



## Motorola Driver Danica Patrick 2008 Nikon Indy 300 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Danica Patrick

**What:** Nikon Indy 300, Round 18 of the 2008 IndyCar® Series - non-points event

**Where:** Streets of Surfers Paradise, Australia

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008

**Television:** ESPN Classic, Saturday, Oct. 25, 10:30 p.m. (EDT)

**Danica Patrick on the Nikon Indy 300:**

"I'm really looking forward to racing in Australia. I have heard that it is a great road course. I have improved on my road course races over the past couple of years, so I hope to have a strong result. But most importantly, I plan to use this weekend as momentum for the first race of 2009 in St. Petersburg."

**Danica Patrick Facts**

- The Nikon Indy 300 is a non-points paying IndyCar Series event.
- This is Partick's first start at Surfers Paradise.
- Patrick finished sixth in the 2008 IndyCar Series standings.
- Patrick won her first IndyCar Series race in 2008 at the Indy Japan 300.
- Patrick had three top-five and nine top-10 finishes in 2008, her second season with Andretti Green Racing.
- Patrick had four top-five and 11 top-10 finishes in her first year of driving for Andretti Green Racing, including finishes of third at Texas and Nashville, and a fifth-place finish at Mid-Ohio.
- In 2005, she won the Bombardier Learjet Rookie of the Year award after finishing 12<sup>th</sup> in the final standings, recording two top fives and seven top 10s, including a fourth in the Indianapolis 500®.
- Patrick is one of only 18 drivers in IndyCar Series history to earn three pole positions, those coming at Kansas Speedway, Kentucky Speedway and Chicagoland Speedway in her rookie season.

**Danica Patrick – IndyCar Series Statistics**

	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Poles	Laps Led	Led Points (Rk)
<b>2008</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>379 (6th)</b>
<b>IndyCar Series</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>84</b>	

- This is AGR's first race at Surfers Paradise.
- As a driver, AGR owner Michael Andretti had two pole positions (1991, 1995) and one victory (1994) at the Australia street circuit.



## Team 7-Eleven Driver Tony Kanaan 2008 Nikon Indy 300 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Tony Kanaan

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### **Tony Kanaan on the Nikon Indy 300:**

“Australia is a nice place to go. Obviously, we are going to use it as another test since our opening race next year is at St. Pete. Everybody going to Australia will want to win the race because winning there is

a great accomplishment, but we’re also going to use the time to learn some things.”

### **Tony Kanaan Facts**

- The Nikon Indy 300 is a non-points paying IndyCar Series event.
- This will be Kanaan’s sixth start at Surfers Paradise. He started third and finished fifth in 2002.
- He had one victory in 2008. He started on the pole position and won at Richmond.
- He has 13 career IndyCar Series victories and 14 major open-wheel racing wins in his career.
- Kanaan finished in third place in the IndyCar Series championship.
- Kanaan led 415 laps in 2008. That was the third-highest total in the IndyCar Series.
- He is the only driver in history to lead laps in his first seven starts in the Indianapolis 500® (2002-2008) and the only driver in history to lead laps in seven-consecutive Indianapolis 500 races.
- Kanaan won the IndyCar Series driver championship in 2004, was second in 2005 and third in 2007 and 2008.
- Kanaan has 13 career IndyCar Series wins (5<sup>th</sup> all-time), has 66 top-five finishes (1<sup>st</sup> all-time), has led 2,535 laps (4<sup>th</sup> all-time) and has led 64 races (3<sup>rd</sup> all-time).
- His IndyCar Series wins have come at: Phoenix (‘03, ‘04), Texas (‘04), Nashville (‘04), Kansas (‘05), Infineon (‘05), Milwaukee (‘06, ‘07), Japan (‘07), Michigan (‘07), Kentucky (‘07), Belle Isle (‘07) and Richmond (‘08).

