of the pits after the last stop we lost a lot of track position when another car turned straight from the fast lane across to his pit box and I was forced to check up. We fought back from there to finish sixth. It was a blast to drive the SealMaster-Coyne Vasser-Sullivan car today and I’m ready to take on tomorrow.”

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

Ferrucci earned 28 points today and is now 11th in the IndyCar championship standings with 59 points on the strength of two top-9 finishes in the first three races of the season (Road America – sixth, GMR Grand Prix – ninth).

This is Ferrucci’s best finish in two starts at Road America. In his Road America debut last year he qualified finished 19th.

Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar Series season and first with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2020 REV Group Grand Prix at Road America Race 1 was Ferrucci’s 24th career NTT IndyCar Series start and second at Road America.

In 24 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.

He finished third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings, third in laps completed (2037 of 2092), fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points and eighth in laps led with 118. Ferrucci placed 13th in championship standings with 351 points.

Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut but resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 4 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America Race 2, tomorrow, July 12, on the Road America permanent road course.

Palou Hoping for Strong Doubleheader Weekend at Road America

On July 10, 2020



Plainfield, IL (July 10, 2020) – Rookie Alex Palou will be making his first appearance at the picturesque Road America circuit this weekend as the NTT IndyCar Series heads to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin for the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR.

The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver will have not one, but two races around the 4.014-mile, 14-turn road course as he looks to improve on his promising performance at last weekend's GMR Grand Prix.

“We’ve done some simulator work in preparation for Road America so that should help us heading into the weekend. It gives me a better idea of what to expect, but it’s still going to be tough because of the single practice session. Even if you’ve driven the track on the simulator, nothing beats driving on the real thing, so you still need some time to learn the track and get the car where you want it to be and that can be tough to do in just one 75-minute session,” expressed Palou, who will be making his third and fourth Indy car starts this weekend.

“That said, I’m confident we’ll be stronger there than at Indy. From what I’ve seen by watching on board videos and with the sim work, the track is really nice, it has a little bit of everything and I’m looking forward to not only one but two races there this weekend.”

Teams will get one 75-minute practice session on Saturday, July 11 starting at 10:00am local time. Qualifying for Race 1 is scheduled for 1:15pm local time with Round 1 of the doubleheader going green later that day at 4:15pm local time.

The green flag will fall on the second race of the REV Group Grand Prix presented by AMR on Sunday, July 12 at 11:42am local time. Qualifying for Race 2 will take place earlier that day at 9:00am local time.

Race 1 will be broadcast live on NBCSN from 5pm ET with Race 2 being broadcast live on NBC from Noon ET. The lone practice session and both qualifying sessions will be streamed live on the NBC Sports Gold App.

Ferrucci Pilots Mouser Molex Machine to Ninth Place Finish in GMR Grand Prix

On July 6, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

Santino Ferrucci piloted the No. 18 Mouser Molex-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan machine to a ninth place finish today in the GMR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. Ferrucci started 15th and had to overcome a minor bobble during his first pit stop, but drove with determination and skill to earn his first top-10 finish of the season and best finish in two races on the IMS road course.



Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“We finished ninth today and we were coming. Our race car was very good. I am really proud of the whole Coyne Vasser-Sullivan team. In this morning’s warm-up we got the Mouser Molex Honda back up to speed like we had in practice on day one. We bobbed the first pit stop, but we raced it back to finish 9th. That was really stong. I think we will have a great car when we come back in October.

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

Ferrucci earned 22 points today and is now 13th in the IndyCar championship standing with 31 points.

This is his best finish on the IMS road course in two races. He placed 10th last year in his IMS debut.

Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2020 GMR Grand Prix was Ferrucci’s 23rd NTT IndyCar Series start and second on the IMS road course.

In 23 career IndyCar starts, he has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.

He finished third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings, third in laps completed (2037 of 2092), was fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points and eighth in laps led with 118. Ferrucci placed 13th in championship standings with 351 points.

Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut but resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Next Race:

Round 3 and 4 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the REV Group Grand Prix at Road America, July 11-12, on the Road America permanent road course.

Promising First IndyCar Road Course Race for Palou

On July 4, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (July 4, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou completed his first full NTT IndyCar Series race on Saturday at the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway. However, while it was a promising road course debut, it wasn't an easy one for the driver who placed 19th in the GMR Grand Prix.

