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DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



1975

INDIANAPOLIS "500" PRESS INFORMATION

UNITED STATES AUTO CLUB & GILMORE FOYT RACING TEAM

The Gilmore Foyt Racing Team is issuing the 500 Daily Track Summary for the second consecutive year. This press information has been compiled to give you instant background on all that has gone on during the practice and qualification period for the 59th 500-Mile Race. It is our sincere wish that it will help in your assignment.

The press kit includes:

Starting lineup

Statistics concerning the 1974 race

Pit assignments

Chief mechanics, accessories and garage listing

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## 1975 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS

61 Entries....56 arrived at the track....52 took practice runs....36 completed qualification runs....three cars were bumped: #46, #55 and #86....there were 15 incomplete qualifying runs: one by A.J. Foyt in #14; one by Bill Puterbaugh in #83; one by Jerry Grant in #73; one by Bentley Warren in #24; one by Wally Dallenbach in #40; three by Billy Scott in #76; one by Eldon Rasmussen in #58; one by Jim Hurtubise in #56; two by Hurtubise in the #52; one by Tom Bigelow in #17 and two by Graham McRae in #75. The five cars that did not arrive at the track were Nos. 1, 50, 54, 69 and 82. The cars that did arrive but did not get on the track were Nos. 57, 60, 67 and 84.

A total of 40 cars made 51 attempts at qualifying.

During the month there was a total of 49 drivers on the track. There were 31 of last year's starting field out this year, the exceptions being Jim McElreath, who was hurt in a USAC Sprint race at Terre Haute, Ind. on May 4, and Britisher David Hobbs, who was not at the track during the pre-race period. Of the 49 on the track, 37 were veterans and 12 were rookies.

Veteran drivers on the track were Bobby Allison, Mario Andretti, Gary Bettenhausen, Tom Bigelow, Larry Cannon, Pancho Carter, Jimmy Caruthers, Wally Dallenbach, George Follmer, A.J. Foyt, Jerry Grant, Bob Harkey, Mike Hiss, Jim Hurtubise, Gordon Johncock, Jerry Karl, Steve Krisiloff, Lee Kunzman, John Martin, Roger McCluskey, Graham McRae, Mike Mosley, Rick Muther, Jan Opperman, Johnny Parsons, Lloyd Ruby, Johnny Rutherford, Sam Sessions, Dick Simon, Bill Simpson, Tom Sneva, George Snider, Al Unser, Bobby Unser, Bill Vukovich, Salt Walther and Bentley Warren.

The rookies were Chuck Gurney, John Hubbard, Sheldon Kinser, Al Loquasto, Larry McCoy, Dan Murphy, Bob Nagel, Bill Puterbaugh, Eldon Rasmussen, Billy Scott, Jigger Sirois and Jerry Sneva (brother of Tom Sneva).

Twenty-three different drivers were in at least two cars during the period.

### STARTING POSITIONS OF WINNING CARS AT INDIANAPOLIS

1st -- 8	7th -- 5	13th -- 3	19th -- 1	25th -- 1	31st -- 0
2nd -- 10	8th -- 0	14th -- 1	20th -- 2	26th -- 0	32nd -- 0
3rd -- 5	9th -- 0	15th -- 3	21st -- 1	27th -- 1	33rd -- 0
4th -- 3	10th -- 1	16th -- 0	22nd -- 2	28th -- 2	
5th -- 3	11th -- 1	17th -- 1	23rd -- 0	29th -- 0	
6th -- 4	12th -- 0	18th -- 0	24th -- 0	30th -- 0	

Johnny Rutherford in 1974 was the first driver ever to win from the 25th starting position. If the above positions which have zeroes remain zeroes, the following drivers would have no chance of winning this year: Bill Vukovich, Salt Walther, Johnny Parsons, John Martin, Pancho Carter, Bob Harkey, George Snider, Sam Sessions, Mario Andretti, Steve Krisiloff, Dick Simon, Mike Hiss, Eldon Rasmussen, Tom Bigelow. Gordon Johncock appears to be in the best starting spot, second. A.J. Foyt, starting on the pole, and then Johnny Rutherford, starting seventh, would appear to rate best chances, according to the chart.

### FORMER WINNERS IN 1975 RACE - 6

A.J. Foyt (1961, 64, 67)	Al Unser (1970, 71)
Bobby Unser (1968)	Gordon Johncock (1973)
Mario Andretti (1969)	Johnny Rutherford (1974)

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- Youngest winner.....Troy Ruttman (1952) 22-years-old.
- Oldest winner.....Sam Hanks (1957) 43-years-old.
- Closest finish.....1937 -- Wilbur Shaw won by only 2.16 seconds over Ralph Hepburn.
- Largest winning margin.....1913 - Jules Goux was 13 minutes, eight and 40/100ths seconds ahead of Spencer Wishart.
- Least cars to complete the distance..... 1 (1926) Frank Lockhart  
(1950) Johnnie Parsons  
(1967) A.J. Foyt
- Most cars running at the finish.....26 (1911)
- Least cars running at the finish..... 7 (1966)

The farthest back that a winner has ever started was 28th position. In 1911, Ray Harroun started from that spot and won the first race. In 1936, Louis Meyer became a three-time winner after starting from that spot. In 1929, Cliff Woodbury qualified the #8 Boyle Valve Special for the pole position but crashed on the fourth lap and was awarded the last spot, 33rd.

In 1930, Billy Arnold started on the pole and nearly accomplished "the impossible." He lost the lead at the start, but after working his way into the lead on the third lap, led the remaining 198 laps to win.

Tommy Milton became the first two-time winner of the "500" in 1923. The first three-time winner was Louis Meyer who accomplished that feat in 1936. The first man to win the race twice in a row was Wilbur Shaw who won in 1939 and 1940 for the second and third times. Other consecutive winners were Mauri Rose (1947-48), Bill Vukovich (1953-54) and Al Unser (1970-71). No man has ever won three in a row. Three-time winners, besides Meyer, are Shaw (1937-39-40), Rose (1941-47-48) and A.J. Foyt (1961-64-67).

In 1959, the defending winner, Jimmy Bryan failed to get started at the beginning of the race. In 1936, Bill Cummings, the 1934 winner, failed to move from his starting spot due to a broken clutch stud.

In 1970, Jim Malloy hit the fourth turn (NW) wall on the pace lap and the race had to be halted. In 1957, Elmer George and Eddie Russo collided on the backstretch and were eliminated on the parade lap.

The 1971 race winner, Al Unser, gave Car #1 its seventh Indy win. This moved Car #1 ahead of Car #2 (6 victories) for the lead in that department. Johnny Rutherford in 1974 gave Car #3 its fifth victory. Cars numbered 4, 14 and 16 have each won four races.

FORMER ROOKIE WINNERS -- 6

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1911 - Ray Harroun | 1914 - Rene Thomas    | 1927 - George Souders |
| 1913 - Jules Goux  | 1926 - Frank Lockhart | 1966 - Graham Hill    |

RACE WINNERS FROM THE POLE POSITION -- 8

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1922 - Jimmy Murphy  | 1953 - Bill Vukovich  |
| 1923 - Tommy Milton  | 1956 - Pat Flaherty   |
| 1930 - Billy Arnold  | 1963 - Parnelli Jones |
| 1938 - Floyd Roberts | 1970 - Al Unser       |

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## 1975 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS (Continued)

Start-Finish Positions for Stark and Wetzel "Rookie-of-the-Year" Drivers

1952	Art Cross	20-5	1964	Johnny White	21-4
1953	Jimmy Daywalt	21-6	1965	Mario Andretti	4-3
1954	Larry Crockett	25-9	1966	Jackie Stewart	11-6
1955	Al Herman	16-7	1967	Denis Hulme	24-4
1956	Bob Veith	23-7	1968	Bill Vukovich	23-7
1957	Don Edmunds	27-19	1969	Mark Donohue	4-7
1958	George Amick	25-2	1970	Donnie Allison	23-4
1959	Bobby Grim	5-26	1971	Denny Zimmerman	28-8
1960	Jim Hurtubise	23-18	1972	Mike Hiss	25-7
1961	Parnelli Jones and	5-12	1973	Graham McRae	13-19
	Bobby Marshman	33-7	1974	Duane Carter, Jr.	21-7
1962	Jim McElreath	7-6			
1963	Jimmy Clark	5-2			

### DRIVER STATISTICS

Oldest driver.....Lloyd Ruby (47-born 1/12/28)  
 Youngest driver.....Duane Carter Jr. (24-born 6/11/50)  
 Tallest driver.....Mike Hiss, Jerry Grant (6' 1")  
 Shortest driver.....Mario Andretti, Jimmy Caruthers (5' 6")

The 29 veteran drivers in the race have driven a total of 184 races. A.J. Foyt leads with 17 races under his belt. When he takes the green flag on race day, he will become the only man ever to participate in 18 Indianapolis 500's. He was tied at 16 with Cliff Bergere and Chet Miller at 16 each. But he was the only driver whose appearances were consecutive (1958-1974). Next in number of races are Lloyd Ruby who has competed in 15 and Roger McCluskey, who has taken part in 13.

There are four second-generation drivers in this year's race, an all-time high. They are Gary Bettenhausen, son of Tony Bettenhausen; Billy Vukovich, son of Bill Vukovich, 1953-54 race winner; Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr., son of Duane Sr. and Johnny Parsons, son of Johnnie Parsons, 1950 race winner.

### LAP LEADERS IN THIS YEAR'S FIELD

A. J. Foyt.....	394	Gordon Johncock.....	64
Al Unser.....	311	Jim Hurtubise.....	36
Bobby Unser.....	223	Jerry Grant.....	16
Gary Bettenhausen.....	138	Wally Dallenbach.....	9
Mario Andretti.....	132	Roger McCluskey.....	7
Lloyd Ruby.....	126	Mike Mosley.....	3
Johnny Rutherford.....	122		

### FORMER WINNERS IN 1975 RACE - 6

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## INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE PACE CARS

YEAR	PACE CAR	DRIVER	YEAR	PACE CAR	DRIVER
1911	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1947	Nash	George W. Mason
1912	Stutz	Carl G. Fisher	1948	Chevrolet	Wilbur Shaw
1913	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1949	Oldsmobile	Wilbur Shaw
1914	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1950	Mercury	Benson Ford
1915	Packard "6"	Carl G. Fisher	1951	Chrysler	Dave Wallace
1916	Premier "6"	Frank E. Smith	1952	Studebaker	P.O. Peterson
1919	Packard V-12	Col. J.G. Vincent	1953	Ford	William C. Ford
1920	Marmon V-16	Barney Oldfield	1954	Dodge	William Newburg
1921	H.C.S. "6"	Harry C. Stutz	1955	Chevrolet	T.H. Keating
1922	National "8"	Barney Oldfield	1956	DeSoto	L.I. Woolson
1923	Duesenberg "8"	Fred Duesenberg	1957	Mercury	F.C. Reith
1924	Cole V-8	Lew Pettijohn	1958	Pontiac	Sam Hanks
1925	Rickenbacker "8"	E.V. Rickenbacker	1959	Buick	Sam Hanks
1926	Chrysler "8"	Louis Chevrolet	1960	Oldsmobile	Sam Hanks
1927	LaSalle V-8	"Big Boy" Raeder	1961	Ford	Sam Hanks
1928	Marmon	Joe Dawson	1962	Studebaker	Sam Hanks
1929	Studebaker	George Hunt	1963	Chrysler	Sam Hanks
1930	Cord V-8	E.L. Cord	1964	Ford	Benson Ford
1931	Cadillac	"Big Boy" Raeder	1965	Plymouth	P.N. Buckminster
1932	Lincoln	Edsel Ford	1966	Mercury	Benson Ford
1933	Chrysler	Byron Foy	1967	Camaro	Mauri Rose
1934	LaSalle	"Big Boy" Raeder	1968	Ford	William C. Ford
1935	Ford V-8	Harry Mack	1969	Chevrolet	Jim Rathmann
1936	Packard	Tommy Milton	1970	Oldsmobile	Rodger Ward
1937	LaSalle	Ralph DePalma	1971	Dodge	Eldon Palmer
1938	Hudson	Stuart Baits	1972	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1939	Buick	Charles Chayne	1973	Cadillac	Jim Rathmann
1940	Studebaker	Harry Hartz	1974	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1941	Chrysler	A.B. Couture	1975	Buick	James Garner
1946	Lincoln V-12	Henry Ford II			

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## 1975 SPIN AND WRECK REPORT

MAY 4, 1975 -- SUNDAY

1. Time: 11:18 a.m. -- Jigger Sirois lost control of the #52 Adams Automotive Hawthorne Tree car midway through the southwest turn. Made one complete spin while sliding 390 feet. Hit wall with right rear and then slid away from wall another 66 feet. Had been timed at 150.8 mph on previous lap. Driver okay but extensive damage to rear section of car.

MAY 5, 1975 -- MONDAY

2. Time: 5:40 p.m. -- Mike Hiss lost control of #38 Midwest SunFlower Sue car coming out of southeast turn, spun one time while sliding 400 feet into inside wall and then another 60 feet after coming off wall. Driver okay but extensive damage to left front suspension of car.

MAY 6, 1975 -- TUESDAY

3. Time: 11:18 a.m. -- Chuck Gurney lost control of #23 Crower V-4 Kit Spl. coming out of southeast turn, did a half-spin and slid 480 feet into infield grass and hit inside wall with right rear before continuing 120 feet down the grass area. Driver unhurt but car damaged extensively.
4. Time: 5:43 p.m. -- Steve Krisiloff got high coming off the northwest turn with the #98 Leader Card-Lodestar machine, lost control and slid 460 feet while doing a half-spin, then hit inside wall. Slid another 186 feet and hit wall again then slid into pit entrance. Had total slide of 829 feet. Car damaged extensively and Krisiloff taken to Methodist Hospital with fractured left heel.

