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Franchitti to Start Second in Detroit Indy Grand Prix

DETROIT, Mich. (Sept. 1, 2007) – Canadian Club driver Dario Franchitti will start from the outside of row one in the second position for Sunday’s inaugural Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone at The Raceway at Belle Isle. After single-lap qualifying, Franchitti stood at the top of the speed charts. He posted a best speed of 103.295 miles per hour (1:12.1430 seconds) during the Firestone Fast Six.

Live coverage of the Detroit Indy Grand Prix can be seen on ABC beginning at 3:30 p.m. (EDT). The 16th event on the IndyCar Series schedule can also be heard live on XM Satellite Radio channel 145, the exclusive home of the IndyCar Series and the “Andretti Green Racing Hour.”

Dario Franchitti, #27 Canadian Club Dallara/Honda/Firestone:

“This morning, the car felt really good. We had made some changes from yesterday and we had put up a good time on old tires. When we put on new tires, we were much faster until I got into the wall in Turn 6. The Canadian Club team did a fantastic job getting the car repaired for qualifying. I was really happy with the single-lap time. Then we put up a pretty good time during the Firestone Fast Six. We knew we had gotten all we could out of the car, so we parked it. Then Ryan Hunter-Reay ran out of fuel and we were looking pretty good. I thought that was going to be it because you are supposed to slow down for a waving yellow. But, I am very happy with the Canadian Club car.”

<i>Detroit Indy Grand Prix presented by Firestone Qualifying</i>			
Pos.	Name	Speed (mph)	Time (secs)
1	Helio Castroneves	103.401	1:12.0688
2	Dario Franchitti	103.295	1:12.1430
3	Scott Dixon	102.669	1:12.5830
4	Tony Kanaan	102.299	1:12.8451
5	Ryan Hunter-Reay	101.604	1:13.3434
6	Marco Andretti	101.548	1:13.3840
7	Sam Hornish Jr.	101.219	1:13.6224
8	Darren Manning	100.456	1:14.1814
9	Tomas Scheckter	100.429	1:14.2015
10	Vitor Meira	100.311	1:14.2889
11	Danica Patrick	100.153	1:14.4061
12	Ed Carpenter	99.130	1:15.1738
13	AJ Foyt IV	98.610	1:15.5708
14	Kosuke Matsuura	98.572	1:15.5998
15	Buddy Rice	98.326	1:15.7886
16	Dan Wheldon	98.235	1:15.8588
17	Scott Sharp	97.717	1:16.2611
18	Sarah Fisher	92.150	1:20.8682

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