Palou, who was starting 21st, managed to move up to 16th place before heading to pit lane for his first stop on Lap 11. Having elected for a three-stop strategy, the rookie returned to the track in 23rd place.

Despite moving back up to 11th prior to his second stop, the Spaniard would end up losing a lap having pitted only a couple of laps before a full course caution.

Palou ended up getting his lap back and gained a couple of positions following his final stop on lap 58 to take the checkered flag in 19th place.

“It was really tough today at the GMR Grand Prix. Our strategy didn't work out how we would have hoped. We pitted early when we were running on the Firestone Red tires and that ended up not playing in our favor. Then we didn't have any luck with the caution because we lost a lap there, so it was kind of over at that point for us,” explained Palou. “However, the pace of our Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh Honda wasn't bad, we improved from yesterday, which is good. We'll need to analyze everything but I'm happy that we got all the laps in today. It will help us for Road America next weekend. I think we'll be much better there.”

The Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad will be back in action next weekend, July 11 and 12, at Road America for the REV Group Grand Prix doubleheader event.

Ferrucci Qualifies Mouser Molex Machine for GMR Grand Prix

On July 3, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Summary:

Santino Ferrucci qualified the No. 18 Mouser Molex-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry for tomorrow's GMR Grand Prix on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana. Ferrucci had a blistering practice session, finishing second on the speed charts. In qualifying, he went out with Group 1 in Round 1 and recorded a fast lap of 1:10.7902 placing him eighth in his group. So he did not advance and will start 15th.

Santino Ferrucci Qualifying Quote:

"The Mouser Molex Honda was still really good, I just didn't get the front tires to where I wanted them for the first half of the lap. I think we have a good race car, but qualifying did not go the way we hoped for coming off P2 in practice. Unfortunately, its basically a one-lap qualifying and I just missed advancing by about a tenth and a half which is definitely something to work on."

Santino Ferrucci Fast Facts:

Ferrucci is contesting his second full NTT IndyCar season and first with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2020 GMR Grand Prix will be Ferrucci's 23rd NTT IndyCar Series start and second on the IMS road course.

In 22 career IndyCar starts, he has three top-five finishes (Fourth at: Texas Motor Speedway, Pocono Raceway and World Wide Technology Raceway, all in 2019)

In his IMS road course debut last year, Ferrucci started 14th and finished 10th.

Ferrucci was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh.

He finished third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings, third in laps completed (2037 of 2092), was fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points and eighth in laps led with 118. Ferrucci placed 13th in championship standings with 351 points.

Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut but resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Race Broadcast:

Round 2 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season will be the GMR Grand Prix, July 3-4, on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course.

Palou to Start from 11th Row at GMR Grand Prix

On July 3, 2020



Indianapolis, IN (July 3, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh driver Alex Palou was hoping for a better result for his maiden NTT IndyCar Series road course qualifying

session on Friday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but the rookie had to settle for 21st on the starting grid for Saturday's GMR Grand Prix.

Despite the end result, Palou impressed on his initial three-lap qualifying outing by placing third quickest with a lap time of 1:11.57 set on the primary Firestone 'black' tire. However, he was unable to get his alternate Firestone tires up to temperature for his final run in the 10-minute session. His fastest lap time of 1:11.1815 placed him 11th in his qualifying group.

"I'm disappointed with my qualifying result today," expressed Palou. "When we first went out on the primary Firestone tire we were really good and were sitting P3 before going back out on the reds for our final lap. I had traffic on the out lap, like everybody, but I was not able to get the tires up to where they needed to be, so I didn't have enough grip on my final lap and that's why our result wasn't so good. It's all part of the learning experience, I guess. However, I'm happy with the first run we did, and I'm also encouraged for tomorrow because I believe we have a strong car for the race and that's when it counts the most."

Palou and his fellow NTT IndyCar Series drivers will get a final 30-minute warm up session tomorrow morning at 9:00am. The GMR Grand Prix will be broadcast live on NBC starting at Noon ET on Saturday, July 4.

Palou Eager for IndyCar Road Course Debut

On July 1, 2020



Plainfield, IL (July 1, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou sees this weekend’s GMR Grand Prix, the second round on the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series schedule, as the true start to his rookie season.

