

## Formula Dream Driver Hideki Mutoh 2008 Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone Fact Sheet

**Who:** #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Hideki Mutoh

**What:** Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone, Round 16 of the 2008 IndyCar Series

**Where:** The Raceway at Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich.

**When:** Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008

**Television:** ABC Sports, 3:30 p.m. (EDT)

### Hideki Mutoh on the Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone:

"This will be my first time racing at The Raceway at Belle Isle so I am looking forward to visiting the track. Tony (Kanaan) and Danica (Patrick) got a 1-2 finish last year so I think the team is in good shape. I want to learn the track as fast as possible so we can get the Formula Dream team a podium finish."

### Hideki Mutoh Facts

- This is Mutoh's first career IndyCar Series start at The Raceway at Belle Isle.
- His best finish on a temporary street circuit was sixth at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg.
- 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 seven top-10 finishes in the 54 races this season and eight top 10s in his 16 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 17<sup>th</sup> IndyCar Series race start – 16 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	15	0	1	7	0	0	315 (8 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	16	0	1	8	0	0	

### AGR at The Raceway at Belle Isle

- AGR finished first (Kanaan) and second (Patrick) at the inaugural IndyCar Series event at The Raceway at Belle Isle in 2007.
- AGR had three drivers qualify in the top six in 2007.
- In its lone ALMS start at Belle Isle, AGR drivers qualified third overall in 2007.
- Team owner Michael Andretti won at Belle Isle in 1996 and started from the pole position in 1992.

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