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### Formula Dream Driver Hideki Mutoh 2008 Firestone Indy 200 Fact Sheet

**Who:** #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone driver Hideki Mutoh  
**What:** Firestone Indy 200, Round 11 of the 2008 IndyCar® Series  
**Where:** Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn.  
**When:** Saturday, July 12, 2008  
**Television:** ESPN, 8 p.m. (EDT)

#### Hideki Mutoh on the Firestone Indy 200:

“I raced at Nashville Superspeedway last year in the Firestone Indy Lights Series, so this is a track that I am familiar with. Having been there before, I am looking forward to going back this year in the IndyCar Series as I enjoy the D-shaped oval. I hope that I can have another strong finish for the Formula Dream team Saturday night.”

#### Hideki Mutoh Facts

- This is Mutoh’s first career IndyCar Series start at Nashville Superspeedway. He finished sixth in 2007 in the Firestone Indy Lights series.
- He scored his sixth top 10 of the season with a ninth-place finish at Watkins Glen.
- 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 five top-10 finishes in the 10 races this season and seven top 10s in his 11 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 11<sup>th</sup> IndyCar Series race start – 10 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	10	0	1	6	0	0	238 (6 <sup>th</sup> )
IndyCar Career	11	0	1	7	0	0	

#### Ray Gosselin, Race Engineer,

#### #27 Formula Dream Dallara/Honda/Firestone, on the Firestone Indy 200:

“Hideki has done a good job on the ovals so far this season. I think the rookie test on Thursday before the race weekend will be beneficial for him. With his start in the Firestone Indy Lights series last season and the added time on the track, we are confident that we will have another good result this weekend. We hope to have another strong finish this week at Nashville to give Hideki more points in the rookie of the year standings.”

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