MAY 7, 1975 -- WEDNESDAY

5. Time: 5:13 p.m. -- No. 76 Webster Offy driven by Billy Scott went out of control coming out of northeast turn, spun 1 1/2 times (660 feet) into infield grass with no wall contact.

MAY 10, 1975 -- SATURDAY

6. Time: 10:14 a.m. -- Eldon Rasmussen in #58 Rasmussen Racing Products Ras-car came out of the first turn too loose, lost control and slid 570 feet with one spin into the inside wall bounced off wall and slid another 279 feet in grass. Driver okay but car damaged extensively.

MAY 12, 1975 -- MONDAY

7. Time: 3:53 p.m. -- Larry Cannon lost control of #59 Hoffman Racing car coming out of southwest turn and did a complete spin while sliding 500 feet through south chute.

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MAY 15, 1975 -- THURSDAY

8. Time: 1:20 p.m. -- Mike Hiss in #94 Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard slid 350 feet coming off fourth turn and drove into pit entrance.

MAY 16, 1975 -- FRIDAY

9. Time: 4:14 p.m. -- Tom Bigelow spun once and brushed the outside wall coming out of fourth turn then drove #27 Bryant Heating and Cooling car into pits.

MAY 17, 1975 -- SATURDAY

10. Time: 12:37 p.m. -- George Follmer lost control of #52 Adams Automotive car coming out of northeast turn, spun into the grass then drove on into pits.

MAY 18, 1975 -- SUNDAY

11. Time: 10:10 a.m. -- Jerry Sneva lost control of #38 Midwest Sunflower Sue Racing car coming out of northwest turn and slid 380 feet sideways before hitting inside wall with left front. Fairly extensive damage to car.

12. Time: 6:05 p.m. -- Billy Scott got sideways coming off fourth turn, slid 300 feet into outside wall and hit with front of car then slid along wall for 260 feet. Driver okay but #76 Webster Offy extensively damaged.

## 1975 INDIANAPOLIS "500" ROOKIE TEST REPORT

The rookie tests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for 1975 consisted of 10 laps at 160 mph, 165 mph, 170 mph and 10 laps at a speed over 170 mph, the latter observed by a crew of veteran drivers. Refresher tests were 10 laps at 170 mph and 10 at 170-plus mph.

### FOUR-PHASE--FIRST YEAR DRIVERS ROOKIE TESTS:

1. Sheldon Kinser, #19 Spirit of Indiana Kingfish: 5/5, 160 and 165; 5/6, 170; 5/9, 170-plus. OK.
2. Jerry Sneva, #37 Curtis Auto Center and #38 Midwest Sunflower Sue: 5/13, 160; 5/15, 165 and 170; 5/15, 170-plus. OK.

### TWO-PHASE REFRESHER TESTS:

1. Billy Scott, #76 Webster Offy: 5/4, 170 and 170-plus. OK.
2. Billy Puterbaugh, #83 McNamara Spl.: 5/6, 170 and 170-plus. OK.

### SUMMARY:

First-year rookies who passed 4-phase tests..... 2  
Refresher 2-phase tests for rookies who had previously passed test..... 3

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Sunday, May 4

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Billy Scott made his Indianapolis Motor Speedway debut memorable this morning by getting on the track a few seconds ahead of Dick Simon --and hard-luck guy Jigger Sirois became a quick first member of the 1975 "wall-bangers club." Jigger had completed only four warmup laps in the No. 52 Adams Automotive MVS car and was clocked at 150.8 miles an hour for the fourth circuit. Then he dove into the first turn and apparently lost control, locking up the brakes and to the accompaniment of "singing" tires started a 390-foot slide complete with a full spin before hitting the outer wall with force enough to do extensive damage to the rear section of his machine. He hit the right rear then did another half-spin and slid 66 more feet before coming to a stop and stepping out unhurt--and the green light had been on only 18 minutes when he brought out the first yellow light of the season.

Scott, the Indy rookie from San Bernardino, Cal., immediately started his refresher test (he competed in the California 500 this year) and became the first rookie to be okayed by USAC officials. He completed the 170 and 170-plus mph phases in Marvin Webster's 1972 Eagle/Offy.

Simon had pushed his No. 44 Eagle/Foyt onto the track during Saturday's rain postponed scheduled opening day and hoped to be first on the track. But when his crew pushed the car into the pits today, he was told to park to the right (north) of the entrance with the rookies going left, which gave Scott the only "jump" he needed to be first out.

Simon did post the fastest lap of the day that saw only seven machines get some practice work. He was clocked at almost 180 miles an hour after warming up--then shut off the next time around and pulled into the pits. "I had a 180 the first hot lap and was working on one that would have been 183 or 184 mph," grinned Simon. "Then I remembered the 180 speed limit was still in effect so I shut off and pulled into the pits."

Tom Binford, who left the track for an hour to go to the airport and welcome the Indiana Pacers home from their Saturday night ABA Western Division Championship victory at Denver, left word that the speed limit should be lifted soon--and the barrier was removed at 3:24 p.m.

Other drivers making appearances today were Wally Dallenbach in the Sinmast Wildcat (176-plus), Mike Hiss in the Midwest Sun Flower car (175.301), Johnny Parsons in the Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard and Jerry Karl in Smokey Yunick's Oriente Chevrolet.

There were 45 cars stabled in Gasoline Alley by 6 o'clock today with 23 having passed preliminary technical inspection and eligible for practice.

With today's Formula-5000 race at Pocono (Pa.) postponed by rain, Al and Bobby Unser and Mario Andretti headed for Indianapolis and are expected to begin practice tomorrow. Gordie Johncock also returned from the NASCAR race at Talladega (Ala.) Speedway and A.J. Foyt is expected in town either late tomorrow night or early Tuesday morning.

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1975 -- No. 2

Monday, May 5

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Gordon Johncock, 1973 winner of the rain-shortened Indianapolis 500, turned his #20 Sinmast Wildcat loose today and posted the top practice speed so far with a 186.297 lap during the "happy hour" from 5 to 6 p.m.

Mike Hiss brought the hour to an unhappy end - temporarily - about 20 minutes before the scheduled closing time when he lost control of the #38 Midwest Sunflower Sue Racer coming out of the second (SE) turn and hit the inside retaining wall during a spinning, sliding session that covered a total of 460 feet. The track reopened for the last five minutes at 5:55 p.m.

Hiss had taken over that car after it was vacated by Jerry Karl, who climbed into Smokey Yunick's #30 Oriente Express Eagle/turbo-Chevy. Jerry had that machine out for some shakedown runs during the day.

Hiss was checked at the infield hospital and released with no apparent injury to anything but his pride. The car was another matter; it had extensive damage to the left front side but the tub was not bent, so it can undoubtedly be repaired in time for this weekend's opening qualifying runs.

Johncock turned in his rapid run on his first day on the track in the dayglored machine prepared by master mechanic George Bignotti, winner of a record six Indianapolis 500's. Gordie was busy Sunday, first day the track was open after Saturday's rainout. He was subbing for A.J. Foyt, driving Hoss Ellington's Chevrolet stocker in NASCAR competition at Talladega, Alabama.

Teammate Wally Dallenbach made it a banner day for the Sinmast outfit by clocking the second quickest time recorded on the electric eye, a lap at 182,482.

Bright sunny weather with low humidity brought a rash of 25 cars onto the track and a bevy of sparsely-clad lassies into the pit stands on either side of Gasoline Alley.

Two other former winners, defending champion Johnny Rutherford, and 1969 victor Mario Andretti, also got into the "180 Club." Andretti was timed at 181.451 in the #21 Viceroy Eagle. Rutherford hit 181.341 in the #2 Gatorade McLaren.

Rutherford's teammate, Lloyd Ruby, one of the all-time crowd favorites here, also was out for the first time in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren and got it up to 173.9 during the day.

Joining the ex-winner and Dallenbach, a past California 500 champion, in the 180 bracket were two former rookies-of-the-year who are teammates, Bill Vukovich (1968) who got to 181.224 in the #6 Cobre Tire Eagle and Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr. (1974) at 180.108 in the #11 Cobre Tire Eagle.

The track was shut down for nearly two hours in mid-afternoon as safety crews cleaned up oil which USAC officials said was sprayed on the track by Roger McCluskey's #15 Silver Floss Riley when an oil cooler broke.

Still another former winner, Al Unser (1970-71) also got on the track for the first time in the #4 Viceroy Eagle and got slightly over the 175 mark.

Others on the track during the day were Mike Mosley, #12; Bobby Allison, #16; Chuck Gurney, #23; Dan Murphy, #25; Mosley, #32; Jerry Grant, #73; Salt Walther, #77; Jimmy Caruthers, #78; Bill Puterbaugh, No. 83; John Martin, #89; Johnny Parsons, both #93 and #94 and Steve Krisiloff, #98.

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Tuesday, May 6

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



Gordon Johncock pushed the practice pace for the 1975 Indianapolis 500 over the 190 mark for the first time today with a pair of "happy hour" laps in excess of that magic mark which brought broad smiles to the faces of a pair of beauties in his pit. Lynda Gardner, Gordie's blonde fiancée, couldn't believe her own stopwatches as they showed his #20 Sinmast Wildcat at over the 191 mark. Neither could her friend June Cochrane, former Playboy Playmate of the Year.

But the electric eye readings soon confirmed they weren't dreaming. The apparatus got Gordie at 190.557 and 190.880 on two consecutive laps.

Lynda, wearing a low-cut yellow halter, abandoned some housework at her apartment and arrived at the track just in time to see Johncock's speedy run. It was just about 8 miles an hour faster than Gordie had been running on a previous trip. Asked what had made the change, Chief Mechanic George Bignotti smiled and said, "Two pretty girls showed up in the pits," pointing at Lynda and June.

As a somewhat frustrated A.J. Foyt walked behind his Coyote/Foyt on the way back to the garage past the Wildcat, Gordie held his nose in a needling gesture. But Foyt, who made his first appearance on the track today and had a fast lap of 183.936 on the eye. But you can be sure he will be out shooting at Gordie's speed tomorrow, weather permitting.

The second wall-banging incident of the day closed down the track temporarily at 5:46 p.m. when Steve Krisiloff got out of shape coming out of the No. 4 (NW) turn and spun and slid a total of 829 feet, hitting the inside wall twice. Krisiloff, who was driving the #98 Agajenian Lodestar Eagle, was rushed to Methodist Hospital with a possible fracture of the left heel.

Earlier in the day, at precisely 11:18 a.m., rookie Chuck Gurney lost control of the #23 Crower V-4 Kit Eagle/Chevy coming out of the #2 (SE) turn and slid 480 feet into the infield grass, making a half-spin. He hit the inside wall with the right rear and continued 120 feet further in the grass. Gurney was uninjured but the car was damaged extensively. Another rookie, Jigger Sirois, crashed at the identical time of day, Sunday, and also escaped injury.

Johncock's top speed won for him for the second consecutive day a free dinner for two at Arthur's Restaurant in the Rodeway Inn. "We had lobster last night and it was so good we wanted it again," said Lynda.

Bobby Unser, the 1968 500 winner, made his presence felt on his first day on the track when he turned in the day's second fastest clocking of 187.852 in the #48 Jorgenson Steel Eagle/Offy prepared by Dan Gurney's All-American Racers team.

Another former winner, defending champion Johnny Rutherford, got the #2 Gatorade McLaren up to 185.950. Mike Mosley hit 184.729 in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle. Johncock's teammate, Wally Dallenbach, touched 184.540 in the #40 Sinmast Wildcat.

Other over the 180 mark were veteran Lloyd Ruby at 183.936 in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren; Krisiloff at 183.2 in #98; Jimmy Caruthers, 182.482 in the #78 Alex Foods Eagle; Duane (Pancho) Carter at 182.260 in the #11 Cobre Eagle; Bill Vukovich, 182.149 in the #6 Cobre Eagle; Al Unser, 181.4 in the #4 (51) Viceroy Parnelli/Cosworth, Mario Andretti, 181.050 in the #21 Viceroy Eagle and NASCAR ace Bobby Allison, 180.000 in the #16 CAM2 McLaren. Thirty-one cars were on the track in sunny weather.

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1975 -- No. 4

Wednesday, May 7

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



The King is back on top. A.J. Foyt hooked up in a friendly little speed war with buddy Gordy Johncock today and when it was all over, Foyt had pushed the top practice speed for the 1975 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race all the way to 193.924. And, he did it in his "old" car, the Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt with which he won the California 500. The red-orange machine now carries the #10. Foyt also was over the 190 mark in his new #14 Gilmore Coyote/Foyt.

He and Johncock passed the top speed back and forth several times before a good crowd in the pit stands which split itself into rooting sections to exhort the dueling drivers.

After Foyt's fastest run, Johncock went back out with spectators urging "C'mon, Gordy" and "Let's go, Gordy," and posted the second fastest time of the practice period, a lap at 192.184 in the #20 Sinmast Wildcat. The fastest practice traveler for the two previous days, Johncock was disappointed but not downcast at Foyt eclipsing his speed.

U.E. (Pat) Patrick, owner of Johncock's machine and a team car driven by Wally Dallenbach, the #40 Sinmast Eagle which also got into the exclusive 190 ranks at 190.396, asked Foyt, "Why don't you retire, A.J.?"

"I've been thinkin' about it," A.J. replied. In reply to a question by George Rignotti, chief mechanic on the Sinmast cars, Foyt laughingly said he was running 90 inches of turbocharger boost on his quick lap. During official qualifying runs, cars are restricted by USAC to 80 inches.

The fast lap compares favorably with Foyt speeds of 192.555 mph for one lap and 191.636 for 10 miles in winning the pole position last year.

"It's going to be mighty hard to give up the old car," Foyt said. But he is not yet ready to commit himself on which he will run Saturday when the 1975 pole is up for grabs in time trials scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The other driver to crack the exclusive ranks of the "190 Club" was 1968 500 winner Bobby Unser, always a fast traveler. That left the membership standing at five cars and four drivers, with Foyt qualifying in two of his. Bobby hit 190.275 in the #48 Jorgensen Steel Eagle.

