

1931 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1931

Track Type: Brick oval

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles

Ave Qual Speed: 107.226 mph

Total Purse: \$83,747

Race Distance: 500 miles

Margin of Victory: 43.190 sec

Sanction Num: AAA # 2492

Promoter: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	23	13	Louis Schneider	Bowes Seal Fast	Stevens	Miller	200	5:10:27.93 96.629	600
2	34	8	Fred Frame	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	200	5:11:11.12 96.406	450
3	19	10	Ralph Hepburn	Harry Miller	Miller	Miller	200	5:18:23.35 94.224	292
4	21	35	Myron Stevens	Jadson Valve	Stevens	Miller	200	5:18:40.09 94.142	127.7
5	4	1	Russ Snowberger	Russell 8	Snowberger	Studeb	200	5:18:50.70 94.090	300
6	33	20	Jimmy Gleason	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	200	5:20:29.76 93.605	185
7	25	5	Ernie Triplett	Buckeye Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	200	5:22:26.24 93.041	200
8	36	9	Stubby Stubblefield	Jones-Miller	Miller	Miller	200	5:24:35.37 92.424	150
9	28	14	Cliff Bergere	Elco Royale	Reo	Reo	200	5:26:39.62 91.839	100
10	27	15	Chet Miller	Marr	Hudson	Hudson	200	5:34:53.75 89.580	38.7
11	44	30	George Howie	G N H	Dodge	Chrysl	200	5:42:15.99 87.651	
12	12	23	Phil Shafer	Shafer 8	Rigling	Buick	200	5:47:15.50 86.391	
13	8	17	Dave Evans	Cummins Diesel	Duesenberg	Cummin	200	5:48:08.94 86.107	
14	72	31	Al Aspen	Alberti	Duesenberg	Duesen	200	5:49:47.82 85.764	
15	59	37	Sam Ross	Yahr	Rigling	Miller	200	5:52:21.89 85.139	
16	69	40	Joe Huff	Goldberg Brothers	Cooper FD	Miller	180	Flagged	
17	5	4	Deacon Litz	Maley	Duesenberg	Duesen	177	Wrecked, (Cummings)	
18	37	19	Tony Gulotta	Hunt	Rigling	Studeb	167	Wrecked NW turn	
19	1	18	Billy Arnold	Miller-Hartz	Summers	Miller	162	Wrecked NW turn	
20	57	12	Luther Johnson	Richards	Studebaker	Studeb	156	Wrecked NW turn	
21	55	36	Billy Winn	Hoosier Pete	Rigling	Clemon	138	Flagged	
22	16	27	Frank Brisko	Brisko-Atkins	Stevens	Miller	138	Brkn steering arm	
23	26	34	Gene Haustein	Mistle Fronty	Ford T	FntyFd	117	Lost wheel	
24	41	16	Joe Russo	Russo	Rigling	Duesen	109	Oil leak	
25	17	7	William Gardner	Nutmeg State	Miller FD	Miller	107	Broken frame	
26	14	38	Lou Moore	Boyle Valve	Miller	Miller	103	Brkn differential	
27	2	26	Shorty Cantlon	Miller	Miller	Miller	88	Brkn connecting rod	
28	3	2	Bill Cummings	Empire State	Cooper FD	Miller	70	Broken oil line	
29	24	28	Fred Winnai	Bowes Seal Fast	Stevens	Miller	60	Wrecked NE turn	
30	32	11	Phil Pardee	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	60	Wrecked NE (Shaw)	
31	31	3	Paul Bost	Empire State	Rigling	Miller	35	Broken crankshaft	
32	35	22	Frank Farmer	Jones-Miller	Willy-Kngt	Miller	32	Connect rod bearing	
33	58	32	George Wingarter	Wingarter	Duesenberg	Duesen	29	Fuel tank leak	
34	7	25	Louis Meyer	Sampson	Stevens	Miller	28	Oil leak	
35	39	6	Babe Stapp	Rigling & Henning	Rigling	Duesen	14	Oil leak	
36	48	24	John Boling	Morton-Brett	Mort-Br	MortBr	7	Brkn connecting rod	
37	54	29	Leon Duray	Duray	Stevens	Dury2C	6	Overheated	
38	49	33	Harry Butcher	Butcher Brothers	Buick	Buick	6	Wrecked NW turn	
39	10	39	Herman Schurch	Hoosier Pete	Rigling	Clemon	5	Transmission	
40	67	21	Francis Quinn	Tucker Tappet	Miller	Ford A	3	Broken rear axle	

