



## 2006 Homestead-Miami Speedway preview

### home track

The CITGO Racing by SAMAX team will be close to home for the next Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series race, scheduled for March 25 at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. The team will travel 70 miles from its base in Pompano Beach, Fla. Driver Milka Duno, a resident of both Miami and Venezuela, will drive just 35 miles from home to track. Her co-driver, Marino Franchitti of Bathgate, Scotland, will have a longer commute.

Duno has enjoyed home-track advantage in the past, with two Rolex Series victories on the 2.3-mile Homestead circuit that combines an infield road course and a banked oval. Her first victory, in February, 2004, was the first overall win for a woman in a major international sports-car race in North America. She followed with another win seven months later.

"I think every driver looks forward to racing at their home track, and I'm certainly no exception. I've had some great experiences at this track and I'm hoping that we'll have a great result this time, too! CITGO Racing by SAMAX has a great team spirit and Marino and I work very well together. We will all be working very hard to put on a good race," she said.

### Franchitti fraternity

Marino Franchitti may be far from home, but he'll be close to family at Homestead. His brother Dario is competing in the IndyCar Series race on the Homestead oval on March 26, so the brothers will have an opportunity to share track tips.

"With Dario racing the same weekend, that's a huge thing for me. He's my best friend and I go to his races any time I can, and vice-versa for him, so it's just perfect," Marino Franchitti said. "He helped me out the first time I went to Homestead. Even though we're running different track configurations, he knows the road course from testing."

And the track layout? "I like it a lot! Road-course ovals sometimes aren't well-thought-out, but this is a really interesting track. The last two years, I've watched the Grand Am race here and it was always a stonker, a really great race."

### tech talk

CITGO/SAMAX chief mechanic Brian Colangelo has extensive experience preparing both open-wheel and sports cars. He noted the biggest difference in car setup at Homestead is preparation of the Rolex Series cars for the transition from the infield road course to the banked oval. Several changes have also been made to the No. 11 Pontiac-powered Riley Mk XI since the last race, run on a road course at high altitude in Mexico City.

"We have to deal with the transition onto the banking, so we might need the ride height a little higher. We have a wide car with bodywork on all four corners and we weigh more [than Indy cars], so we have to make sure we're not running too low," Colangelo explained. "Going from high altitude to low altitude, the air will be thicker, so we'll get more downforce, therefore we need to trim the car out. The gear ratios will be different, too."



## team notes

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| name            | SAMAX (SAM ax) Motorsport                                   |
| race shop       | Pompano (POM p no) Beach, Fla., 40 miles north of Miami     |
| web             | samaxmotorsport.com   |
| owner           | Peter Baron, Deerfield Beach, Fla.                          |
| team manager    | Robin Hill, Indianapolis, Ind.                              |
| engineer        | Stefan Pfeiffer (STEF an FIFE r), Silo, Island Krk, Croatia |
| crew chief      | Brian Colangelo (ko LAN jel o), Pompano Beach, Fla.         |
| data specialist | Jim Malicki (MAL ik ee), Austin, Texas                      |

## race car

No. 11 CITGO Racing by SAMAX  
Pontiac-powered Riley Mk XI  
chassis 006  
blue and red with white pinstriping

## drivers

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Milka Duno        | Caracas, Venezuela, and Miami, Fla. |
| Marino Franchitti | Bathgate, Scotland                  |

## CITGO

CITGO, based in Houston, Texas is a refiner, transporter and marketer of transportation fuels, lubricants, petrochemicals, refined waxes, asphalt and other industrial products. The company is owned by PDV America, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., the national oil company of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. For more information on CITGO visit [www.citgo.com](http://www.citgo.com).