Johnny Rutherford, the defending champion, turned in his best practice clocking of 186.994 in the #2 Gatorade McLaren. Veteran Lloyd Ruby got to 185.874 in the Allied Polymer McLaren, bringing a broad smile to the Texan's face and joy to the hearts of his many fans. Al Unser, 1970-71 winner, climbed into the #51 Viceroy Eagle and hit 185.835. Jerry Grant got 185.185 in the #73 Spirit of Orange County Eagle and Mike Mosley got 185.109 out of the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle.

The only major incident of the day had a happy ending. Rookie Billy Scott lost control of the #76 Webster Eagle coming out of the third (NE) turn, spun 1 1/2 times into the infield and slid 600 feet. He made no wall contact and there was no serious damage to the car.

Others over 180 were Bill Vukovich, 183.449; Duane Carter Jr., 183.411; Salt Walther, 183.076; Gary Bettenhausen, 182.927; Tom Sneva, 182.630; Al Unser (#4) 182.334; Bobby Allison, 182.408; Dick Simon, 180.114.

Rookie Sheldon Kinser completed three phases of his test in the #19 Spirit of Indiana. Mike Hiss withdrew from the #38 Midwest-Sunflower Sue Racer he crashed Monday. Mike Devin decided to go with veteran Sammy Sessions in his Unlimited Racing Eagle. Twenty-nine cars were on the track.

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Thursday, May 8

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



Gordon Johncock sent A.J. Foyt and the other pole contenders back to the garages to do some more engineering today with a practice lap at 195.228 in his #20 Sinmast Wildcat. That was almost three miles an hour faster than the 192.431 which Foyt posted in his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt about a half-hour before. That was A.J.'s best in his new car, although he had gotten to 193.924 on Wednesday in his "old" #10 Gilmore Coyote.

"Okay, A.J., where are you?" yelled a jubilant Pat Patrick, owner of Johncock's car, after Gordy brought the dayglo-red beauty back into the pits. "Go tell A.J. where going to take the restrictor valve off now and really run," added Patrick as he went to congratulate his driver.

Johncock also posted a speed of 194.679 on the lap right after his blazing speed. "I guess that's just about as fast as I ever ran here" said Gordy, obviously forgetting a lap at over 198 in tire tests before changes in wing sizes were made to slow the cars.

When a Foyt crew man was asked after Johncock's run if Foyt would bring the #10 car back to leap-frog on top of Gordy, the worker said, "Nope, A.J. said we're through for the day." Foyt's failure to reappear was something of a disappointment to a good crowd in the pit stands who waited patiently for an anticipated late thrill.

It was a day that began slow and ended fast. Morning rains kept the track closed until 2:10 p.m. and reduced the total time available for the day's practice to less than four hours. It was the first time lost to rain since Saturday's scheduled opening trial runs were washed out entirely.

Further good news for Patrick, the Jackson, Mich. oil man, came when Wally Dallenbach, Johncock's teammate, got his #40 Sinmast Wildcat into the .190 bracket for the second straight day at 190.880.

Bobby Unser, the 1968 winner, was only a tick away from the magic mark at 189.994 in the #48 Jorgensen Steel Eagle. And defending champion Johnny Rutherford also was close at 189.195 in the #2 Gatorade McLaren.

Other speedy travelers for the day included Mike Mosley at 188.6 in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle; veteran Lloyd Ruby at 187.383 in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren; Jerry Grant at 188.5 in the #73 Spirit of Orange County; Tom Sneva, 184.615 in the #68; Bobby Allison, 184.388 in the #16 CAM2 McLaren; Jimmy Carter, 183.561 in the #78 Alex Foods Eagle; teammates Duane (Pancho) Carter, #11 and Billy Vukovich #6 at 182.260 and 182.9, respectively, in the Cobre Tire Eagles.

Chief Mechanic George Bignotti, who fields both Johncock's and Dallenbach's car for Patrick, said, "We just cranked up the boost like I know A.J. did Wednesday." Johncock said, "That's fast enough for today, even if it's not fast enough." That made it three days out of the last four that Johncock has taken a pair of free dinners at Arthur's Restaurant in the Rodeway Inn for the day's fastest practice time.

Speaking of food, Mom Unser has scheduled her annual Orega chile cookout for noon next Thursday, May 15, at the rear of the Garage Area.

Denny Zimmerman, 1971 rookie-of-the-year, has arrived at the track and is looking for a ride. Jerry Sneva, brother of Tom, has been assigned to the #37 Curtis entry.

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Friday, May 9



## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

The duel between Gordon Johncock and A.J. Foyt, which brought a record practice crowd of more than 60,000 to the Speedway today for the "dress rehearsal," will go to an audience of more than 250,000 tomorrow for an official critics' decision on their performances.

With the prestigious pole for the 59th Indianapolis 500 at stake in qualifications from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow, the prospects for an all-red front row looked good. Even though Johncock posted the fastest practice speed of 193.543 yesterday -- making it four days out of the last five that he has led the parade -- Foyt was still figured by most close observers as the favorite for the pole.

It's a whole new ball game tomorrow when Frank DelRoy, USAC chief technical inspector, and his crew affix the pop-off valves to the qualifiers' cars, limiting them to no more than 80 inches of mercury in turbocharger boost.

Foyt posted a speed of 192.267 in his new #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt with the pop-off valve on. Foyt also ran 192.431 in the #14 car without the valve and 192.349 in his "old" #10 car without the valve.

Foyt's red-orange cars and the dayglo red Sinmast Wildcats of Johncock and Wally Dallenbach have been the three fastest machines consistently in practice so far. Dallenbach got to 191.857 today, for his best speed so far in the #40 Wildcat.

Biggest threat to the all-red front row appears to be Bobby Unser, who got to 190.154 today in the blue #48 Jorgensen Eagle, only a shade under the fast lap of 190.275 he had in practice earlier in the week.

Some observers also figure defending champion Johnny Rutherford as a front-row favorite, on the theory that Johnny may have been "sandbagging" in practice. His best speed on the electric eye has been 189.195 and he hit 188.009 today.

Showing surprising speed today was Tom Sneva at 188.6 in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren. His teammate, Bobby Allison, the NASCAR ace, also wore smiles after hitting 185.033 in the CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren. Al Unser, the 1970-71 victor, continued to improve, getting to 186.104 in the #4 Viceroy Eagle. Mike Mosley hit 188.403 on the eye today, just a shade less than the 188.6 at which the hand watches captured him on Thursday. He is driving the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle. Bill Vukovich attained 184.957 in the #6 Cobre Tire Eagle. Two new members of the "180 Club" are Al Loquasto in the #86 Frostie Root Beer McLaren at 180.5 and Bentley Warren in the #24 Usona Purcell Racer at 180.180.

Sheldon Kinser was one happy Hoosier when he ripped the rookie stripes off the tail of the #19 Spirit of Indiana after completing the 170-plus phase of his test and getting the approval of a jury of veteran drivers. It was a close thing, though, as he ran out of fuel on his final lap. USAC agreed to count a "warm-up" lap instead of that one.

The following order for Saturday qualifying was drawn after the track closed.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1- #86 Al Loquasto        | 14-# 6 Bill Vukovich     | 27-# 2 Johnny Rutherford |
| 2- #30 Jerry Karl         | 15-#21 Mario Andretti    | 28-#40 Wally Dallenbach  |
| 3- #27 Tom Bigelow        | 16-#97 George Snider     | 29-# 7 Lloyd Ruby        |
| 4- #93 Johnny Parsons     | 17-#24 Bentley Warren    | 30-#16 Bobby Allison     |
| 5- #94 Johnny Parsons     | 18-#77 Salt Walther      | 31-#32 Mike Mosley       |
| 6- #14 A. J. Foyt         | 19-#51 No Driver         | 32-#10 A. J. Foyt        |
| 7- #78 Jimmy Caruthers    | 20-#68 Tom Sneva         | 33-#28 Follmer           |
| 8- #44 Dick Simon         | 21-#63 Larry McCoy       | 34-#4 A. Unser           |
| 9- #12 Mike Mosley        | 22-#11 Pancho Carter     | 35-#83 P. G. Jones       |
| 10- #89 John Martin       | 23-#25 No Driver         | 36-#58 Rasmussen         |
| 11- #19 Sheldon Kinser    | 24-#15 Roger McCluskey   | 37-#55 Kurtzman          |
| 12- #36 Sam Sessions      | 25-#45 Gary Bettenhausen | 38-#11 Tom Sneva         |
| 13- #46 Gary Bettenhausen | 39-#48 B. J. Foyt        | 40-#20 Johncock          |



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Saturday, May 10

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Ladies and gentlemen of the news media:

Welcome to qualifications for the 59th Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. Through the courtesy of the Gilmore Racing Team and the United States Auto Club, we will be issuing full reports on all qualifying and race activity, as we have on practice action so far.

A beautiful sunny, mild day with little wind greeted speed fans gathering this morning for the assault on pole position. Some 20 cars were reported ready to make actual qualifying runs, although 41 drew for positions in the lottery held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 9.

### PRACTICE PERIOD (9-10:30 a.m.)

- 9:42 a.m. -- YELLOW. Tow-in for #40 Wally Dallenbach, Sinmast Wildcat.
- 10:14 a.m. -- YELLOW. #58 Eldon Rasmussen, Rasmussen Racing Products Rascar/Foyt, came out of #1 (SW) turn low, lost control, slid 570 feet, executing a full spin, hit inside wall at Gate #3 tunnel, bounced off wall, slid another 279 feet in grass. Driver not hurt; car damaged extensively.

### Unofficial practice speeds for this morning only:

- #48 Bobby Unser, Jorgensen Eagle -- 192.390  
#14 A.J. Foyt, Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt -- 192.309  
#40 Wally Dallenbach, Sinmast Wildcat/SGD -- 190.074  
#12 Mike Mosley, Sugaripe Prune Eagle -- 189.8  
# 4 Al Unser, Viceroy Eagle -- 187.472  
#78 Jimmy Caruthers, Alex Foods Eagle -- 185.5  
# 6 Bill Vukovich, Cobre Tire Eagle -- 185.1  
#58 Eldon Rasmussen, Rasmussen Racing Products Rascar -- 178-plus

NOTE: Time given is that at which driver took green, or if no green time incident mentioned happened.

### QUALIFICATIONS

11:05 a.m. -- #86 AL LOQUASTO, 34, EASTON, PA. (ROOKIE)  
Frostie Root Beer, Pennsylvania Bicentennial McLaren/O

<u>QA-1</u>	1 -- 49.72 - 181.014	<u>Q-1</u>
	2 -- 49.70 - 181.087	
	3 -- 49.94 - 180.216	
	4 -- 49.84 - 180.578	
	<u>T-3:19.20 - 180.723</u>	

11:18 a.m. -- #30 JERRY KARL, 34, MANCHESTER, PA.  
Oriente Express, Eagle/Turbo Chevy

<u>QA-2</u>	1 -- 48.74 - 184.653	<u>Q-2</u>
	2 -- 49.39 - 182.223	
	3 -- 49.49 - 181.855	
	4 -- 49.60 - 181.452	
	<u>T-3:17.22 - 182.537</u>	

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11:29 a.m. -- #94 JOHNNY PARSONS, 30, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard Finley-Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-3</u>	1 -- 48.55 - 185.376	<u>Q-3</u>
	2 -- 48.60 - 185.185	
	3 -- 48.92 - 183.974	
	4 -- 49.03 - 183.561	
	<u>T-3:15.10 - 184.521</u>	

11:38 a.m. -- #14 A. J. FOYT, 40, HOUSTON, TEXAS  
Gilmore Racing Team Coyote/Foyt

<u>QA-4</u>	1 -- 47.57 - 189.195	<u>UA-1</u>
	2 -- CAME IN	

11:43 a.m. -- #78 JIMMY CARUTHERS, 30, ANAHEIM, CAL.  
Alex Food Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-5</u>	1 -- 48.19 - 186.761	<u>Q-4</u>
	2 -- 48.28 - 186.413	
	3 -- 48.51 - 185.529	
	4 -- 48.97 - 183.786	
	<u>T-3:13.95 - 185.615</u>	

11:50 a.m. -- #12 MIKE MOSLEY, 28, FALLBROOK, CAL.  
Sugaripe Prune Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-6</u>	1 -- 47.72 - 188.600	<u>Q-5</u>
	2 -- 47.78 - 188.363	
	3 -- 47.89 - 187.931	
	4 -- 48.27 - 186.451	
	<u>T-3:11.66 - 187.833</u>	

11:58 a.m. -- #89 JOHN MARTIN, 36, IRVINE, CAL.  
Un-sponsored Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-7</u>	1 -- 48.86 - 184.200	<u>Q-6</u>
	2 -- 49.01 - 183.636	
	3 -- 49.08 - 183.374	
	4 -- 49.07 - 183.411	
	<u>T-3:16.02 - 183.655</u>	

12:06 p.m. -- #6 BILL VUKOVICH, 31, FRESNO, CAL.  
Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-8</u>	1 -- 48.44 - 185.797	<u>Q-7</u>
	2 -- 48.29 - 186.374	
	3 -- 48.49 - 185.605	
	4 -- 48.49 - 185.605	
	<u>T-3:13.71 - 185.845</u>	

12:14 p.m. -- #68 TOM SNEVA, 26, SPOKANE, WASH.  
Norton Spirit McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-9</u>	1 -- 47.43 - 189.753	<u>Q-8</u>
	2 -- 47.28 - 190.355	
	3 -- 47.33 - 190.154	
	4 -- 47.34 - 190.114	
	<u>T-3:09.38 - 190.094</u>	

