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## MEDIA RELEASE



### Nelson Philippe Posts a Top-Six Result at Surfers Paradise

**Surfers Paradise, Qld Australia (October 21, 2007)** - Armed with a competitive car, Nelson Philippe (#34 Juniper Soul / Cosworth / DPO1 / Bridgestone) was not ready to sit back and accept his 13th starting position on the grid. He knew this was going to be a difficult first race back in the Champ Car World Series, but he was able to take advantage of his previous race experience and success at the difficult Surfers Paradise circuit to place in the top-six at today's Lexmark Indy 300.

It was his first standing start in a Champ Car, but Nelson was able to negotiate it like a veteran and picked up three spots in the first laps. On the historically tricky street course of Surfers Paradise, Nelson's goal of running a clean race was achieved despite the early yellow caution flags and a close call with rookie Graham Rahal on lap 25. The team had an alternative strategy planned prior to the start of the race but opted to follow the race leaders after moving up three places to tenth position after the start. The Conquest crew gave Nelson clean and fast pit stops which helped him to race hard and take the #34 Juniper Soul car past many of his competitors. After his final stop, Philippe passed Simon Pagenaud for fifth position but necessary fuel saving forced him slow down in the later stages of the race and settled for a sixth position finish.

After his initial race of the 2007 year, Nelson is now prepared for an even better finish at Mexico City which will also be the final race of the season.

Final Position Fastest Lap Time  
Nelson Philippe 6th 92.716  
Sebastian Bourdais 1st 91.145  
Nelson Phillippe Quote

"Even though the results may not show it, it was probably one of the best races of my career," said Nelson. "We were very consistent throughout the entire race and able to post fast lap times. Unfortunately, our strategy didn't completely pay off for us in the end. I'm very pleased with the Conquest team, sixth may not be the best result, but we have to be realistic and remember it was my first weekend back. We finished ahead of a lot of guys who have been racing all season. I was able to make some good passes and the team gave me a very good race car. I am happy overall and I can't wait to go to Mexico City. The Conquest Racing team has had great results on road courses so I think we will do very well there."

"Additionally, I want to thank the Juniper family for giving us this opportunity to race this weekend" Eric Bachelart Quote "We are very encouraged with the results from today's race," said Eric Bachelart, Conquest Racing Team Owner. "It is great to have the Conquest Racing team in the top six again. It was a challenge for Nelson to join the field that has been racing together all season, especially here in Surfers, but he did a phenomenal job behind the wheel all weekend long. We also appreciate having the Juniper Group and Opes Prime joining our organization. This has been a very good start of great partnerships."

The Gran Premio Tecate presented by Banamex is the 14th round of the Champ Car World Series and will be held at Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez in Mexico City, Mexico on November 9th - November 11th. The race will be broadcast live on ESPN2 on Sunday, November 11th starting at 2:00 pm EST.

#### About Conquest Racing

1991 Indy Lights Champion Eric Bachelart started Conquest Racing in 1997 to compete in the Indy Lights series, winning races and scoring podium finishes with drivers such as Christophe Tinseau, Felipe Giaffone and Kristian Kolby.

Conquest Racing contested the 2002 Indy Racing League season with rookie Laurent Redon, netting a podium finish in just the third race of the season and clinching the Rookie of the Year award.

Conquest Racing rejoined the Champ Car family in 2003 and has been developing many rookie drivers over the past five years including Justin Wilson, Nelson Philippe, Charles Zwolsman and Andrew Ranger. Through their hard work, Conquest has scored eight top-five finishes and earned two podiums with Andrew Ranger and Jan Heylen. Conquest Racing looks forward to continuing its tradition of working with younger drivers and supporting the future of the Champ Car World Series.

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