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Andretti Qualifies 14th at Australia

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia (Oct. 25, 2008) – Marco Andretti, driver of the Blockbuster car, qualified 14th for the Nikon Indy 300 at Surfers Paradise. Andretti qualified with a best-lap speed 89.672 miles per hour. Andretti's father Michael and second-cousin John both have open-wheel racing victories at the Australia track.

Live coverage of the non-points paying race will be provided by ESPN Classic. Coverage begins on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 10:30 p.m. (EDT).

Marco Andretti, #26 Blockbuster Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

"I'm sure I'm speaking for a lot of drivers but I wish we would have gone to a new set of wets before our last lap because maybe then we could have advanced to the second round. I can't really complain, though, because I'm not sure we would have been a whole lot better in the dry. We have been working on the Blockbuster car and this is a tough course, especially for the newcomers."

<i>Nikon Indy 300 Qualifying Results</i>						
Pos.	Name	MPH		Pos.	Name	MPH
1	Will Power	105.977		2	Scott Dixon	105.067
3	Ryan Briscoe	105.031		4	Dario Franchitti	104.885
5	Ryan Hunter-Reay	104.374		6	Helio Castroneves	104.008
7	Alex Tagliani	99.317		8	Tony Kanaan	99.229
9	Justin Wilson	98.606		10	EJ Viso	97.767
11	Vitor Meira	96.440		12	Mario Moraes	90.238
13	Graham Rahal	87.030		14	Marco Andretti	89.672
15	Oriol Servia	86.994		16	Hideki Mutoh	88.781
17	Bruno Junqueira	85.258		18	Dan Wheldon	88.328
19	Ed Carpenter	84.721		20	Jaime Camara	88.223
21	Townsend Bell	84.607		22	Buddy Rice	87.994
23	Danica Patrick	No Speed		24	AJ Foyt IV	No Speed

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