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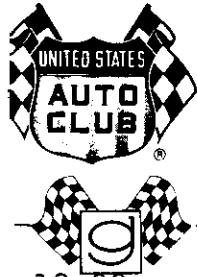


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12:22 p.m. -- #11 DUANE (PANCHO) CARTER JR., 24, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CAL.  
Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-10</u>	1 -- 49.05 - 183.486	<u>Q-9</u>
	2 -- 49.10 - 183.299	
	3 -- 49.11 - 183.262	
	4 -- 48.98 - 183.748	
	<u>T-3:16.24 - 183.449</u>	

12:32 p.m. -- #2 JOHNNY RUTHERFORD, 37, FT. WORTH, TEXAS  
Gatorade McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-11</u>	1 -- 48.02 - 187.422	<u>Q-10</u>
	2 -- 48.22 - 186.645	
	3 -- 48.59 - 185.223	
	4 -- 48.72 - 184.729	
	<u>T-3:13.55 - 185.998</u>	

12:40 a.m. -- #16 BOBBY ALLISON, 37, HUEYTOWN, ALA.  
CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-12</u>	1 -- 48.93 - 183.936	<u>Q-11</u>
	2 -- 48.85 - 184.237	
	3 -- 48.69 - 184.843	
	4 -- 48.76 - 184.578	
	<u>T-3:15.23 - 184.398</u>	

12:47 p.m. -- #4 AL UNSER, 35, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.  
Viceroy Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-13</u>	1 -- 48.31 - 186.297	<u>Q-12</u>
	2 -- 48.39 - 185.989	
	3 -- 48.61 - 185.147	
	4 -- 48.81 - 184.388	
	<u>T-3:14.12 - 185.452</u>	

12:57 p.m. -- #83 BILL PUTERBAUGH, 38, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
McNamara Motor Express Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-14</u>	1 -- 50.78 - 177.235	<u>UA-2</u>
	2 -- YELLOW FLAG	

1:05 p.m. -- #55 LEE KUNZMAN, 30, GUTTENBERG, IOWA  
Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-15</u>	1 -- 49.77 - 180.832	<u>Q-13</u>
	2 -- 49.89 - 180.542	
	3 -- 49.98 - 180.072	
	4 -- 49.88 - 180.433	
	<u>T-3:19.48 - 180.469</u>	

1:14 p.m. -- #48 BOBBY UNSER, 41, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.  
Jorgensen Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-16</u>	1 -- 47.14 - 190.921	<u>Q-14</u>
	2 -- 47.04 - 191.327	
	3 -- 47.05 - 191.286	
	4 -- 47.18 - 190.759	
	<u>T-3:08.41 - 191.073</u>	

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CORRECTION ON PAGE 2 -- JOHNNY PARSON QUALIFIED THE #93 CAR (NOT THE #94)

CORRECTION ON PAGE 3 -- LEE KUNZMAN'S 2nd LAP TIME SHOULD READ 49.85--  
NOT 49.89. SPEED AVERAGE IS CORRECT.

1:21 p.m. -- #20 GORDON JOHNCOCK, 38, PHOENIX, ARIZ.  
Sinmast Wildcat/SGD (Sparks-Goosen-Drake)

<u>QA-17</u>	1 -- 47.12 - 191.002	<u>Q-15</u>
	2 -- 46.97 - 191.612	
	3 -- 46.90 - 191.898	
	4 -- 46.85 - 192.102	
	<u>T-3:07.84 - 191.652</u>	

1:29 p.m. -- #73 JERRY GRANT, 40, IRVINE, CAL.  
Spirit of Orange County Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-18</u>	1 -- 48.93 - 183.936	<u>UA-3</u>
	2 -- 49.09 - 183.337	
	3 -- 49.12 - 183.225	
	4 -- YELLOW FLAG	

1:34 p.m. -- #24 BENTLEY WARREN, 34, WEST GLOUCESTER, MASS.  
Usona Purcell Racer Kingfish/Offy

<u>QA-19</u>	1 -- 49.91 - 180.361	<u>UA-4</u>
	2 -- 49.94 - 180.216	
	3 -- 49.77 - 180.108	
	4 -- YELLOW FLAGGED	

1:38 p.m. -- TRACK OPEN FOR PRACTICE.

4:10 p.m. -- #14 A. J. FOYT, HOUSTON, TEXAS  
Gilmore Racing Team Coyote/Foyt

<u>QA-20</u>	1 -- 46.08 - 195.313	<u>Q-16</u>
	2 -- 46.48 - 193.362	
	3 -- 46.41 - 193.632	
	4 -- 46.62 - 193.050	
	<u>T-3:05.59 - 193.976</u>	

4:26 p.m. -- #40 WALLY DALLENBACH, 38, BASALT, COLO.  
Sinmast Wildcat/SGD (Sparks-Goosen-Drake)

<u>QA-21</u>	1 -- STARTING SMOKING, CAME IN	<u>UA-5</u>
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4:30 p.m. -- #45 GARY BETTENHAUSEN, 33, MONROVIA, IND.  
Thermo King Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-22</u>	1 -- 49.07 - 183.411	<u>Q-17</u>
	2 -- 49.25 - 182.741	
	3 -- 49.32 - 182.482	
	4 -- 49.50 - 181.818	
	<u>T-3:17.14 - 182.611</u>	

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4:37 p.m. -- #73 JERRY GRANT, 40, IRVINE, CAL.  
Spirit of Orange County Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-23</u>	1 -- 48.68 - 184.881	<u>Q-18</u>
	2 -- 48.78 - 184.502	
	3 -- 48.98 - 183.748	
	4 -- 48.93 - 183.936	
	<u>T-3:15.37 - 184.266</u>	

4:44 p.m. -- #24 BENTLEY WARREN, 34, W. GLOUCESTER, MASS.  
Usona Purcell Racer Kingfish/Offy

<u>QA-24</u>	1 -- 48.82 - 184.351	<u>Q-19</u>
	2 -- 48.98 - 183.748	
	3 -- 48.95 - 183.861	
	4 -- 49.34 - 182.408	
	<u>T-3:16.09 - 183.589</u>	

5:28 p.m. -- #7 LLOYD RUBY, 47, WICHITA FALLS, TEX.  
Allied Polymer McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-25</u>	1 -- 48.09 - 187.149	<u>Q-20</u>
	2 -- 48.05 - 187.305	
	3 -- 48.18 - 186.800	
	4 -- 48.21 - 186.683	
	<u>T-3:12.53 - 186.984</u>	

5:37 p.m. -- #77 SALT WALTHER, 27, DAYTON, OHIO  
Dayton-Walther Walmotor Inc. McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-26</u>	1 -- 48.17 - 186.838	<u>Q-21</u>
	2 -- 48.28 - 186.413	
	3 -- 48.72 - 184.729	
	4 -- 48.69 - 184.843	
	<u>T-3:13.86 - 185.701</u>	

5:45 p.m. -- #83 BILL PUTERBAUGH, 38, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
McNamara Motor Express Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-27</u>	1 -- 48.88 - 184.124	<u>Q-22</u>
	2 -- 48.93 - 183.936	
	3 -- 48.93 - 183.936	
	4 -- 49.09 - 183.337	
	<u>T-3:15.83 - 183.833</u>	

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 22 QUALIFIED CARS: 185.588 mph

TRACK CLOSED AT 6:00 P.M.

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STARTING LINEUP FOR 1975 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE (As it stands after qualifying of Saturday, May 10 - Subject to change by possible later bumping)

St. Pos.	Car No.	Driver	Car Name	Chassis Engine	Time	Speed
<u>FIRST ROW</u>						
1	14	A. J. Foyt	Gilmore	Coy/F	3:05.59	193.976
2	20	Gordon Johncock	Sinmast	Wild/SGD	3:07.84	191.652
3	48	Bobby Unser	Jorgensen	Ea/O	3:08.41	191.073
<u>SECOND ROW</u>						
4	68	Tom Sneva	Norton Spirit	McL/O	3:09.38	190.094
5	12	Mike Mosley	Sugaripe Prune	Eag/O	3:11.66	187.833
6	7	Lloyd Ruby	Allied Polymer	McL/O	3:12.53	186.984
<u>THIRD ROW</u>						
7	2	Johnny Rutherford	Gatorade	McL/O	3:13.55	185.998
8	6	Bill Vukovich	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:13.71	185.845
9	77	Salt Walther	Dayton-Walther	McL/O	3:13.86	185.701
<u>FOURTH ROW</u>						
10	78	Jimmy Caruthers	Alex Foods	Eag/O	3:13.95	185.615
11	4	Al Unser	Viceroy	Eag/O	3:14.12	185.452
12	93	Johnny Parsons	Ayr-Way WNAP	Eag/O	3:15.10	184.521
<u>FIFTH ROW</u>						
13	16	Bobby Allison	CAM2 Motor Oil	McL/O	3:15.23	184.398
14	73	Jerry Grant	Spirit of Orange Co.	Eag/O	3:15.37	184.266
15	83	Bill Puterbaugh(R)	McNamara	Eag/O	3:15.83	183.833
<u>SIXTH ROW</u>						
16	89	John Martin	Un-sponsored	McL/O	3:16.02	183.655
17	24	Bentley Warren	Usona Purcell	King/O	3:16.09	183.589
18	11	Duane Carter Jr.	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:16.24	183.449
<u>SEVENTH ROW</u>						
19	45	Gary Bettenhausen	Thermo King	Eag/O	3:17.14	182.611
20	30	Jerry Karl	Oriente Express	Eag/C	3:17.22	182.537
21	86	Al Loquasto (R)	Frostie Root Beer	McL/O	3:19.20	180.723
<u>EIGHTH ROW</u>						
22	55	Lee Kunzman	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:19.48	180.469

CODE: COY=Coyote; Wild=Wildcat; Eag=Eagle; McL=McLaren; King=Kingfish  
O=Offy; F=Foyt; C=Chevy

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### SECOND DAY OF 1975 INDIANAPOLIS 500 QUALIFICATIONS

Another bright and sunny day with minimum winds and a temperature of 74 at 11 a.m. brought additional thousands of speed fans flocking to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today for the resumption of time trials.

#### PRACTICE PERIOD (10-11:30 a.m.)

Only five cars were on the track during the practice period, an indication that qualifying action is likely to be extremely light and the pace somewhat leisurely today. Wally Dallenbach, who went through two engines on Saturday, losing one during practice and one in an abortive qualifying attempt, was the fastest traveler at 189.633 this morning in his #40 Sinmast Wildcat/SGD. Only other quick lap reported was a 182.704 by George Snider in the #97 Agajanian-Lodestar Eagle/Offy. Others on the track were #15 Roger McCluskey, #27 Tom Bigelow and #33 Bob Harkey.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

12:06 p.m. -- #40 WALLY DALLENBACH, 38, BASALT, COLO.  
Sinmast Wildcat/SGD

<u>QA-28</u>	1 -- 47.17 - 190.799	<u>Q-23</u>
	2 -- 47.18 - 190.759	
	3 -- 47.13 - 190.961	(Second Attempt)
	4 -- 47.35 - 190.074	
	<u>T-3:08.83 - 190.648</u>	

12:12 p.m. -- #97 GEORGE SNIDER, 34, BAKERSFIELD, CAL.  
Leader Card Lodestar Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-29</u>	1 -- 49.08 - 183.374	<u>Q-24</u>
	2 -- 49.08 - 183.374	
	3 -- 49.28 - 182.630	
	4 -- 49.37 - 182.297	
	<u>T-3:16.81 - 182.918</u>	

FIELD AVERAGE FOR 24 CARS -- 185.680 MPH -- Up 1.769 from 1975 field average for the first 24 cars of 1974.

4:07 p.m. -- #36 SAM SESSIONS, 39, NASHVILLE, MICH.  
Commander Motor Homes Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-30</u>	1 -- 49.21 - 182.890	<u>Q-25</u>
	2 -- 49.31 - 182.519	
	3 -- 49.12 - 183.225	
	4 -- 49.35 - 182.371	
	<u>T-3:16.99 - 182.750</u>	

4:15 p.m. -- #19 SHELDON KINSER, 32, BLOOMINGTON, IND. (ROOKIE)  
Spirit of Indiana Kingfish/Offy

<u>QA-31</u>	1 -- 49.29 - 182.593	<u>Q-26</u>
	2 -- 49.27 - 182.667	
	3 -- 49.36 - 182.334	(Third Rookie to make the field)
	4 -- 49.46 - 181.965	
	<u>T-3:17.38 - 182.389</u>	

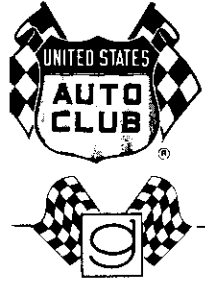


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4:22 p.m. Track opened for practice.

5:21 p.m. -- #15 ROGER McCLUSKEY, 44, TUCSON, ARIZ.  
Silver Floss Riley/Offy

<u>QA-32</u>	1 -- 49.05 - 183.486	<u>Q-27</u>
	2 -- 48.95 - 183.861	
	3 -- 48.74 - 184.653	
	4 -- 48.95 - 183.861	
	<u>T-3:15.69 - 183.964</u>	

5:38 p.m. -- #33 BOB HARKEY, 44, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
Dayton Walther McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-33</u>	1 -- 49.11 - 183.262	<u>Q-28</u>
	2 -- 48.94 - 183.899	
	3 -- 48.91 - 184.011	
	4 -- 48.92 - 183.974	
	<u>T-3:15.88 - 183.786</u>	

5:48 p.m. -- #27 TOM BIGELOW, 35, WHITEWATER, WIS.  
Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt/Offy

Took three warmup laps but did not take green flag.

5:55 p.m. -- #46 JAN OPPERMAN, 36, BEAVER CROSSING, NEB.  
Thermo King Eagle/Offy

Took three warmup laps but did not take green flag.

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 28 QUALIFIED CARS: 185.325. That is 1.844 mph faster than the average for the first 28 cars of 1974.