Palou made his official series debut at Texas Motor Speedway last month, where he gained valuable experience around the high-speed oval, despite a short lived race, through no fault of his own.

However, with this weekend’s event being held on the 2.439-mile, 14-turn road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Spaniard will find himself in a familiar environment having competed his entire career on that style of race track.

“I’m really excited to get back to racing this weekend at the GMR Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Texas was my first official NTT IndyCar Series race, but it was on an oval, after three months off and I had never raced on an oval before, so this weekend feels more like an ‘unofficial’ first race for me,” shared Palou.

“I’m very happy to be heading to a road course, which is the type of track that I’m used to racing on in Europe and Japan. It’s an environment that I’m much more comfortable with so I’m looking forward to a good weekend in my Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh Honda. The team had good cars there last season and I’m confident we can be quick there this year. Hopefully we can come out of the weekend with a good result.”

Drivers will get 90 minutes of practice starting at 11:30am ET on Friday, July 3 ahead of that afternoon’s qualifying session. Practice from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway will be streamed live on the NBC Gold App with qualifying being broadcast live on NBCSN from 4:30pm ET.

The GMR Grand Prix will go green at 12:08pm ET on Saturday, July 4 and will be broadcast live on NBC starting at Noon ET.

PIT MISHAP ENDS STRONG EFFORT BY FERRUCCI IN GENESYS 300

On June 9, 2020



Santino Ferrucci Race Summary:

Santino Ferrucci was having a strong race and looking at a possible top-10 finish in his debut in the No. 18 Team SealMaster-Dale Coyne Vasser-Sullivan entry. However a late race mishap during a pit stop brought an early end to his 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season opening Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway. Practice, qualifying and the race were all condensed into one day of action. Ferrucci started 23rd after the team decided to skip qualifying to work on the car setup in preparation for the main event. The decision proved to be a good one as Ferrucci was on the move from the drop of the green flag. He was running in the mid-teens by the time the first round of pit stops started and was in 13th place when he made a stop on lap 157 of the 200-lap contest. Unfortunately, during the stop the team experienced a problem that ended up damaging the car and ending Ferrucci's day in 21st place.

Santino Ferrucci Race Quote:

“It was a very exciting day at Texas Motor Speedway for the No. 18 SealMaster Honda. The crew put in a lot of effort. Obviously coming back for the first race after many months is not easy especially when most of them flew in at 7:00 a.m. this morning. We skipped qualifying to tune the car for the race and it was a great decision that was paying off really well. We were fighting our way into the top-10. During one of our last pit stops we made a mistake. It was a small mistake, but it cost us a lot. This is nothing we can’t learn from and move forward with the momentum we gained today.”

Fast Facts:

In two races at TMS, Ferrucci has a best finish of fourth in his TMS debut last year. Ferrucci is contesting his third NTT IndyCar Series season and third with Dale Coyne Racing. This is his second full IndyCar season, and first with Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan.

The 2019 DXC Technology 600 was Ferrucci’s 22nd NTT IndyCar Series start and second at Texas Motor Speedway.

In 22 career IndyCar starts, Ferrucci has finished a career-high fourth three times (Texas, Pocono and St. Louis all in 2019).

Ferrucci is the 2019 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year (finished seventh). He was third in the 2019 NTT IndyCar Series Rookie of the Year standings.

Ferrucci completed the third most laps in 2019 and placed fourth among all drivers on ovals.

Ferrucci, 22, is a native of Woodbury, Connecticut and now resides in Port St. Lucie, Florida

Next Race:

Round 2 of the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series will be the GMR Grand Prix, Saturday, July 4 on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in Speedway, Indiana.

Palou's NTT IndyCar Series Debut Ends Early in Texas

On June 6, 2020



Fort Worth, Texas (June 6, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou's NTT IndyCar Series debut was short lived when he got caught up in an on-track incident on Lap 37 of the Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday evening.

Earlier in the day, Palou had done a good job by qualifying 16th in his first ever oval qualifying session after only two hours of practice on the 1.5-mile track.

Palou was looking forward to gaining as much experience as possible in what was his first oval race and was running 15th when he entered pit lane on Lap 35 for his first pit stop.

Unfortunately, the Spaniard only got one more lap under his belt before he was collected by fellow rookie Rinus Veekey who made contact with the wall and shot back down the track, clipping the right rear tire on the #55 Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh entry.

