

**Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing  
Detroit Indy Grand Prix Presented by Firestone – The Raceway at Belle Isle  
PRACTICE NOTES/QUOTES – Friday, August 29, 2008**

**McDONALD'S DRIVER WILSON AND HOLE IN THE WALL CAMPS DRIVER  
RAHAL 13TH AND 14TH RESPECTIVELY IN PRACTICE FOR THE DETROIT INDY  
GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY FIRESTONE**

FASTEST:	Helio Castroneves	1:13.2059 / 101.795 mph
13th:	Justin Wilson	1:14.9100 / 99.479 mph
14th:	Graham Rahal	1:14.9609 / 99.412 mph

**Justin Wilson, No. 02 McDonald's Dallara/Honda/Firestone:** "I think the McDonald's team made a little bit of progress today. Obviously it wasn't as smooth of a day as we would have liked. I made a mistake and brushed the wall in the first session that cost us some running time. We're just going to keep working on the car and try to make it a little more driveable. It's right on the edge right now and making us work for it (lap time). I'm confident we will make a good step overnight and we'll come back tomorrow and be closer to the pace and feel more secure in the car so we can go out there and attack."

- **FAST FACTS:** Will be his first race here and 13th on a new track this season of 16...His highest start on a road/street course this season is pole in the Long Beach Champ Car finale. On road/street course in the IndyCar series, he has started 3rd (St. Pete), 2nd (Watkins Glen), 4th (Mid-Ohio), 6th (Edmonton; brushed wall in Q2) and 7th (Sonoma) and his highest finish is 3<sup>rd</sup> in Edmonton...Is ranked 16th in the point standings with 271...Finished runner up in the Champ Car championship to the driver he recently replaced, four-time champion Sebastien Bourdais, in 2006 and 2007. Was a title contender until the conclusion of the penultimate race of each season...Highest start this season is pole on the streets of Long Beach and his highest finish is third on the street course in Edmonton.

**Graham Rahal, No. 06 Hole in the Wall Camps Dallara/Honda/Firestone:** "I think we made some progress today and learned quite a lot toward the end of practice that is going to help us tomorrow which is the biggest thing. We weren't quite a quick in the second session as we hoped but we had a really good lap going at the end but (Tony) Kanaan slowed me. It probably would have moved us up to around seventh which would have been where we were in the morning session. There is still a lot of speed to be found so that is our goal."

- **FAST FACTS:** Will be his first race here and 12th on a new track this season of 16...Highest start on a road/street course this season is eighth in Edmonton and highest finish is his win in his IndyCar Series debut in St. Pete. His highest start in his one season in Champ Car was fourth, three times and his highest finish was second in Houston seventh event this season on a road/street course after he won in St. Pete (April 6), finishing 13<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach, eighth in Watkins Glen, 16<sup>th</sup> in Mid-Ohio, 26th in Edmonton after being hit twice and eighth in Sonoma...In his IndyCar Series debut on a road/street course he became the youngest winner in major open-wheel racing in North America after winning in St. Pete on 4-6-08 at 19 years, 93 days old...He is ranked 18th in series points with 259 points...His highest start this season is second on the one-mile oval in Milwaukee where he narrowly lost becoming the youngest pole winner in

series history to Marco Andretti. His highest oval finish is 10th place on the .894 mile oval at Iowa Speedway.

- **NHLR IN DETROIT:** This will be the team's 14th event here and first since 2001 (1989 – 2001). They have earned TWO WINS (Michael Andretti 1996, 1990), SIX POLES (Mansell 1994, 1993; Mi. Andretti 1989-1992), and SIX PODIUM finishes (2<sup>nd</sup> – Mi. Andretti 1997, C. Fittipaldi 1996; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mario Andretti 1993, 1989). Of their 106 wins, 79 have come on road/street courses while 89 of their 107 poles have also come on this type of track.