Track re-opened for practice 5:58 p.m.

TRACK CLOSED AT 6:00 p.m.

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STARTING LINEUP FOR 1975 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE (As it stands after qualifying of Sunday, May 11 - Subject to change by possible later bumping)

St. Pos.	Car No.	Driver	Car Name	Chassis Engine	Time	Speed
<u>FIRST ROW</u>						
1	14	A. J. FOYT	Gilmore	Coy/F	3:05.59	193.976
2	20	GORDON JOHNCOCK	Sinmast	Wild/SGD	3:07.84	191.652
3	48	BOBBY UNSER	Jorgensen	Eag/O	3:08.41	191.073
<u>SECOND ROW</u>						
4	68	TOM SNEVA	Norton Spirit	McL/O	3:09.38	190.094
5	12	MIKE MOSLEY	Sugaripe Prune	Eag/O	3:11.66	187.833
6	7	LLOYD RUBY	Allied Polymer	McL/O	3:12.53	186.984
<u>THIRD ROW</u>						
7	2	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	Gatorade	McL/O	3:13.55	185.998
8	6	BILL VUKOVICH	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:13.71	185.845
9	77	SALT WALTHER	Dayton-Walther	McL/O	3:13.86	185.701
<u>FOURTH ROW</u>						
10	78	JIMMY CARUTHERS	Alex Foods	Eag/O	3:13.95	185.615
11	4	AL UNSER	Viceroy	Eag/O	3:14.12	185.452
12	93	JOHNNY PARSONS	Ayr-Way WNAP	Eag/O	3:15.10	184.521
<u>FIFTH ROW</u>						
13	16	BOBBY ALLISON	CAM2 Motor Oil	McL/O	3:15.23	184.398
14	73	JERRY GRANT	Spirit of Orange Co.	Eag/O	3:15.37	184.266
15	83	BILL PUTERBAUGH (R)	McNamara	Eag/O	3:15.83	183.833
<u>SIXTH ROW</u>						
16	89	JOHN MARTIN	Un-sponsored	McL/O	3:16.02	183.655
17	24	BENTLEY WARREN	Usona Purcell	King/O	3:16.09	183.589
18	11	DUANE CARTER JR.	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:16.24	183.449
<u>SEVENTH ROW</u>						
19	45	GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Thermo King	Eag/O	3:17.14	182.611
20	30	JERRY KARL	Jose Johnson	Eag/C	3:17.22	182.537
21	86	AL LOQUASTO (R)	Frostie Root Beer	McL/O	3:19.20	180.723
<u>EIGHTH ROW</u>						
22	55	LEE KUNZMAN	Cobre Tire	Eag/O	3:19.48	180.469
23	40	WALLY DALLENBACH	Sinmast	Wild/SGD	3:08.83	190.648
24	15	ROGER McCLUSKEY	Silver Floss	Rock/O	3:15.69	183.964
<u>NINTH ROW</u>						
25	33	BOB HARKEY	Dayton-Walther	McL/O	3:15.88	183.786
26	97	GEORGE SNIDER	Leader Card-Lodestar	Eag/O	3:16.81	182.918
27	36	SAM SESSIONS	Commander Mtr. Homes	Eag/O	3:16.99	182.750
<u>TENTH ROW</u>						
28	19	SHELDON KINSER	Spirit of Indiana	King/O	3:17.38	182.389

FIELD AVERAGE FOR 28 CARS: 185.325

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Monday, May 12

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



Larry (Boom Boom) Cannon kept his #59 Hoffman Racing Team Eagle/Offy from going bang-bang against the Speedway wall during a spinning slide of 500 feet on the #1 (SW) turn today in the day's most newsworthy incident. Cannon was one of eight drivers of non-qualified cars who took runs as the second week of practice opened on a cool and cloudy day with a minimum of fans in the stands. Only damage was flat-spotting of the tires. He lost control coming out of the turn and finished in the middle of the south short chute.

All of the top speeds recorded on the electric eye today were turned in by cars already qualified. Gordon Johncock had the day's top clocking for the fifth time out of the seven practice-only days -- a reading of 191.816 in his #20 Sinmast Wildcat, due to start from the middle of the front row on May 25.

Pole-sitter A.J. Foyt was next quickest at 187.383 in his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote Foyt. Other top speeds by qualified drivers were Al Unser, 186.683 in his #4 Viceroy Eagle; Billy Vukovich, 185.061 in the #6 Cobre Tire Eagle; Jimmy Caruthers, 183.225 in the #78 Alex Foods Eagle; Johnny Rutherford, 182.927 in the #2 Gatorade McLaren and rookie Billy Puterbaugh, 180.650 in the #83 McNamara Eagle.

Other non-qualified drivers on the track, besides Cannon, were Jerry Sneva in the #37 Curtis Auto Center Curtis; Jigger Sirois, returning to the track in the #52 Adams Automotive Eagle/Foyt for the first time since his opening-day accident; rookie John Hubbard, trying out the #53 Kranz Mongoose/Foyt; Larry McCoy in the #63 Shurfine Food McLaren; and Billy Scott in the #76 Webster Eagle.

Three qualified drivers also practiced but had no speeds reported on the eye. They were Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr., 1974 rookie-of-the-year, in the #11 Cobre Tire Eagle; Jerry Karl in the #30 Jose Johnson Eagle/turbo-Chevy; and Bobby Allison in the #16 CAM2 McLaren. He got to 185.5 later in the day.

Carter, the 1974 rookie-of-the-year, and the six other rookies who started last year's race, were honored last night at the Columbia Club in the Monroe Auto Equipment Company's traditional rookie banquet.

Joseph L. Quinn Jr., the Speedway safety director, is a patient in Methodist Hospital and would like to hear from his friends. He is in Room 544-S in the Krannert Tower and can be reached by phone at (317) 924-7048.

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Tuesday, May 13

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

The front-engine roadster returned to the Speedway for the first time in three years today and ever-popular Jim Hurtubise gave a modest-sized crowd one of its few emotional moments of the day.

"Herk" was just shaking down the #56 Miller High Life Mallard but from the crowd response, you might have thought he had just qualified for the front row. He completed about eight laps in the white, red and gold car before deciding there was too much traffic out there to run when he couldn't see properly in his mirrors.

He said the mirrors were mounted too low and he could not see between the wing and the tail of the car. He said he plans to tilt the wing more and make some other adjustments. Jim had not taken the roadster out on the track since 1972 when he practiced in it but switched to his rear-engine Coyote for the race.

The two cars of Team McLaren and Johnny Parsons' machine were the fastest travelers of the day. Defending champion Johnny Rutherford got to 187-plus in the #2 Gatorade McLaren and Lloyd Ruby to 186-plus in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren. Parsons surprised some people with a trip at 186.335 in the #93 Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard Eagle, which he qualified in the 184 bracket.

Al Unser, 1970-71 winner, hit 186.838 in the #4 Viceroy Eagle. Mike Mosley was at 185.9 in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle. Duane (Pancho) Carter, turned in 183.786 in the #11 Cobre Tire Eagle and Jimmy Caruthers 182.741 in the #78 Alex Foods Eagle.

Among the non-qualified cars, rookie Billy Scott's #76 Webster Eagle had the fastest reported speed of 181.488, stamping himself as a probable Saturday qualifier.

Lee Kunzman, riding the bubble at 180.469 in the #55 Cobre Tire Eagle when trials resume Saturday, was looking a lot happier today following A.J. Foyt's announced decision to run only one car on May 25 and the fact that the non-qualified cars were showing little speed so far this week.

Blowing engines yesterday were the #25 Cicada, assigned to rookie Dan Murphy, and the #37 Curtis Auto Center Curtis, with Jerry Sneva in the cockpit. Bob Harkey, already qualified in another car was test-hopping Murphy's machine when it threw a rod through the case on the main straight. The track was closed down temporarily a total of five times because of oil, as three other machines also experienced lesser oiling difficulties.

Rookie Jigger Sirois, uninjured in an opening-day crash, gave up his seat in the #52 Adams Automotive Eagle voluntarily after having trouble trying to get the rebuilt machine up to qualifying speed. "I don't believe I want to do it and when you feel that way you shouldn't try to do it," Sirois said.

Mario Andretti was back from the Monaco Grand Prix and expects to be out on the track tomorrow in the #21 Viceroy Eagle. He is regarded as the one cinch qualifier for Saturday, weather permitting.

Twenty cars were on the track on a sunny, mild day. Joining in the festivities were about 110 children from the LaRue Carter Hospital who were here for the annual Art Pollard Day picnic. They had a ball and went away loaded down with racing caps, T-Shirts and decals which were procured by Tom Bush of the Press Room staff.

Ruby will be the master of ceremonies for the Indy 500 Sponsors Recognition Night at Plainfield May 23. The cookout is being sponsored by the Boys Club Associations of Indianapolis from 4 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50.

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Wednesday, May 14

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



Defending Indianapolis 500 champion Johnny Rutherford, who is getting in a lot more practice mileage than the average bear, turned in the day's fastest speed of 187.110 in his #2 Gatorade McLaren. It was the second day in a row that Johnny has posted quick time and thus won a pair of dinners at Aruthur's Restaurant in the Rodeway Inn, where Gordon Johncock is the leading customer. Gordy was not on the track today.

Much attention was centered on Mario Andretti's attempt to get the #21 Parnelli Cosworth up to qualifying speed. In his first day in the machine, Andretti worked into the mid-170's

Other quick travelers were Andretti's teammate, a two-time winner Al Unser in the #4 Viceroy Eagle at 185.797; Rutherford's teammate, Lloyd Ruby, who got to 184.612 in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren; Duane (Pancho) Carter at 182.848 in the #11 Cobre Tire Eagle and Sammy Sessions at 180.759 in the #36 Commander Motor Homes Eagle. All these are already qualified.

Among non-qualified cars, Jan Opperman was fastest at 180.3 in the #46 Thermo King Eagle. Billy Scott in the #76 Webster Eagle was at 179.820.

Bill Simpson arrived at the track late this afternoon and said he had no idea until his phone rang at 6 a.m. today in Hermosa Beach, Cal. that he would even attend the race. It was A.J. Watson on the line and Simpson said Watson offered him the ride in the #98 Leader Card-Lodestar Eagle and he quickly accepted. This is a rebuilt version of the car that Steve Krisiloff wrecked on May 6. Steve was turned down by the medics because of a fractured left heel he suffered in the mishap.

USAC officials granted Jerry Sneva an extension until tomorrow morning in order to allow him to finish his driver's test in the #38 Midwest Sunflower Sue Kingfish, another car rebuilt after an accident. Sneva got through the 165 and 170 phases of his rookie test today as the closing clock "unofficially ran" a few minutes slow. The car didn't have a nose cone at 4 p.m. today. The crew fabricated one in time for him to get in the 20 laps of the two phases. He had taken his first phase in the #37 Curtis Auto Center Curtis but blew an engine on Tuesday.

Mike Hiss, who was driving the #38 when it crashed last week, got to 175.7 in the #94 Ayr-Way-WNAP Buzzard Fleagle. Larry McCoy in the #63 Shurfine Atlanta was at 175.541. Tom Bigelow took the #17 Bryant Heating Vollstedt out for the first time and was clocked at 177.1, faster than he had been running in the new #27 Bryant Heating Vollstedt. Rick Muther moved into the #52 Adams Automotive Eagle, vacated by Jigger Sirois who resigned from it on Tuesday.

The USAC Midgets are scheduled to run Friday night at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in another of the series of supporting races leading up to the 500.

Twenty cars were out on the track today. There are only two days of practice remaining before time trials resume Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The line-up for that day will be: #94 Mike Hiss; #44 Dick Simon; #27 Tom Bigelow; #63 Larry McCoy; #46 Jan Opperman and #98 Bill Simpson.

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Thursday, May 15

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



The speeds of the "big three" were almost as hot as Mom Unser's chili on another beautiful practice day for the 59th Indianapolis 500. Pole-sitter A.J. Foyt, front-row man Gordon Johncock and defending champion Johnny Rutherford all were over the 191 mark as sunny and mild weather brought speed fans flocking to the track.

They played their own little private game of one-upsmanship, while less fortunate drivers who have not yet qualified were straining hard for the few extra miles per hour they need to get in the May 25 speed classic.

First, Rutherford brought elation to the Team McLaren group by turning in a 191.002 lap in his #2 Gatorade McLaren. That was more than 5 miles an hour faster than he qualified on Saturday. "The car handled much better than ever before," said a grinning Rutherford. "I think we've changed everything but the paint job and the number. We finally got it to respond." Rutherford said he was running with "almost a full tank" when he turned in his quick circuit.

Then, Johncock went out while Rutherford was still being interviewed by the television and newspaper men and topped Johnny with a lap at 191.327 in his #20 Sinmast Wildcat.

All of which brought Foyt's #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote out of the barn. By mid-afternoon, Foyt had worked up to 191.489, which stood up for top speed honors for the day and a pair of free meals at Arthur's Restaurant in the Rodeway Inn. Foyt said he "got a little sideways" coming out of Turn #4 (NW) on his quick lap.

The annual "chauffeur shuffle" was really on in earnest today. Rick Muther, moving into the #46 Thermo King Eagle formerly occupied by Jan Opperman, worked it up to 182.260 and looked likely to be one of the fastest qualifiers on Saturday. Opperman climbed into the #28 American Kids Racer Eagle and got to 175.713. Follmer was practicing in the #52 Adams Automotive Eagle, vacated by Jigger Sirois. Bill Simpson, in from the West Coast, familiarized himself with the #98 Leader Card-Lodestar machine of A.J. Watson. He got to 177.1.

Joining Muther among the non-qualified drivers getting into the range of speed apparently necessary to make the race were rookie Billy Scott at 181.196 in the #76 Webster Eagle; Tom Bigelow at 180.650 in his "back-up" #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt and Larry McCoy at 180.108 in the #63 Shurfine Foods Rascar.