Lap Leaders

Louis Schneider	39	162-200
Billy Arnold	155	7-161
Bill Cummings	4	3-6
Paul Bost	2	1-2

Relief Drivers

5	Bill Cummings	Maley	Duesenberg	Duesen	84	Rel Litz 94-177	
17	Wesley Crawford	Nutmeg State	Miller FD	Miller	50	Rel W Gardner 58-107	
19	Peter Kreis	Harry Miller	Miller	Miller	54	Rel Hepburn 90-143	108
21	Louis Meyer	Jadson Valve	Stevens	Miller	128	Rel Stevens 73-200	
27	Bryan Saulspagh	Marr	Hudson	Hudson	49	Rel C Miller 104-152	
32	Wilbur Shaw	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	34	Rel Pardee 27-60	
33	Wilbur Shaw	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	52	Rel Gleason 118-169	
44	Lora Corum	G N H	Dodge	Chrysl	26	Rel Howie 86-112	
44	Herman Schurch	G N H	Dodge	Chrysl	88	Rel Howie 113-200	
55	James Patterson	Hoosier Pete	Rigling	Clemon	67	Rel Winn 55-121	
69	William Gardner	Goldberg Brothers	Cooper FD	Miller	32	Rel Huff 117-148	
72	William Denver	Alberti	Duesenberg	Duesen	49	Rel Aspen 112-161	

Non-Qualifiers

68	Ted Chamberlain	Miller S. L.	Miller	Miller		Did not qualify	
46	Rick Decker	Decker	Miller FD	Miller		Did not qualify	
22	Peter Kreis	Coleman Motors	Miller FD	Miller		Did not qualify	
29	Lora Corum	Stutz Bearcat	Stutz	Stutz		Did not qualify	
42	William Denver	Brady & Nardi	Duesenberg	Duesen		Did not qualify	
45	C. C. Reeder	Cooper	Cooper	Lycomg		Did not qualify	
45	Marion Trexler	Cooper	Cooper	Lycomg		Did not qualify	
53	Joe Thomas	Finneran		Miller		Did not qualify	
66	Ben Brandon	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen		Did not qualify	
6	Wilbur Shaw	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen		Broken crankshaft	
9	Frank Farmer	Pedrick Piston Ring	Miller	Miller		Did not qualify	
15	Bert Karnatz	All Oil	Miller	Miller		Did not qualify	
18	Ralph DePalma	Miller-Wehr	Miller	Miller		Did not qualify	
22	Lou Moore	Coleman Motors	Miller FD	Miller		Withdrew	
38	Joe Caccia	Jones & Maley	Duesenberg	Duesen		Wrecked practice	
43	Milt Marion	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen		Did not qualify	

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47	Floyd Sparks	DeBiase		Curtis	Burned in pits
51	Charles Moran	Model A Ford	Model A	Ford A	Did not qualify
52	Roy Painter	Painter		Miller	Did not qualify
56	James Patterson	Cacace		Miller	Did not qualify
61	Eddie Burbach	B & C		Duesen	Did not qualify
62	Wally Zale	Midway Motors		Lycomg	Did not qualify
63	Malcolm Fox	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	Duesen	Did not qualify
64	Norske Larson	Buehrig	Duesenberg	Duesen	Did not qualify
65	Walt May	Schofield-Curlett	Ford A	Ford A	Did not qualify
71	Johnny Seymour	Highway Truck Parts	Cooper FD	Cooper	Did not qualify
73	Carl Smith	C. C. Smith		Mercer	Did not qualify
74	Dusty Fahrnow	United Cabs		Duesen	Did not qualify
76	Jimmy Gleason	Mercedes Grand Prix	Mercedes	Merced	Did not qualify
78	Zeke Meyer	Woods		Lycomg	Did not qualify
79	Leon Duray	Leon Duray		Miller	Did not qualify

Pole Position: Russ Snowberger

Pole Speed: 112.796 mph

Data Source: Indianapolis Star

Race Notes

- 1) 366 cu in maximum displacement, non-supercharged
- 2) 90 mph for 4 laps qualifying, 40 cars
- 3) Clarence Grover, Caccia's mechanic, killed
- 4) Start of race delayed 2 hours due to rain
- 5) Dave Evans drove the first Indianapolis 500 mile non-stop race
- 6) Evans allowed to start if qualified at over 95 mph
- 7) Arnold qualified first day at 113.848 but was disqualified because of failing brake test.