## Milka Duno

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| born      | Caracas, Venezuela   |
| residence | Caracas, Venezuela, and Miami, Fla.  |
| education | naval engineer; master's degrees in organizational development and, simultaneously, naval architecture, maritime business and marine biology |
| sponsors  | CITGO, Pontiac, MRW, Cantv   |
| web       | milkaduno.com  |

### race highlights

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|------|---|
| 2005 | Rolex Sports Car Series DP - one win, two podiums   |
| 2004 | Rolex Sports Car Series DP - fifth, two wins; American Le Mans Series P2 - Petit Le Mans win  |
| 2003 | Telefonica World Series; Porsche Supercup VIP driver, Grand Prix of Spain   |
| 2002 | 24 Heures du Mans and American Le Mans Series LMP900; Telefonica World Series   |
| 2001 | Rolex 24 At Daytona GTS - sixth; 24 Heures du Mans LMP 675; American Le Mans Series LMP 675 - second, four wins including Petit Le Mans; Telefonica World Series                                      |
| 2000 | Panoz GT Series champion; Ferrari Challenge Series - one win, three podiums; American Le Mans Series GTS - podium in series debut; Barber Dodge Pro Series; Venezuelan auto racing driver of the year |
| 1999 | Women's Global GT Championship - third  |

### notes

first woman to win overall in a major North-American sports-car race, win the Petit Le Mans P2 class, drive an LMP 900 car, earn points in the Telefonica World Series and win a Ferrari Challenge Series race

spokesperson for Sony Latin America's Xplod product line - "It is a great honor for me to represent Sony's Xplod brand of automobile electronic products in Latin America. I love listening to music when I'm in the car, and now I can take it to the limit!"

received inaugural Vanidades "Tribute to the Hispanic Woman" award in sports category



## Marino Franchitti

born July 7, 1978 in Broxburn, Scotland  
residence Bathgate, Scotland  
family single  
web [marinofranchitti.com](http://marinofranchitti.com)

### race highlights

- 2005 24 Heures du Mans and American Le Mans Series - Panoz Motor Sports works driver; Rolex 24 At Daytona DP
- 2004 American Le Mans Series P2 - record pole, 12 Hours of Sebring; 24h-Rennen Nürburgring - 10<sup>th</sup> overall in field of 220; Le Mans Endurance Series GT - one podium
- 2003 development driver, Scuderia Ecosse Ferrari 360 GT
- 2002 Rolex 24 At Daytona GT - fastest test lap; Rolex Sports Car Series SRP11 - record pole, one win, four podiums, two fastest race laps
- 2001 British GT Championship - GTO champion, eight wins, 11 podiums, two fastest race laps; 400 kms Zandvoort - pole position, fastest race lap
- 1997 - 2000 Formula Vauxhall, Formula Ford
- 1987 - 1996 karting - three championships, five vice-championships

### notes

has a new off-track pursuit - "My friends have been teaching me to play backgammon. We're all in our mid-20s and we're playing backgammon!"

but mechanical toys are more fun - he has graduated from radio-controlled cars to planes and now wants an indoor helicopter

after his self-imposed preseason training camp of three workouts per day and training on Christmas and New Year's Day, he now alternates single daily cardiovascular and strength workouts

his helmet carries the colors of the Italian and Scottish flags, reflecting his dual heritage



## Riley Mk XI

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| chassis       | steel tube-frame with aluminum panels  |
| bodywork      | carbon fiber/Kevlar hybrid   |
| dimensions    | length 175.25, height 42, width 78.5, wheelbase 110, front overhang 31.5, rear overhang 33.75 (all inches) |
| transmission  | Xtrac sequential five-speed  |
| steering      | electric power rack-and-pinion   |
| suspension    | front and rear twin wishbones and pushrods   |
| wheels        | BBS three-piece rims, front 12.5 x 18, rear 13 x 18  |
| tires         | Hoosier  |
| brakes        | AP aluminum calipers, steel rotors   |
| fuel capacity | Rolex Series maximum 24 gallons  |
| weight        | Rolex Series minimum 2275 pounds   |

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## Pontiac

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| engine     | 5-liter LS-6 V8, stroke 3.185 inches, bore 3.9 inches, dry sump |
| power      | 500 hp, maximum 7100 rpm  |
| management | Bosch electronic control unit                                   |