Jerry Sneva was close at 179.2 in the #38 Midwest Sunflower Sue Racer Kingfish after completing his driver's test and getting an okay, in a rare extension of rookie test time from the scheduled deadline of Wednesday track closing.

Al Unser got in a circuit at 186.491 in the #4 Viceroy Eagle. That wasn't quite as hot - comparatively - as the Ortega chili which his Mother dished up to the racing fraternity at noon in the garage area parking lot. Driver Bob Harkey and P.R. Man Phil Cole showed up in a golf cart bearing the legend "Dayton Walther to the Rescue" and dispensed ice cream bars to put out the fires. Schaefer Beer and Gatorade also was dispensed free to help quench the hot blasts from the chili.

Mike Hiss figured in his second incident of the practice session when he lost control of the #94 Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard Fleagle coming out of the #4 (NW) turn and spun once, sliding 350 feet down the main straight-  
away. Missing the wall by a close margin, Mike then drove the car into the pit entrance and stopped with only flat-spotted tires to show for the experience. Eighteen cars were on the track today.

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Friday, May 16

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Mario Andretti, 1969 Indianapolis 500 winner, is expected to lead a group of about half a dozen qualifiers tomorrow when time trials resume for the 59th Indy classic.

Andretti gave up on his Parnelli/Cosworth at 2:09 p.m. today, switched to his old reliable #21 Viceroy Eagle/Offy and quickly got it up to 185.759 miles per hour, by far the fastest speed turned so far by a non-qualified car. Andretti was unable to qualify last weekend because he was busy driving at the Grand Prix of Monaco, where he was eliminated by a blown engine.

The next fastest non-qualified car is the #98 Leader Card-Lodestar Eagle which got up to 183.2, with Steve Krisiloff in the cockpit. Krisiloff got reconsideration yesterday on his plea to be allowed to drive, after earlier being turned down by Dr. Thomas E. Hanna, Speedway medical director. Chief Steward Thomas W. Binford ruled that Krisiloff could take a test to see if he is physically qualified to attempt to qualify. Krisiloff suffered a fractured left heel in an accident May 6. Steve passed the first phase of the test today and is scheduled to undergo the second phase tomorrow before qualifying begins.

Other cars over the 180 mark have been Tom Bigelow at 180.650 in the #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt; Dick Simon, 180.114 in the #44 Simon Eagle; Rick Muther, 182.260 in the #46 Thermo King Eagle; Larry McCoy, 180.325 in the #63 Shurfine Rascar; and Billy Scott, 181.488 in the #76 Webster Eagle.

Bigelow accounted for the only serious incident of today's practice period. He lost control of his #27 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt coming out of Turn 4 (NW) spun once and brushed the outside wall. He then drove the car into the pits with only minor damage. But he is now going to attempt to qualify the #17 car.

A.J. Foyt was again the fastest practice traveler today with a lap at 193.050 in his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt. Gordon Johncock, who will start alongside him in the front row, was next at 190.436. Al Unser was slightly above teammate Andretti at 187.931 in his #4 Viceroy Eagle.

Among other drivers already qualified, Jimmy Caruthers hit 182.630 in his #78 Alex Foods Eagle and Jerry Karl 180.252 in his #30 Jose Johnson Eagle/turbo-Chevy.

Jim Hurtubise practiced in both his front-engine Mallard and his rear-engine McLaren, both of which are Miller High Life cars and bear the #56, although the latter's official number is #57. He was short of qualifying speed in both.

Grant and Doris King announced the sponsors of the #19 Spirit of Indiana will be honored at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Tower Terrace parade area, where they will be given official mementoes of their sponsorship. Driver Sheldon Kinser and the Kingfish machine will be available for photographs and autographs.

Lee Kunzman, who is on the bubble at 180.469, spent another nervous day on the pit wall clocking other cars and hoping no more than five would exceed his speed of 180.469 in the #55 Cobre Eagle. This is the lineup for qualifying tomorrow (Saturday) when trials resume: #94 Mike Hiss, #44 Dick Simon, #27 Tom Bigelow (who will probably forfeit that spot), #63 Larry McCoy, #46 Jan Opperman and #98, either Krisiloff, if he passes the test, or Bill Simpson, who had the car up to 181.305 after only 16 practice laps.

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Saturday, May 17

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the second and final weekend of Indianapolis 500 qualifications for 1975. It looks like another great day. The Weather Bureau forecasts continued warm and sunny weather with temperatures in the 70's this afternoon after a rather mild morning.

### PRACTICE PERIOD

After the track was shut down by oiling by #52 (George Follmer) for 50 minutes (9:56 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.) Chief Steward Thomas W. Binford extended the practice period an additional 15 minutes (9:46 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.)

Steve Krisiloff completed a series of special tests in regard to his physical capacity, including the ability to bail out of his #98 Leader Card-Lodestar Eagle, and was cleared by Binford for a qualifying attempt. Krisiloff got in practice laps in the 183 bracket.

Mike Hiss, at the head of the qualifying lineup for today in the #94 Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard Fleagle, suddenly "found" about 5 miles an hour, getting to 182.7. Tom Bigelow got to 179.964 in his #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt, then lost a rear end. Mario Andretti was the fastest practicer of the non-qualified at 186.877 in the #21 Viceroy Eagle. Other speeds included Larry McCoy, 183.337 in the #63 Shurfine Rascar; Rick Muther, 182.223 in the #46 Thermo King Eagle; Billy Scott 180.759 in the #76 Webster Eagle and Follmer, 174.622 in the #52 Adams Automotive Eagle.

The track was shut down at 11:01 and scheduled to re-open for qualifying at 11:31 a.m.

### QUALIFICATIONS

11:34 a.m. -- #94 MIKE HISS, 33, TUSTIN, CAL.  
Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard Fleagle/Offy

<u>QA-34</u>	1 -- 49.60 - 181.452	<u>Q-29</u>
	2 -- 49.51 - 181.781	
	3 -- 49.29 - 182.593	
	4 -- 49.67 - 181.196	
	<u>T-3:18.07 - 181.754</u>	

11:42 a.m. -- #44 DICK SIMON, 41, SANDY, UTAH  
Dick Simon Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-35</u>	1 -- 49.24 - 182.778	<u>Q-30</u>
	2 -- 49.47 - 181.928	
	3 -- 49.53 - 181.708	
	4 -- 49.68 - 181.159	
	<u>T-3:17.92 - 181.892</u>	

11:48 a.m. -- #63 LARRY McCOY, 30, LANGHORNE, PA.  
Shurfine Foods Rascar/Offy

<u>QA-36</u>	1 -- 49.20 - 182.927	<u>Q-31</u>
	2 -- 49.16 - 183.076	
	3 -- 49.24 - 182.778	
	4 -- 49.38 - 182.260	
	<u>T-3:16.98 - 182.760</u>	

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Saturday, May 17

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

11:58 a.m. -- #46 RICK MUTHER, 39, LAGUNA BEACH, CAL.  
Thermo King Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-37</u>	1 -- 49.58 - 181.525	<u>Q-32</u>
	2 -- 49.44 - 182.039	
	3 -- 49.58 - 181.525	
	4 -- 49.50 - 181.818	
	<u>T-3:18.10 - 181.726</u>	

12:06 p.m. --- #98 STEVE KRISILOFF, 28, PARSIPPANY, N.J.  
Leader Card-Lodestar Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-38</u>	1 -- 49.41 - 182.149	<u>Q-33</u>
	2 -- 49.26 - 182.704	
	3 -- 49.22 - 182.853	
	4 -- 49.47 - 181.928	
	<u>T-3:17.36 - 182.408</u>	

FIELD IS FILLED AT 12:10 p.m.

12:14 p.m. -- #21 MARIO ANDRETTI, 35, NAZARETH, PA.  
Viceroy Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-39</u>	1 -- 48.17 - 186.838	(Bumps #55 Kunzman 180.469)
	2 -- 48.01 - 187.461	
	3 -- 48.40 - 185.950	
	4 -- 48.47 - 185.682	
	<u>T-3:13.05 - 186.480</u>	

12:18 p.m. -- #76 BILLY SCOTT, 26, SAN BERNARDINO, CAL.  
Webster Eagle/Offy

Blew engine during warmup lap.

12:25 p.m. -- Track opened for practice.

12:37 p.m. -- YELLOW. Car #52 (George Follmer) in Adams Automotive Eagle spun coming off of #3 (NE) turn and came on into pits. No contact. No damage.

6:01 p.m. -- BILLY SCOTT, 26, SAN BERNARDINO, CAL.  
Webster Eagle/Offy

6:01 p.m.	1 -- 49.85 - 180.542	<u>UA-6</u>
	2 -- YELLOW FLAG	

IMS announced that carburetion tests will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 22.

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS: 185.015

BUMP LIST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18:

#86 Al Loquasto.....	180.723
#46 Rick Muther.....	181.726
#94 Mike Hiss.....	181.754
#44 Dick Simon.....	181.892

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1975 -- No. 15

Sunday, May 18



## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



### PRACTICE PERIOD (10-11:30 a.m.)

10:10 a.m. -- YELLOW. #38 Jerry Sneva lost control coming out of Turn 4 (NW) slid 380 feet sideways. Hit inside wall with left front. Damage to left front fairly extensive. Driver okay. Previous lap at 182.519.

11:27 a.m. -- #17 Tom Bigelow lost magneto and raised hand coming down main straightaway. Crew will change mag and get Bigelow back out.

### QUALIFYING

12:08 p.m. -- #58 ELDON RASMUSSEN, 38, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
Rasmussen Racing Products Rascar/Foyt

<u>QA-41</u>	1 -- 49.02 - 183.599	<u>UA-7</u>
	2 -- 49.50 - 181.818	
	3 -- 49.87 - 180.469	
	4 -- YELLOW FLAG	

3:37 p.m. -- #56 JIM HURTUBISE, 42, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
Miller High Life McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-42</u>	1 -- 51.22 - 175.713	<u>UA-8</u>
	2 -- BLEW ENGINE	

4:49 p.m. -- #75 GRAHAM McPAE, 35, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND  
Silver Floss Sauerkraut McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-43</u>	1 -- 49.49 - 181.855	<u>UA-9</u>
	2 -- 50.17 - 179.370	
	3 -- YELLOW FLAG	

5:12 p.m. -- #17 TOM BIGELOW, 35, WHITEWATER, WIS.  
Bryant Heating & Cooling Vollstedt/Offy

<u>QA-44</u>	1 -- 49.23 - 182.076	<u>UA-10</u>
	2 -- 49.54 - 181.671	
	3 -- 49.74 - 180.941	
	4 -- YELLOW FLAG	

5:18 p.m. -- #58 ELDON RASMUSSEN, 38, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (Rookie)  
Rasmussen Racing Products Rascar/Offy

<u>QA-45</u>	1 -- 49.32 - 182.482	<u>Q-35</u>
	2 -- 49.49 - 181.855	
	3 -- 49.53 - 181.708	(Bumps #86 Loquasto at 180.723)
	4 -- 49.56 - 181.598	
	<u>T-3:17.90 - 181.910</u>	

5:25 p.m. -- #52 JIM HURTUBISE, 42, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
Adams Automotive Eagle/Foyt

<u>QA-46</u>	1 -- 51.16 - 175.919	<u>UA-11</u>
	2 -- YELLOW FLAG	

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS - 185.052

(After Loquasto bumped)

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## 1975 "500" Starting Lineup

## 4-Lap Average

Car No.	Driver	Time	Speed	Car Name	Plugs/Tires
<b>POW 1</b>					
14	A.J. FOYT F-1	3:05.59	193.976	Gilmore Racing Team	C-G
20	GORDON JOHNCOCK SGD-2	3:07.84	191.652	Sinmast	K-G
48	BOBBY UNSER O-3	3:08.41	191.073	Jorgensen	C-G
<b>ROW 2</b>					
68	TOM SNEVA O-4	3:09.38	190.094	Norton Spirit	C-G
12	MIKE MOSLEY O-3	3:11.66	187.833	Sugaripe Prune	C-G
7	LLOYD RUBY O-4	3:12.53	186.984	Allied Polymer	C-G
<b>ROW 3</b>					
2	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD O-4	3:13.55	185.615	Gatorade	C-G
6	BILL VUKOVICH O-3	3:13.71	185.845	Cobre Tire	K-G
77	SALT WALTHER O-4	3:13.86	185.701	Dayton-Walther	C-G
<b>ROW 4</b>					
78	JIMMY CARUTHERS O-3	3:13.95	185.615	Alex Foods	C-G
4	AL UNSER O-3	3:14.12	185.452	Viceroy	C-G
93	JOHNNY PARSONS O-3	3:15.10	184.521	Ayr-Way WNAP	C-G
<b>ROW 5</b>					
16	BOBBY ALLISON O-4	3:15.23	184.398	CAM2 Motor Oil	C-G
73	JERRY GRANT O-3	3:15.37	184.266	Spirit of Orange Co.	C-G
83(R)	BILL PUTERBAUGH O-3	3:15.83	183.833	McNamara D.I.A.	C-G
<b>ROW 6</b>					
89	JOHN MARTIN O-4	3:16.02	183.655	Un-sponsored	C-G
24	BENTLEY WARREN O-5	3:16.09	183.589	TheBottomhalf	C-G
11	PANCHO CARTER O-3	3:16.24	183.449	Cobre Tire	K-G
<b>POW 7</b>					
45	GARY BETTENHAUSEN O-3	3:17.14	182.611	Thermo King	C-G
30	JERRY KARL C-3	3:17.22	182.537	Jose Johnson	C-G
40	WALLY DALLENBACH SGD-2	3:08.83	190.648	Sinmast	K-G
<b>ROW 8</b>					
15	ROGER McCLUSKEY O-6	3:15.69	183.964	Silver Floss Sauerkraut	C-G
33	BOB HARKEY O-4	3:15.88	183.786	Dayton-Walther	C-G
97	GEORGE SNIDER O-3	3:16.81	182.918	Leader Card-Lodestar	C-G
<b>ROW 9</b>					
36	SAM SESSIONS O-3	3:16.99	182.750	Commander Motor Homes	C-G
19(P)	SHELDON KINSER O-5	3:17.38	182.389	Spirit of Indiana	C-G
21	MARIO ANDRETTI O-3	3:13.05	186.480	Viceroy	C-G
<b>ROW 10</b>					
63(P)	LARRY McCOY O-7	3:16.98	182.760	Shurfine Foods	C-G
98	STEVE KRISILOFF O-3	3:17.36	182.408	Leader Card-Lodestar	C-G
44	DICK SIMON F-3	3:17.92	181.892	Bruce Cogle Ford Spl.	C-G
<b>ROW 11</b>					
94	MIKE HISS O-8	3:18.07	181.754	Ayr-Way WNAP	C-G
58(R)	ELDON RASMUSSEN F-7	3:17.90	181.910	Rasmussen Racing	C-G
17	TOM BIGELOW O-9	3:17.95	181.864	Bryant Heating & Cooling	C-G

CHASSIS CODE AND NUMBERS: 1-Coyote (1); 2-Wildcat (2); 3-Eagle (16); 4-McLaren (7); 5-Kingfish (2); 6-Pocket (1); 7-Rascar (2); 8-Finley (1); 9-Vollstedt (1).

