

## Thriller in Kentucky

Clerical Medical and Sports Aid Foundation backed Alex Lloyd competed in the first night race in Indy Pro Series history at Kentucky Super Speedway on Saturday night, and came home with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.

Conditions throughout the weekend were almost unbearable, with high temperatures and high humidity. Alex placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2 practice sessions on Friday morning. For qualifying later that day, Alex was 10<sup>th</sup> of 20 cars to complete the 2 lap qualifying run. Lloyd put in a quick time of 190.759mph, just missing out on the pole but continuing his amazing record of qualifying on the front row in every qualifying session this season.

"We had a good run," said Lloyd. "We were pleased with our speed and the team did a great job. We didn't have enough pace for the pole and the Panther Racing car has had the edge all weekend but I know we have a good race car and I am looking forward to the race."

The Kentucky 100 was scheduled for 9.10pm, after the IndyCar Series race, and under the lights. It was a steaming hot and humid night, and it would make for an exciting race. Alex took the green was going for the lead into turn 1 when he was pushed down onto the apron causing him to lift off and drop to 3<sup>rd</sup>. The top 3 pulled away with Alex patiently sat in 3<sup>rd</sup> sizing up his opponents and working on his car with the onboard sway bars. Lloyd realised early that he was struggling with his car in traffic and made adjustments to try and help the problem. On lap 40 of 67 caution came out for a multi car pile up. By the time all the cars, oil and debris had been removed there were only 4 laps to go. This was Alex's chance to make a run for the win and he pounced at the restart to take second. On the last lap Lloyd made his move to the outside in turn 1 and 2. As the top 3 ran down the back straight Lloyd edged his Sam Schmidt Motorsports car into the lead with the Panther Racing machine of Hideki Mutoh still running side by side down the inside. Wade Cunningham's Andretti Green Racing car got a run on the outside to make it 3 wide going into the final turn of the race. Mutoh used his inside advantage to good use to take the win with Lloyd coming home a solid second, just 1 tenth of a second behind in the 14<sup>th</sup> closest race in Indy Pro Series history. Lloyd also set a new lap record on the final lap of the race with an average speed of 192.5mph.

"To run into the final turn at 195mph 3 wide, just inches apart is always a real buzz," beamed Lloyd. "Obviously we are never happy with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place but today we just didn't have the car to win. We got all we could out of it and gave the win a good go. It was a great race, and one that I am sure the whole crowd will have found enthralling. The team did a great job all weekend and I have to thank them for all the effort they have put in. In terms of the championship we have strengthened our position. We basically have a 2 race advantage with 3 races to go. If we have a solid 2 races at Infineon we should come away as champions."

The Indy Pro Series returns to action on August 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Infineon Raceway. You can watch all the practice sessions and race live on [www.Indycar.com/pro](http://www.Indycar.com/pro)

### Championship Positions after 13/16 rounds

1 <sup>st</sup> – Alex Lloyd	548	<b>(7 wins)</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Hideki Mutoh	450	
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Wade Cunningham	377	
4 <sup>th</sup> – Bobby Wilson	332	
5 <sup>th</sup> – Jaime Camara	320	

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