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Blockbuster Driver Marco Andretti 2008 Iowa Corn Indy 250 Fact Sheet

Who: #26 Blockbuster Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Marco Andretti

What: Iowa Corn Indy 250, Round 8 of the 2008 IndyCar® Series

Where: Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa

When: Sunday, June 22, 2008

Television: ABC Sports, 1 p.m. (EDT)

Marco Andretti on the Iowa Corn Indy 250:

“Iowa is a very unique circuit. It is different because it is a short oval but you have a superspeedway setup on the car. You really have to put an emphasis on track position because it is very difficult to pass. The Blockbuster team has had a couple of unfortunate incidents the last two weekends but we’ve been very competitive and I think we’ll be strong again this weekend.”

Marco Andretti Facts

- Andretti finished second at the inaugural running of the Iowa Corn Indy 250 in 2007.
- He was running second at Texas, the most recent IndyCar Series race, when an accident with six laps remaining culminated with a 19th-place finish.
- Andretti claimed his first career pole position at Milwaukee in 2008.
- He led the first 40 laps at Milwaukee and has led more laps in 2008 than in 2006 and 2007 combined.
- He led 85 laps and finished second at the 2008 season-opening Homestead event.
- Andretti finished third at the 2008 Indianapolis 500®. He has a second-place and a third-place finish at Indianapolis in three career starts.
- In his rookie season, 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.
- Andretti had six top-five finishes in 2007 including two second-place finishes at Michigan and Iowa.
- In 2006, Andretti became the youngest driver (19 years, five months, 14 days) at the time to win a major open-wheel race when he took the checkered flag at Infineon Raceway.
- 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	7	0	3	3	1	165	154 (8 th)
IndyCar Career	38	1	13	16	1	281	

Eddie Jones, Race Engineer, #26 Blockbuster Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Iowa Corn Indy 250:

“In 2007, the Blockbuster car was extremely competitive at Iowa and ran a close second to our teammate, Dario Franchitti. We expect to be just as competitive this year but will be looking to move up one spot and get our first win of the 2008 season.”

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