ENGINE CODE: F - Foyt; O - Offy; C - Chevy  
SGD - Sparks-Goosen-Drake.

(R) - Rookie (Four in field)

Average speed for the starting field--185.057 mph.

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1975 -- No. 16

Thursday, May 22

## DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500

### CARBURETION TESTS (11:05 a.m. to 2:03 p.m.)

Two second-generation drivers, Duane (Pancho) Carter and Gary Bettenhausen, experienced difficulties today in the final tune-ups for the 1975 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race.

Carter's was the most serious mishap and it happened only two minutes before the scheduled 2:05 p.m. track closing time. His #11 Cobre Tire Eagle was damaged extensively when Carter lost control coming out of Turn-1 (SW), slid 420 feet, hit the outside retaining wall rear-first, executing a half-spin, then slid along the wall 60 feet, then slid 213 feet into an infield drainage ditch. The car brushed the left front of a safety truck in the infield, causing slight damage to the truck. Carter was checked at the infield hospital and released. The crew said the car will be repaired in time for the race Sunday.

The accident happened in nearly the same place where Carter spun during the 1974 running during a mixup for which winner Johnny Rutherford later acknowledged the blame. Pancho went on after being restarted, however, and finished in seventh place to win rookie-of-the-year honors. He had started way back in 21st spot. This time, he is scheduled to start 18th. Carter said his back was slightly sore from the impact.

Bettenhausen was more fortunate. He spun 1 1/2 times in the #45 Thermo King Eagle coming off the same turn, the #1 (SW), slid 600 feet down into the infield grass and made no wall contact.

The fastest laps reported were by Tom Sneva, Johnny Rutherford and Bobby Unser. Sneva was clocked on hand watches at slightly over 191 mph in his #68 Norton Spirit McLaren. Rutherford had a speed of 190.921 on the electric eye in his #2 Gatorade McLaren. Bobby Unser turned in a 189-plus hand watch speed in his #48 Jorgensen Eagle. Other top runners reported were pole-sitter A.J. Foyt at 187.931, in the #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote; Gordon Johncock, 185.791 in the #20 Sinmast Wildcat; Salt Walther, 185.6 in the #77 Dayton-Walther McLaren; Johnny Parsons, 185.2 in the #93 Ayr-Way WNAP Eagle; Bobby Allison at 184.729 in the #16 CAM2 McLaren; Bill Vukovich at 184.313 in the #6 Cobre Eagle; Mike Mosley 184.578 in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle; both Lloyd Ruby in the #7 Allied Polymer McLaren and Al Unser in the #4 Viceroy Eagle at 184.351; Bettenhausen at 183.599 in the #45; Jerry Grant at 183.524 in the #73 Spirit of Orange Co. Eagle; Mario Andretti at 183.262 in the #21 Viceroy Eagle; Eldon Rasmussen at 180.469 in the #58 Rasmussen Racing Products Rascar; Steve Krisiloff at 180.905 in the #98 Leader Card-Lodestar Eagle; and Jimmy Caruthers, 179.928 in the #78 Alex Foods Eagle.

All 33 cars of the starting field were on the track for practice but neither of the two alternates (Rick Muther first alternate in the #46 Thermo King Eagle and Al Loquasto, the second alternate in the #86 Frostie Root Beer/Bicentennial McLaren) were on the track.

Billy Woodruff, a member of A.J. Foyt's crew has received the 1975 Bear Indy 500 scholarship. He will attend the Applied Power Automotive Training Center. The Bear Indy 500 Scholarship is awarded annually to a young man nominated by members of the Indy 500 racing fraternity and selected by a committee of Bear and other racing officials. This is the 9th year for the Bear scholarship award.

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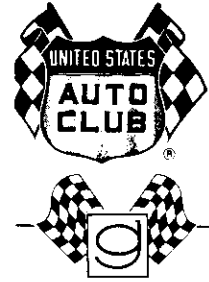


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## CHIEF MECHANICS AND GARAGE NUMBERS

Car No.	Garage No.	Chief Mechanics
14	29	A. J. (Tony) Foyt Sr.
20	55	George Bignotti
48	41	Wayne Leary
68	77	Jim McGee
12	14	Jud Phillips
7	87	Tyler Alexander & Dennis Davis
2	86	Tyler Alexander & Dennis Davis
6	16	Derek Mower
77	81	Jerry Profitt
78	10	John Capels & Gil Morales
4	24	Hywel Absalom
93	64	Bill Finley
16	75	Earle MacMullan
73	66	Dave Klym
83	49	Tom Smith
89	62	Mike Mullins
24	59	Grant King
11	17	Gary Bond
45	69	Mark Steinbrook
30	82	Smokey Yunick
40	56	George Bignotti
15	7	Chuck Looper
33	80	Ted Swiontek
97	19	A. J. Watson
36	11	Mike Devin
19	58	Grant King
21	25	Hywel Absalom
63	6	Dick Oeffinger
98	20	A. J. Watson
44	67	Dick Northam
94	65	Bill Finley
58	5	George Morris
17	3	Hal Sperb

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PIT ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 59th INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

Pit No.	Car No.	Driver	Car Name
1			
2			
3			
4			
5	48	BOBBY UNSER	Jorgensen Eagle
6	14	A. J. FOYT	Gilmore Racing Team
	Gasoline Alley		
7	20	GORDON JOHNCOCK	Sinmast Wildcat
8	40	WALLY DALLENBACH	Sinmast Wildcat
9	12	MIKE MOSLEY	Sugaripe Prune
10	68	TOM SNEVA	Norton Spirit
11	16	BOBBY ALLISON	CAM2 Motor Oil
12	7	LLOYD RUBY	Allied Polymer McLaren
13	2	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	Gatorade McLaren
14	21	MARIO ANDRETTI	Viceroy Eagle
15	4	AL UNSER	Viceroy Eagle
	USAC Starting Line		
	Fire Equipment		
16	78	JIMMY CARUTHERS	Alex Foods
17	77	SALT WALTHER	Dayton-Walther
18	33	BOB HARKEY	Dayton-Walther
19	6	BILL VUKOVICH	Cobre Tire
20	11	DUANE CARTER, JR.	Cobre Tire
21	73	JERRY GRANT	Spirit of Orange County
22	15	ROGER McCLUSKEY	Silver Floss Sauerkraut
23	83	BILL PUTERBAUGH	McNamara D.I.A.
24	89	JOHN MARTIN	Unsponsored Special
25	93	JOHNNY PARSONS	Ayr-Way WNAP "Buzzard"
26	94	MIKE HISS	Ayr-Way WNAP "Buzzard"
27	24	BENTLEY WARREN	TheBottomhalf
28	19	SHELDON KINSER	Spirit of Indiana
29	63	LARRY McCOY	Shurfine Foods
	Opening		
30	36	SAM SESSIONS	Commander Motor Homes
31	97	GEORGE SNIDER	Leader Card-Lodestar
32	98	STEVE KRISILOFF	Leader Card-Lodestar
33	45	GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Thermo King
34	30	JERRY KARL	Jose Johnson
35	58	ELDON RASMUSSEN	Rasmussen Racing Products
36	44	DICK SIMON	Bruce Cogle Ford
37	17	TOM BIGELOW	Bryant Heating & Cooling
38-47	-- Open		
48	-- Emergency Crew		

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STARTING LINEUP FOR 1975 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

ST. POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	CHASSIS/ENGINE	QUALIFYING SPEED
<u>ROW 1</u>					
1	14	A. J. FOYT	Gilmore Racing Team	Coyote/Foyt	193.976
2	20	GORDON JOHNCOCK	Sinmast Wildcat	Wildcat/SGD	191.652
3	48	BOBBY UNSER	Jogrensen Eagle	Eagle/Offy	191.073
<u>ROW 2</u>					
4	68	TOM SNEVA	Norton Spirit	McLaren/Offy	190.094
5	12	MIKE MOSLEY	Sugaripe Prune	Eagle/Offy	187.833
6	7	LLOYD RUBY	Allied Polymer	McLaren/Offy	186.984
<u>ROW 3</u>					
7	2	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	Gatorade	McLaren/Offy	185.998
8	6	BILL VUKOVICH	Cobre Tire	Eagle/Offy	185.845
9	77	SALT WALTHER	Dayton-Walther	McLaren/Offy	185.701
<u>ROW 4</u>					
10	78	JIMMY CARUTHERS	Alex Foods	Eagle/Offy	185.615
11	4	AL UNSER	Viceroy	Eagle/Offy	185.452
12	93	JOHNNY PARSONS	Ayr-Way WNAP "Buzzard"	Eagle/Offy	184.521
<u>ROW 5</u>					
13	16	BOBBY ALLISON	CAM2 Motor Oil	McLaren/Offy	184.398
14	73	JERRY GRANT	Spirit of Orange Co.	Eagle/Offy	184.266
15	83	BILL PUTERBAUGH (R)	McNamara D.I.A.	Eagle/Offy	183.833
<u>ROW 6</u>					
16	89	JOHN MARTIN	Un-sponsored	McLaren/Offy	183.655
17	24	BENTLEY WARREN	Usona Purcell	Kingfish/Offy	183.589
18	11	DUANE CARTER JR.	Cobre Tire	Eagle/Offy	183.449
<u>ROW 7</u>					
19	45	GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Thermo King	Eagle/Offy	182.611
20	30	JERRY KARL	Jose Johnson	Eagle/Chevy	182.537
21	40	WALLY DALLENBACH	Sinmast Wildcat	Wildcat/SGD	190.648
<u>ROW 8</u>					
22	15	ROGER McCLUSKEY	Silver Floss Sauerkraut	Rocket/Offy	183.964
23	33	BOB HARKEY	Dayton-Walther	McLaren/Offy	183.786
24	97	GEORGE SNIDER	Leader Card-Lodestar	Eagle/Offy	182.918
<u>ROW 9</u>					
25	36	SAM SESSIONS	Commander Motor Homes	Eagle/Offy	182.750
26	19	SHELDON KINSER (R)	Spirit of Indiana	Kingfish/Offy	182.389
27	21	MARIO ANDPETTI	Viceroy	Eagle/Offy	186.480
<u>ROW 10</u>					
28	63	LARRY McCOY (R)	Shurfine Foods	Rascar/Offy	182.760
29	98	STEVE KRISILOFF	Leader Card-Lodestar	Eagle/Offy	182.408
30	44	DICK SIMON	Dick Simon Eagle	Eagle/Foyt	181.892
<u>ROW 11</u>					
31	94	MIKE HISS	Ayr-Way WNAP Buzzard	Finley/Offy	181.754
32	58	ELDON RASMUSSEN (R)	Rasmussen Racing Prod.	Rascar/Foyt	181.910
33	17	TOM BIGELOW	Bryant Heating & Cool.	Vollstedt/Offy	181.864

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS -- 185.057 mph.

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59th ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE  
Sunday, May 25, 1975

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the news media. The United States Auto Club and the Gilmore/Foyt Racing Team welcome you to the 59th Annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. We hope we all have a most pleasant day. The weather forecast as of 10:30 a.m. was 78 degrees and the rain now is forecast for late afternoon. The temperature of the track as of 10:45 a.m. was reported to be 120 degrees. The National Anthem will be played by the Purdue University All-American Band. Jim Nabors will sing "Back Home Again in Indiana."

We will issue summary sheets every 100 miles (40 laps) which will include the top 10 leaders at each 25-mile post, average speed, interval where possible, lap leaders, yellow flag periods and cars out of the race. This service is being provided with the approval of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and through the courtesy of Jim and Di Gilmore and the Gilmore/Foyt Racing Team. If you appreciate this service, please thank Jim or Di Gilmore when you see them.

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10 LAPS (25 MI.)	20 LAPS (50 MI.)	30 LAPS (75 MI.)	40 LAPS (100 MI.)
1 Foyt #14	1 Foyt #14	1 Foyt #14	1 Foyt #14
2 Johncock #20	2 Rutherford #2	2 Rutherford #2	2 Rutherford #2
3 B. Unser #48	3 B. Unser #48	3 B. Unser #48	3 B. Unser #48
4 Rutherford #2	4 Dallenbach #40	4 Dallenbach #40	4 Dallenbach #40
5 Dallenbach #40	5 Vukovich #6	5 A. Unser #4	5 A. Unser #4
6 Vukovich #6	6 A. Unser #4	6 Allison #16	6 Allison #16
7 Parsons #93	7 Parsons #93	7 Andretti #21	7 Mosley #12
8 A. Unser #4	8 Bettenhausen #45	8 Parsons #93	8 Parsons #93
9 Sneva #68	9 Mosley #12	9 Vukovich #6	9
10 Bettenhausen #45	10 Allison #16	10 Caruthers #78	10
Avg. Sp. 183.346	Avg. Sp. 179.489	Avg. Sp. 174.374	Avg. Sp. 171.111
Interval 1.7 sec.	Interval 2.3 sec.	Interval 2 sec.	Interval .04 sec.

