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### Gillette Driver Marco Andretti 2008 Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Fact Sheet

**Who:** #26 Gillette Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Marco Andretti  
**What:** Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, Round 2 of the 2008 IndyCar® Series  
**Where:** Temporary street circuit, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
**When:** Sunday, April 6, 2008  
**Television:** ESPN, 2:30 p.m. (EDT)

#### Marco Andretti on the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg:

“This is exactly where we hoped to be coming into the Honda Grand Prix. We would have liked to have won at Homestead, but this is the best start to a season we’ve ever had and that’s important. I like the circuit at St. Petersburg. Obviously I’ve had some success there in the past and the pressure is going to be high to finish well. We expect to win races in the Gillette car and I think we have a great shot this weekend.”

#### Marco Andretti Facts

- This is Andretti’s third start at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg in an IndyCar Series machine.
- Andretti qualified second and finished fourth at the 2007 Honda Grand Prix.
- Andretti drove in the Firestone Indy Lights™ race at the 2005 Honda Grand Prix. He qualified on the pole and drove to victory in his first career Indy Lights start.
- Andretti had an impressive drive at the 2008 season-opening race at Homestead-Miami. He led 85 laps, more than any other driver, and finished second.
- Andretti had six top-five finishes in 2007 including two second-place finishes at Michigan and Iowa.
- Andretti became the youngest driver (19 years, five months, 14 days) to win a major open-wheel race when he took the checkered flag at Infineon Raceway on Aug. 27, 2006.
- 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.
- He finished seventh in the 2006 IndyCar Series driver championship and collected the IndyCar Series Bombardier Rookie of the Year award.
- 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	1	0	1	1	0	85	43 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
IndyCar Career	32	1	11	14	0	201	

#### Eddie Jones, Race Engineer,

#### #26 Gillette Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg:

“Marco did a great job at Homestead and I think that will continue at St. Pete. Marco knows exactly what he needs out of the Gillette car at St. Petersburg. There will be some very tough competition this weekend but we’re up to the challenge.”

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