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### **Motorola Driver Danica Patrick 2008 Firestone Indy 200 Fact Sheet**

**Who:** #7 Motorola Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Danica Patrick  
**What:** Firestone Indy 200, Round 11 of the 2008 IndyCar® Series  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn.  
**When:** Saturday, July 12, 2008  
**Television:** ESPN, 8 p.m. (EDT)

#### **Danica Patrick on the Firestone Indy 200:**

“I had a great finish last year at Nashville, so I am hoping that we have another repeat performance this year. Track position is so important at Nashville, especially this year with several more cars added to the mix. We just need to do what it takes to keep the Motorola car up front and get a good result.”

#### **Danica Patrick Facts**

- This is Patrick’s fourth start at Nashville Superspeedway.
- Patrick’s best finish at Nashville Superspeedway was third in 2007.
- Patrick’s best start at Nashville Superspeedway was second in 2005.
- Patrick won her first IndyCar Series race in 2008 at the Indy Japan 300.
- She finished seventh in the 2007 IndyCar Series standings.
- 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	Points (Rk)
2008	10	1	1	7	0	3	236 (7 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	57	1	9	33	3	83	

#### **Kyle Moyer, Race Strategist, on the Firestone Indy 200:**

“We tested at Nashville a couple weeks ago. The test was a success we hope to use what we learned and apply it this weekend. Danica had a great race there last year. Hopefully that confidence will carry over this weekend.”

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### oso\*fresh Driver Marco Andretti 2008 Firestone Indy 200 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #26 oso\*fresh Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Marco Andretti

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#### Marco Andretti on the Firestone Indy 200:

"The concrete track makes Nashville very unique. It is a lot more abrasive on the Firestone tires than the asphalt tracks. It's a big race for Firestone because it is in their backyard so we're going to do our best to put on a good show for their fans. The oso\*fresh car has been very good on the short ovals all year so I expect another good result."

#### Marco Andretti Facts

- This is Andretti's third start at Nashville Superspeedway. He started eighth and finished fifth in 2007.
- In addition to driving in the Firestone Indy 200, Andretti will also be driving the XM Satellite Radio Acura for AGR at Lime Rock Park at Saturday's Northeast Grand Prix (ALMS).
- Andretti improved to fifth in the IndyCar Series championship with a fifth-place finish at Watkins Glen.
- He has led more laps in 2008 than in 2006 and 2007 combined. His 281 laps led rank third 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.
- In his rookie season, Andretti finished second at the 2006 Indianapolis 500 in what was the second-closest finish in the history of the event.
- He joined both his father and grandfather in earning the Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year honor.
- Andretti had six top-five finishes in 2007 including two second-place finishes at Michigan and Iowa.
- 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)
2008	10	0	5	6	1	281	241 (5 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	41	1	15	19	1	397	

#### Eddie Jones, Race Engineer,

#### #26 oso\*fresh Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Firestone Indy 200:

"Marco will have a very busy weekend but Nashville is a track where I expect him to do well. It's a track where Andretti Green has had success in the past including Marco's top-five finish last year. With the concrete surface and tight radius turns, the track has similarities to a short oval and the oso\*fresh car has been very strong on short ovals all year."

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### Team 7-Eleven Driver Tony Kanaan 2008 Firestone Indy 200 Fact Sheet

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#### Tony Kanaan on the Firestone Indy 200:

“Unfortunately we didn’t have a very good race at Nashville last year. The Team 7-Eleven car has been strong this year, though, and we made up a lot of points at Watkins Glen. We know that we have to win races if we expect to win the championship so we’re going to keep pushing and hope that our luck has finally changed.”

#### Tony Kanaan Facts

- This is Kanaan’s sixth start at Nashville. His best finish at the track was in 2004 when he won the Firestone Indy 200.
- He has 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 is in fourth place in the IndyCar Series championship, only 18 points out of second.
- Kanaan has led 299 laps in 2008. That is the second-highest total in the IndyCar Series.
- He has recorded a top-five finish in each of the seven races he’s finished in 2008.
- 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.
- Kanaan has 13 career IndyCar Series wins (T-3<sup>rd</sup> all-time), has led 2,419 laps (4<sup>th</sup> all-time), has led 60 races (3<sup>rd</sup> all-time) and has 62 top-five finishes (2<sup>nd</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

	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Poles	Laps Led	Points (Rk)
2008	10	1	7	8	2	299	304 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	91	13	62	72	10	2,419	

#### George Klotz, Race Strategist,

#### #11 Team 7-Eleven Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Firestone Indy 200:

“Nashville is a tricky track. Tony was very good there last year before an accident took him out of the race. He has won there before so it is a track he is obviously very familiar with. We’ve tested at Nashville already this year so we expect to have four good results this weekend.”





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### Formula Dream Driver Hideki Mutoh 2008 Firestone Indy 200 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Hideki Mutoh  
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#### Hideki Mutoh on the Firestone Indy 200:

“I raced at Nashville Superspeedway last year in the Firestone Indy Lights Series, so this is a track that I am familiar with. Having been there before, I am looking forward to going back this year in the IndyCar Series as I enjoy the D-shaped oval. I hope that I can have another strong finish for the Formula Dream team Saturday night.”

#### Hideki Mutoh Facts

- This is Mutoh’s first career IndyCar Series start at Nashville Superspeedway. He finished sixth in 2007 in the Firestone Indy Lights series.
- He scored his sixth top 10 of the season with a ninth-place finish at Watkins Glen.
- Mutoh had a career-best finish of second at Iowa Speedway, which is the best result for a Japanese driver in IndyCar Series history.
- He has five top-10 finishes in the 10 races this season and seven top 10s in his 11 career starts.
- Mutoh scored a seventh-place finish at the 92<sup>nd</sup> running of the Indianapolis 500 after qualifying a rookie-best ninth.
- This is Mutoh’s 11<sup>th</sup> IndyCar Series race start – 10 of which have come this season with Andretti Green Racing. His debut was at Chicagoland Speedway in 2007.
- 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.

#### Hideki Mutoh – IndyCar Series Statistics

	Starts	Wins	Top 5	Top 10	Poles	Laps Led	Points (Rk)
2008	10	0	1	6	0	0	238 (6 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	11	0	1	7	0	0	

#### Ray Gosselin, Race Engineer,

#### #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Firestone Indy 200:

“Hideki has done a good job on the ovals so far this season. I think the rookie test on Thursday before the race weekend will be beneficial for him. With his start in the Firestone Indy Lights series last season and the added time on the track, we are confident that we will have another good result this weekend. We hope to have another strong finish this week at Nashville to give Hideki more points in the rookie of the year standings.”

