

McDONALD'S® DRIVER JUSTIN WILSON EARNED HIS FIFTH CHAMP OR INDY CAR WIN AT TODAY'S DETROIT INDY GRAND PRIX PRESENTED BY FIRESTONE; BROUGHT FIRESTONE IT'S 150TH SERIES WIN AND THIRD FOR THE TEAM HERE

Fast Facts – August 31, 2008

- **FIFTH WIN:** Today's victory was Wilson's FIFTH Champ or Indy car win and FIRST in the IndyCar Series. His Champ Car wins include: 2005 – Toronto, Mexico City; 2006 – Edmonton; 2007 – Assen (Netherlands) and his IndyCar Series wins include: 2008 – TODAY. It was his 15th IndyCar Series start
- **JUSTIN AT BELLE ISLE:** Was 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), 7th (Sonoma) and 4th (Detroit) and his highest previous finish this season is 3rd in Edmonton (temp road).
- **NHR / NHLR IN DETROIT:** This was the team's 14th event here and first since 2001 (1989 – 2001). They have earned THREE WINS (Wilson - TODAY; Michael Andretti 1996, 1990) and SIX POLES (Mansell 1994, 1993; Mi. Andretti 1989-1992). Prior to the race they had earned SIX PODIUM finishes (2nd – Mi. Andretti 1997, C. Fittipaldi 1996; 3rd – Mario Andretti 1993, 1989).
- **2006 & 2007 RUNNER UP TO THE CHAMPION:** Finished runner up to the Champ Car 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. He also finished third to NHR drivers Bourdais and Oriol Servia in 2005.
- **FOUR WINS & SEVEN POLES IN CCWS:** During his seasons of competition in the Champ Car World Series, Wilson earned FOUR wins (2005 – Toronto, Mexico City; 2006 – Edmonton; 2007 – Assen), SEVEN poles (2005 – Portland, Mexico City; 2006 – Toronto, Mexico City; 2007 – Portland, San Jose; **2008 – Long Beach**) and earned 16 podium finishes in 55 starts. He ran his rookie season with Mi-Jack Conquest Racing in 2004 where he finished 11th in the season-ending standings and moved to RuSPORT for 2005-2007. He finished third to NHR drivers Bourdais and Servia in 2005 and runner-up to Bourdais in '06 & '07.
- **107 WINS & 107 POLES:** The team has earned 247 top-three finishes (1st - 107, 2nd – 76, 3rd - 64) and 107 poles. It is the 26th season of competition for the team. **Stats do not include a possible podium finish for Rahal.**
- **107TH WIN:** The team has earned 107 wins and 107 poles. Since the first win by Mario Andretti in 1983 at Road America in their fourth event, the team continued to reach many milestones. NHLR has earned eight championships and 107 race wins by drivers including Mario Andretti (18 wins), Michael Andretti (31), Nigel Mansell (5), Paul Tracy (2), Christian Fittipaldi (2), Cristiano da Matta (10), Bruno Junqueira (5), Sebastien Bourdais (31), Oriol Servia (1), Graham Rahal (1) and **Justin Wilson (1)**.
- **MORE WINS THAN PENSKE DURING SAME PERIOD:** NHLR is the second most successful active open-wheel racing team. Team Penske (TP) has earned 136 open-wheel wins and is in their 41st season while NHR/NHLR has earned 107 and is in their 26th. **During the years since NHR was formed (1983-current) TP has earned 97 while NHR / NHLR has earned 107 wins (TP's most recent was in Sonoma on 8-24-08).** Perhaps the most impressive detail however is the fact that NHR ran only one driver it's first six seasons (Mario Andretti) while TP ran two-to-three drivers per season. From 1989 to present, NHR/NHLR has been a two-car team while TP expanded from a two car team to run three cars for three of those seasons.