"I don't think there was much I could have done. In hindsight, I should have gone high instead of going low, but that's easy to say now. I have to watch the replay. Maybe I could

have done something different, but not with the oval experience I have right now,” shared Palou.

“It’s a shame because the car was really good. I was getting comfortable and getting up to speed. Every lap I was getting better and better and keeping up with the cars in front. I was trying to get the car balanced right for the last stints. Unfortunately, we were not able to do that.”

Next up for Palou and the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh team will be the GMR Grand Prix on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4, 2020.

A Day of Firsts Awaits Alex Palou in Texas

On June 4, 2020



Plainfield, IL (June 4, 2020) – The NTT IndyCar Series is getting back on track this weekend and Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou will be facing a day of firsts on Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway as he, finally, makes his official series debut.

Palou will not only be taking part in his first NTT IndyCar Series event, but it will also mark his first oval race and night race, all in a condensed one-day schedule on the high-speed oval that is the 1.5-mile track in Fort Worth, Texas. While Palou will be the

only driver on the grid having never raced on an oval, in any category, he won't be going in completely blind having at least tested at Texas Motor Speedway earlier this year.

“These last few weeks I was really worried about just getting back to the United States and now that I'm here, I'm even happier and more excited to go racing at Texas Motor Speedway this weekend. Not only did I make it, but I made it with enough time to prepare properly with the team and the engineers and to prepare myself. To be able to focus on racing and not always thinking about if I'm going to make it or not is a huge relief,” expressed Palou.

“This weekend will be my NTT IndyCar Series debut, which has been a dream of mine. It will also be my first oval, first night race and it's in Texas. Everything to make it a difficult and challenging debut, but I'm looking forward to it. The team has had good cars there in the past so it's going to be up to me to get up to speed and get comfortable with the car again after three months away. We have limited track time, so it won't be easy for me and the other rookies, but we'll try to make the best of it. I'll be the only driver in the field that has never raced on an oval, in any type of car, but I'm ready for the challenge. It would be awesome for Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh if we could come out with a good result as we finally get the season started.”

Palou and his fellow rookies will get an additional 30 minutes of practice starting at 12:10pm local time before a full field practice at 12:40pm local time. Qualifying will take place at 4pm local time (5pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBCSN.

The season opening Genesys 300 will go green at 7:10pm local time (8:10pm ET) and will be broadcast live on NBC from 7pm local time (8pm ET). A pre-race show will be broadcast on NBCSN from 6:30pm local time with a post-race show also being broadcast on NBCSN from 9pm local time.

Palou's Dream Comes True as NTT IndyCar Series Season Kicks Off in St. Petersburg

On March 11, 2020



St. Petersburg, Fla (March 11, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou's long-time dream is becoming reality this weekend at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Round 1 of the 2020 season.

Since he first started racing single-seater race cars, Palou had one vision in mind, that of racing in the NTT IndyCar Series. Now, about six years later, the 22-year-old Spaniard will be making his official series debut at the 1.8-mile, 14-turn street course in St. Petersburg.

“To be honest, I’ve never been this excited for the start of a race season. As I’ve said before, it’s a dream for me to be part of the NTT IndyCar Series and this weekend it officially comes true,” expressed Palou. “I’m ready for the season to start. It’s just a shame that we had a limited amount of time to test with the aeroscreen, but it’s the same for everyone as we head into this first race.

“I can’t wait to discover the St. Petersburg track. I think it’s a good track to start the season at and I’m very much looking forward to getting in the car Friday morning.”

While this will be his first trip to the St. Petersburg event, Palou has some experience racing on street circuits having competed at Norisring (Nuremberg, Germany), Pau (Southwestern France) and Macau (China).

Palou will be on track for the first official practice session of the season on Friday, March 13 at 10:45am ET. A second practice session will follow in the afternoon at 3:00pm ET. On Saturday, March 14, the rookie will have one final practice session ahead of that afternoon's qualifying session which takes place at 2:40pm ET.

The 100-lap season opening round will go green at 3:30pm ET on Sunday, March 15 and will be broadcast live on NBCSN starting at 2:30pm ET.

