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Mutoh Finishes Sixth in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (June 7, 2008) – Formula Dream driver Hideki Mutoh scored his third top-10 finish in the last four races, this time in the form of a sixth-place finish in Saturday night’s running of the Bombardier Learjet 550 at Texas Motor Speedway.

Mutoh, who started a team-best fourth, held on to a top-10 position the first two-thirds of the 228-lap race and pitted for the final time on lap 168. Needing to go 60 laps on a tank of fuel, Mutoh followed the team’s strategy and conserved throughout the final stint, hoping the race would see no more caution flags. But, Mutoh’s shot at a rookie win at Texas disappeared when the caution flag flew on lap 213 and the rest of the leaders gained valuable mileage under caution.

Scott Dixon won his third race of the 2008 season and extended his lead in the championship. He was followed by Helio Castroneves, Ryan Briscoe, Dan Wheldon and Tony Kanaan.

Following a weekend off, the IndyCar Series schedule resumes Sunday, June 22, with the Iowa Corn Indy 250 from Iowa Speedway. ABC Sports will provide live coverage of the event beginning at 1 p.m. (EDT). The race can also be heard on XM Satellite Radio, channel 145, the official home of the IndyCar Series.

Hideki Mutoh, #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

“It would have been great if the Formula Dream team was able to finish in the top five. If the last yellow wouldn’t have come out I think we could have finished in the top three. I was trying to save fuel, so I was sure we were not going to have to pit again. It was a bit frustrating, but that racing. I learned so much this weekend, and I feel more comfortable in traffic after this weekend. All-in-all, I enjoyed the race very much and looking forward the race in Iowa.”

Kim Green, Race Strategist, #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

“I think we tackled Texas pretty well. It a very tough track, but Hideki and the Formula Dream Team did a great job. We ended up going for a fuel strategy right at the end since we were towards the back of the line, but a yellow flag came out so it was bit unlucky for us. If it had stayed green, we could have had a good chance of finishing in top three. I think he learned a great deal from this race. I am very proud of Hideki.”

| 2008 Bombardier Learjet 550k Results | | | | | |
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| Pos. | Name | Laps | Pos. | Name | Laps |
| 1 | Scott Dixon | 228 | 15 | Bruno Junqueira | 226 |
| 2 | Helio Castroneves | 228 | 16 | John Andretti | 226 |
| 3 | Ryan Briscoe | 228 | 17 | Milka Duno | 226 |
| 4 | Dan Wheldon | 228 | 18 | Mario Moraes | 223 |
| 5 | Tony Kanaan | 228 | 19 | Marco Andretti | 222 |
| 6 | Hideki Mutoh | 228 | 20 | Ryan Hunter-Reay | 222 |
| 7 | Vitor Meira | 227 | 21 | Mario Dominguez | 222 |
| 8 | Buddy Rice | 227 | 22 | Marty Roth | 221 |
| 9 | Ed Carpenter | 227 | 23 | Enrique Bernoldi | 210 |
| 10 | Danica Patrick | 227 | 24 | Jaime Camara | 210 |
| 11 | Graham Rahal | 227 | 25 | Tomas Scheckter | 56 |
| 12 | A.J. Foyt IV | 226 | 26 | Oriol Servia | 47 |
| 13 | Will Power | 226 | 27 | Justin Wilson | 39 |
| 14 | EJ Viso | 226 | 28 | Darren Manning | 19 |