LAP LEADERS:

Laps	Car #	Driver
1-8	40	Johncock
9-21	14	Foyt
22-23	2	Rutherford
24-25	16	Allison
26-40	14	Foyt

YELLOW FLAGS:

Laps	Reason
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CARS OUT OF RACE:

Car #	Reason Out
7	Ruby
20	Johncock
77	Walther
63	McCoy

KEY PIT STOPS:

Car #	Lap #	Time	Driver
14	22-G	16.7	Foyt
40	22-G	15	Dallenbach
2	22-G	17.6	Rutherford
48	22-G	15	B. Unser
68	40-G	14.5	Sneva
78	45-Y		Caruthers

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50 LAPS (125 MI.)  
 1 Foyt #14  
 2 Rutherford #2  
 3 Dallenbach #40  
 4 B. Unser #48  
 5 Allison #16  
 6 Mosley #12  
 7 A. Unser #4  
 8 Sneva #68  
 9 Snider #97  
 10 Parsons #93

60 LAPS (150 MI.)  
 1 Dallenbach #40  
 2 Foyt #14  
 3 Rutherford #2  
 4 B. Unser #48  
 5 Mosley #12  
 6 Sneva #68  
 7 A. Unser #4  
 8 Allison #16  
 9 Snider #97  
 10 Parsons #93

70 LAPS (175 MI.)  
 1 Foyt #14  
 2 Dallenbach #40  
 3 B. Unser #48  
 4 Rutherford #2  
 5 Sneva #68  
 6 Mosley #12  
 7 A. Unser #4  
 8 Allison #16  
 9 Parsons #93  
 10 Snider #97

80 LAPS (200 MI.)  
 1 Dallenbach #40  
 2 Foyt #14  
 3 B. Unser #48  
 4 Rutherford #2  
 5 Sneva #68  
 6 Allison #16  
 7 Parsons #93  
 8 Snider #97  
 9 A. Unser #4  
 10 Sessions #36

Avg. Sp. 163.065  
 Interval 2 sec.

Avg. Sp. 165.657  
 Interval .09 sec.

Avg. Sp. 164.143\*  
 Interval 15 sec.  
 \*NEW TRACK RECORD

Avg. Sp. 162.640\*  
 Interval 15 sec.  
 NEW TRACK RECORD

LAP LEADERS:

Laps	Car #	Driver
40-58	14	Foyt
59-69	40	Dallenbach
70	14	Foyt
71-80	40	Dallenbach

YELLOW FLAGS:

Laps	Reason
45-49	#94 (Hiss) hit wall in T-3
68-71	#21 (Andretti) spun on backstretch - car spun approx. 300 feet.

CARS OUT OF RACE:

Car #	Reason Out
94-	Hiss
6-	Vukovich
7-	Ruby
20-	Johncock
77-	Walther
63-	McCoy
21-	Andretti
89-	Martin

KEY PIT STOPS:

Car #	Lap #	Time	Driver
68	68-Y	15 sec.	Sneva
4	68-Y	16 sec.	A. Unser
40	68-Y	18 sec.	Dallenbach
2	68-Y	13.6	Rutherford
14	69-Y	15 sec.	Foyt
12	85-G	19 sec.	Mosley
16	87-G	30 sec.	Allison
40	94-G	16 sec.	Dallenbach

In the first 75 laps the yellow light was on only twice for a total of 10 min., 32 seconds. It came on in lap 45 for 5:42 and in lap 68 for 4:50.

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90 LAPS (225 MI.)	100 LAPS (250 MI.)	110 LAPS (275 MI.)	120 LAPS (300 MI.)
1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40
2 Foyt #14	2 Rutherford #2	2 Foyt #14	2 Foyt #14
3 B. Unser #48	3 Foyt #14	3 Rutherford #2	3 B. Unser #48
4 Rutherford #2	4 B. Unser #48	4 B. Unser #48	4 Rutherford #2
5 Allison #16	5 Sneva #68	5 Sneva #68	5 Sneva #68
6 Parsons #93	6 Parsons #98	6 Parsons #93	6 Parsons #93
7 Snider #97	7 Snider #97	7 Snider #97	7 Sessions #36
8 A. Unser #4	8 Sessions #36	8 Allison #16	8 Snider #97
9 Sessions #36	9 Allison #16	9 Sessions #36	9 Carter #11
10 Mosley #12	10 Puterbaugh #83	10 Puterbaugh #83	10 Puterbaugh #83

Avg. Sp. 164.210*	Avg. Sp. 160.156	Avg. Sp. 160.209	Avg. Sp. 161.359
Interval 12 sec.	Interval 24 sec.	Interval 25 sec.	Interval 16.8 sec.

NEW TRACK RECORD

LAP LEADERS:

Laps	Car #	Driver
30-94	40	Dallenbach
95-96	14	Foyt
97-120	40	Dallenbach

YELLOW FLAGS:

Laps	Reason
97-101	Tow-in for #4 (A. Unser)

CARS OUT OF RACE:

Car #	Reason Out

KEY PIT STOPS:

Car #	Lap #	Time	Driver
40	120-G	15 sec.	Dallenbach
2	120-G	18 sec	Rutherford

LAP PRIZE MONEY WON AFTER 90 LAPS:

Car #20 led 8 laps and won \$1200  
 Car #14 led 51 laps and won \$7650  
 Car #2 led 2 laps and won \$300  
 Car #40 led 49 laps and won \$7350

LAP LEADERS IN THE FIRST 100 LAPS

Laps 1-8	#20
Laps 9-21	#14
Laps 22-23	#2
Laps 24-58	#14
Laps 59-69	#40
Lap 70	#14
Laps 71-94	#40
Laps 95-96	#14
Laps 97-100	#40

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UNOFFICIAL

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



130 LAPS (225 MI.)	140 LAPS (250 MI.)	150 LAPS (275 MI.)	160 LAPS (300 MI.)
1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40	1 Dallenbach #40
2 B. Unser #48	2 B. Unser #48	2 B. Unser #48	2 B. Unser #48
3 Rutherford #2	3 Rutherford #2	3 Rutherford #2	3 Rutherford #2
4 Foyt #14 - 1 lap	4 Foyt #14 - 1 lap	4 Foyt #14 - 1 lap	4 Foyt #14 - 1 lap
5 Parsons #93 - 2	5 Parsons #93 - 2	5 Snider #97 - 4	5 Snider #97 - 1
6 Snider #97 - 2	6 Snider #97 - 2	6 Sessions #36 - 4	6 Sessions #36 - 2
7 Sessions #36 - 4	7 Sessions #36 - 2	7 Carter #11 - 5	7 Carter #11 - 2
8 Carter #11 - 4	8 Carter #11 - 3	8 Puterbaugh #83 - 6	8 McCluskey #15 - 3
9 Puterbaugh #83 - 5	9 Puterbaugh #83 - 3	9 McCluskey #15 - 6	9 Puterbaugh #83 - 3
10 McCluskey #15 - 5	10 McCluskey #15 - 3	10 Bigelow #17 - 6	10 Vukovich #6 - 4
Avg. Sp. 155.593	Avg. Sp. 148.319	Avg. Sp. 148.670	Avg. Sp. 150.137
Interval 38 sec.	Interval 44.3 sec.	Interval 22.5 sec.	Interval 15 sec.

LAP LEADERS:

121-123 - Foyt #14  
 124 - B. Unser #48  
 125-160 - Dallenbach #40

YELLOW FLAGS:

Laps Reason  
 127-141 #68 (Sneva) rode over wheel of #58 (Rasmussen) in T-2 and flipped, landing upside down. Report from scene is that Sneva walked away from accident. Rasmussen reported okey also. Both drivers taken to hospital for check.

CARS OUT OF RACE:

#77 #98  
 #7 #93  
 #20 #12  
 #63 #73  
 #94 #30  
 #21 #4  
 #89 #45  
 #12  
 #16  
 #68

KEY PIT STOPS:

Car #	Lap #	Time	Driver
14	159-G	15 sec.	Foyt
48	159-G	17 sec	B. Unser
2	164-G	19 sec	Rutherford

LAP PRIZE MONEY WON AFTER 120 LAPS:

Car #20 led 8 laps and won \$1200  
 Car #14 led 51 laps and won \$7650  
 Car #2 led 2 laps and won \$300  
 Car #40 led 59 laps and won \$8850

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UNOFFICIAL

DAILY SUMMARY: INDIANAPOLIS 500



170 LAPS (325 MI.)	180 LAPS (350 MI.)	190 LAPS (375 MI.)	200 LAPS (400 MI.)
1 B. Unser #48	1	1	1
2 Rutherford #2	2	2	2
3 Foyt #14	3	3	3
4 Carter #11	4	4	4
5 McCluskey #15	n5	5	5
6 Puterbaugh #83	6	6	6
7 Snider #97	7	7	7
8 Vukovich #6	8	8	8
9 Krisiloff #98	9	9	9
10 Harkey-Walther # 10	10	10	10
	33		
Avg. Sp. 150.867	Avg. Sp.	Avg. Sp.	Avg. Sp.
Interval 50.0 sec.	Interval	Interval	Interval

LAP LEADERS:

Laps	Car #	Driver
161 -	40	Dallenbach
162-164	2	Rutherford
165-175*	48	B. Unser

YELLOW FLAGS:

Laps	Reason
170 - 175	#45 (Bettenhausen) lost right rear wheel in main straight followed by rain while yellow was still on.

\*Red-rain

RED FLAG: Lap 175 for rain

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Fin. Pos.	St. Pos.	Driver	Car Name/Number	Pts. Won	Laps Comp.	Running/Reason Out
1	3	BOBBY UNSER	Jorgensen Eagle, E/O #48	1000	174	Running
2	7	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	Gatorade, McL/O #2	800	174	Running
3	1	A. J. FOYT	Gilmore Racing, Coy/F #14	700	174	Running
4	18	DUANE CARTER, JR.	Cobre Tire, E/O #11	600	169	Running
5	22	ROGER McCLUSKEY	Silver Floss Sauerkraut #15	500	167	Running
6	15	BILL PUTERBAUGH	McNamara D.I.A., E/O #83	400	165	Running
7	24	GEORGE SNIDER	Leader Card-Lodestar, E/O #97	300	165	Running
8	8	BILL VUKOVICH	Cobre Tire, E/O #6	250	164	Running
9	21	WALLY DALLENBACH	Sinmast Wildcat, Wild/SGD #40	200	162	Piston
10	23	B. HARKEY, S. WALTHER	Dayton-Walther, McL/O #33	150	162	Running
11	29	STEVE KRISILOFF	Leader Card-Lodestar, E/O #98	100	162	Running
12	26	SHELDON KINSER	Spirit of Indiana, King/O #19	50	161	Running
13	20	JERRY KARL	Jose Johnson, E/Ch #30		161	Running
14	10	JIMMY CARUTHERS	Alex Foods, E/O #78		161	Accident
15	19	GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Thermo King, E/O #45		158	Accident
16	11	AL UNSER	Viceroy, E/O #4		156	Conn. rod
17	25	SAM SESSIONS	Commander Mo. Hom., E/O #36		155	Engine
18	33	TOM BIGELOW	Bryant Heat-Cool., Voll/O #17		151	Magneto
19	12	JOHNNY PARSONS	Ayr-Way WNAP, E/O #93		140	Transmission
20	14	JERRY GRANT	Spirit of Orange Co., E/O #73		138	Piston
21	30	DICK SIMON	Bruce Cogle Ford, E/F #44		133	Running
22	4	TOM SNEVA	Norton Spirit, McL/O #68		121	Accident
23	17	BENTLEY WARREN	TheBottomhalf, King/O #24		121	Accident
24	32	ELDON RASMUSSEN	Anacomp-Wild Rose, Rascar/F #58		119	Valve
25	13	BOBBY ALLISON	CAM2 Motor Oil, McL/O #16		112	Gear box
26	5	MIKE MOSLEY	Sugaripe Prune, E/O #12		94	Engine
27	16	JOHN MARTIN	Un-sponsored, McL/O #89		61	Radiator
28	27	MARIO ANDRETTI	Viceroy, E/O #21		49	Accident
29	31	MIKE HISS	Ayr-Way WNAP, Finley/O #94		39	Accident
30	28	LARRY McCOY	Shurfine Foods Rascar/O #63		24	Piston
31	2	GORDON JOHNCOCK	Sinmast Wildcat, Wild/SGD #20		11	Ignition
32	6	LLOYD RUBY	Allied Polymer, McL/O #7		7	Piston
33	9	SALT WALTHER	Dayton-Walther, McL/O #77		3	Ignition

CARS #12, #15 and #45 were penalized one lap because of having too many men over the pit wall. They are listed in the proper finishing order after having been penalized.

TIME OF RACE: 2:54.55

SPEED OF RACE: 149.213 mph

#### LAP LEADERS:

1 - 8	#20 Johncock	121-123	#14 Foyt
9 - 21	#14 Foyt	125-161	#40 Dallenbach
22 - 23	#2 Rutherford	162-164	#2 Rutherford
24	#16 Allison	164-175	#48 Bobby Unser
25 - 58	#14 Foyt		
59 - 69	#40 Dallenbach		
70	#14 Foyt		
71 - 94	#40 Dallenbach		
95 - 96	#14 Foyt		
97 - 120	#40 Dallenbach		

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A. J. Foyt / Triple Crown Winner / World Champion — Closed Course Speed Record / 217.854 mph