### **Tony Kanaan – IndyCar Series Statistics**

	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Top 5</b>	<b>Top 10</b>	<b>Poles</b>	<b>Laps Led</b>	<b>Points (RK)</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>513 (3rd)</b>
<b>IndyCar Career</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,535</b>	

### **AGR at Surfers Paradise**

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- As a driver, AGR owner Michael Andretti had two pole positions (1991, 1995) and one victory (1994) at the Australia street circuit.



## Blockbuster Driver Marco Andretti 2008 Nikon Indy 300 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #26 Blockbuster Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Marco Andretti

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### Marco Andretti on the Nikon Indy 300:

"I think the Australia race will be a great time. It's a fun event and I'm looking forward to going. The Blockbuster team wasn't very good on most of the road courses in 2008 so this will give us a chance to build

some momentum heading into 2009 and the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. My dad (Michael) and second-cousin (John) have both won at Surfers Paradise so hopefully I can add my name to that list."

### Marco Andretti Facts

- The Nikon Indy 300 is a non-points paying IndyCar Series event.
- This is Andretti's first start at Australia. His father, Michael, won at Surfers Paradise in 1994. His second-cousin, John, won at Surfers Paradise in 1991.
- Andretti finished seventh in the 2008 IndyCar Series championship.
- He led more laps in 2008 than in 2006 and 2007 combined. His 330 laps led ranked fourth in 2008.
- Andretti finished third at the 2008 Indianapolis 500®. He has a second-place and a third-place finish at Indianapolis in three career starts.
- Andretti had six top-five finishes in 2008 including a second-place result at Homestead and three thirdplace finishes.
- In his rookie season, Andretti finished second at the 2006 Indianapolis 500 in what was the secondclosest finish in the history of the event.
- He joined both his father and grandfather in earning the Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year honor.
- In 2006, Andretti became the youngest driver (19 years, five months, 14 days) at the time to win a major open-wheel race when he took the checkered flag at Infineon Raceway.
- He made six starts in the Firestone Indy Lights in 2005, collecting three victories (St. Petersburg, Indianapolis road course and Infineon Raceway), five top fives and three pole positions.

### Marco Andretti – IndyCar Series Statistics

	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Poles	Laps Led	Points (RK)
<b>2008</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>363 (7th)</b>
<b>IndyCar Career</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>446</b>	

### AGR at Surfers Paradise

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## Formula Dream Driver Hideki Mutoh 2008 Nikon Indy 300 Fact Sheet

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**Hideki Mutoh on the Nikon Indy 300:**

“I am very excited to race on the streets of Surfers Paradise. It will be my first time racing in Australia and it is the last race for 2008. This is going to be a great race for the fans because it will give a look into 2009

with the new driver and team combinations entered in this race. I am looking for a good result for the Formula Dream team to carry us into next season.”

**Hideki Mutoh Facts**

- This is the inaugural IndyCar Series race on the streets of Surfers Paradise. It is a non-points paying event.
- Mutoh captured the 2008 Rookie of the Year award by finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in the IndyCar Series championship.
- He had a career-best finish of second at Iowa Speedway, which is the best result for a Japanese driver in IndyCar Series history.
- Mutoh has seven top-10 finishes in the 17 races this season and eight top 10s in his 18 career starts.
- Mutoh scored a seventh-place finish at the 92<sup>nd</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 after qualifying a rookiebest ninth.
- This is Mutoh’s 19<sup>th</sup> IndyCar Series race start – 18 of which have come this season with Andretti Green Racing.
- He finished second in the 2007 Firestone Indy Lights championship, earning the Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year award.
- He recorded 10 top-five finishes in Firestone Indy Lights in 2007, including victories at Indianapolis (road course) and Kentucky.
- In 2007, Mutoh tied for first among all Firestone Indy Lights drivers with 13 top-10 finishes.

	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Poles	Laps Led	Points (Rk)
<b>2008</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>346 (10th)</b>
<b>IndyCar Career</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

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