All practice sessions and qualifying will be streamed live on the NBC Gold app with qualifying also being broadcast on tape delay on NBCSN Saturday, March 14 at 10:00pm ET.

Alex Palou Ninth Quickest in First Official NTT IndyCar Series Test

On February 12, 2020



Austin, Texas (February 12, 2020) – Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh rookie Alex Palou completed his first official NTT IndyCar Series test on Wednesday at Circuit of the Americas by placing ninth in the 27-car field.

After weather wreaked havoc on Tuesday's test day, the driver of the gray and hot pink #55 entry, was finally able to turn laps at full speed on Wednesday once the skies cleared and the temperatures started rising.

Palou completed 60 laps and registered a fastest lap time of 1:47.707. While building his confidence behind the wheel of his Honda powered machine, he collected important information that will be useful throughout the season and for when the team returns to the 3.41-mile, 20-turn road course in April for the AutoNation INDYCAR Challenge.

“It was a really good test at Circuit of the Americas today. It was a bit of a shame that the weather prevented us to run yesterday and this morning, so the afternoon was busy,” shared Palou. “It was a lot of fun. We tested a lot of stuff and we learned a lot. I also got confident with the car and the team. It was a very productive test. I think it’s the start of a good year. (About driving with the aeroscreen) I think it’s really good. I expected the visibility to be worse but no, it was perfectly fine.”

Palou will next be getting his first taste of an Indy car on an oval this Friday as he and the Dale Coyne Racing with Team Goh squad head to Texas Motor Speedway for the Spaniard's rookie orientation.

Ferrucci to Drive No. 18 SealMaster Dale Coyne Racing with Vasser-Sullivan Entry for 2020 NTT IndyCar Season

On January 23, 2020



PLAINFIELD, IL, (January 23, 2020) – Dale Coyne, Jimmy Vasser, and James “Sulli” Sullivan announced today that rising American star and Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year,” Santino Ferrucci, will drive the No.18 Team SealMaster car, co-entered by Dale Coyne Racing and Vasser-Sullivan Racing for the 2020 NTT IndyCar Series season.

The car will carry primary sponsorship support from SealMaster Pavement Products and be entered as the No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan Honda.

In his first full IndyCar season, Ferrucci, 21, a native of Woodbury, Connecticut, made up 16 positions to finish seventh in the 2019 Indianapolis 500 earning him “Rookie of the Year” honors, completed the third most laps of any driver in the series and finished fourth among all drivers on ovals.

QUOTES:

Dale Coyne, Team co-owner Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan: “We’re very happy to have Santino back with us for the 2020 season. He had a very good rookie season and he was absolutely stellar on the ovals. We look forward to him building on that this year. I think he surprised a lot of people in 2019 and he has the potential to do even better in his sophomore year as he now moves to the No. 18 car.”

James “Sulli” Sullivan, Team co-owner Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan: What a big moment for DCVS and the program as we begin our next chapter. This new crop of young fast IndyCar racers is no joke, and we’re energized to have Ferrucci leading our charge in the SealMaster machine. I expect you’ll see some big moments from us in 2020.”

Santino Ferrucci, Driver No. 18 Team SealMaster – Dale Coyne Racing w/ Vasser-Sullivan Honda: “I’m extremely honored that Dale, Jimmy, and Sulli have put their faith in me to carry this program forward. The SealMaster car has had a lot of success in the past two seasons. I’m eager to move into the No.18 car and get spring training started. I also want to say a big thank you to SealMaster for believing in me, and I’m beyond excited to represent them on the biggest stage.”

Debbie Petok Hufford, SealMaster Communications Director: “We’re excited to have this impressive, new talent behind the wheel of the SealMaster Indy car. Santino had a great 2019 IndyCar series debut and we look forward to the energy and enthusiasm he’ll bring to the 2020 season.”

FERRUCCI FAST FACTS:

- **IndyCar Seasons: Third (2020 will be second full season)**
- **Career IndyCar Starts: 21 – Four races in 2018, 17(full season) in 2019**
- **First Start: June 3, 2018**
- **2019 Indianapolis 500 “Rookie of the Year” finishing seventh**
- **Third in 2019 “Rookie of the Year” standings**
- **Third in laps completed (2037 of 2092) in 2019**
- **Fourth among all drivers on ovals with 170 points in 2019**
- **Eighth in laps led with 118 in 2019**