

1939 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1939

Track Type: Paved Oval
Race Distance: 500 miles
Promoter: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 108.120 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 123.651 mph
Sanction Num: AAA # 3700
Total Purse: \$87,155

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	2	3	Wilbur Shaw	Boyle	Maserati	Mas Sc	200	4:20:47.49 115.035	1,000
2	10	1	Jimmy Snyder	Thorne Engineering	Adams	SprkSc	200	4:22:35.61 114.245	825
3	54	10	Cliff Bergere	Offenhauser	Miller FD	Offy	200	4:23:51.40 113.698	675
4	4	4	Ted Horn	Boyle	Miller FD	Miller	200	4:28:08.82 111.879	550
5	31	16	Babe Stapp	Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	200	4:29:42.68 111.230	450
6	41	15	George Barringer	Bill White	Weil	Offy	200	4:30:12.60 111.025	375
7	8	20	Joel Thorne	Thorne Engineering	Adams	Sparks	200	4:31:42.04 110.416	325
8	16	8	Mauri Rose	Wheeler's	Shaw	Offy	200	4:33:51.80 109.544	275
9	14	17	Frank Wearne	Burd Piston Ring	Wetteroth	Offy	200	4:38:16.65 107.806	225
10	26	33	Billy DeVore	Duray - Barbasol	Weil	DurySc	200	4:47:43.37 104.267	136.5
11	62	27	Tony Gulotta	Burd Piston Ring	Stevens	Offy	200	4:48:38.01 103.938	114.5
12	45	2	Louis Meyer	Bowes Seal Fast	Stevens	WinfSc	197	Wrecked backstretch	75
13	18	12	George Connor	Marks	Adams	Offy	195	Stalled	
14	51	26	Tony Willman	Burd Piston Ring	Lencki	Lencki	188	Broken fuel pump	
15	58	30	Louis Tomei	Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	186	Flagged	
16	15	19	Rex Mays	Thorne Engr	Adams	SprkSc	145	Stuck piston rings	
17	9	9	Herb Ardinger	Miller-Hartz	Wetteroth	MillSc	141	Rear axle	
18	35	24	Kelly Petillo	Kay Jewelers	Wetteroth	Offy	141	Broken pistons	
19	49	14	Mel Hansen	Joel Thorne	Shaw FD	Offy	113	Hit pit wall	
20	38	32	Harry McQuinn	Elgin Piston Pin	Blume	Brisko	102	Ignition trouble	
21	3	5	Chet Miller	Boyle	Summers FD	Miller	109	Wrecked backstretch	
22	25	13	Ralph Hepburn	Hamilton-Harris	Stevens	Offy	106	Wrecked backstretch	
23	1	23	Floyd Roberts	Burd Piston Ring	Wetteroth	Offy	106	Wrecked BS - fatal	
24	37	18	Ira Hall	Greenfield Service	Nowiak	Studeb	89	Blown head gasket	
25	21	25	Russ Snowberger	D-X	SnowbergFD	Miller	50	Leaking radiator	
26	17	6	George Bailey	Miller	MillerRE4D	MillSc	47	Broken valve	
27	56	29	Floyd Davis	W R W	Miller	Offy	43	Brkn shock absorber	
28	42	28	Al Miller II	Kennedy Tank	Adams	Offy	41	Brkn throttle pedal	
29	29	11	Frank Brisko	National Seal	Stevens FD	Brisko	38	Broken air pump	
30	44	21	Emil Andres	Chicago Flash	Stevens	Offy	22	Stripped plug treads	
31	32	22	Bob Swanson	SMI	Stevens	SampSc	19	Rear axle	
32	47	7	Shorty Cantlon	Auto Service	Stevens	Offy	15	Burned main bearing	
33	53	31	Deacon Litz	Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc	7	valve trouble	

Lap Leaders

Louis Meyer	79	70-73,104-130,135-182
Jimmy Snyder	65	1-36,75-103
Wilbur Shaw	51	37-69,183-200
Ted Horn	4	131-134
Rex Mays	1	74

Relief Drivers

9	Frank Brisko	Miller-Hartz	Wetteroth	MillSc	19	Rel Ardinger 76-94
9	Mel Hansen	Miller-Hartz	Wetteroth	MillSc	5	Rel Ardinger 137-141
25	Bob Swanson	Hamilton-Harris	Stevens	Offy	3	Rel Hepburn 104-107
26	Henry Banks	Duray-Barbasol	Weil	DurySc	44	Rel B DeVore 146-189
38	Al Putnam	Elgin Piston Pin	Blume	Brisko	25	Rel McQuinn 12-36
38	Frank Brisko	Elgin Piston Pin	Blume	Brisko	6	Rel McQuinn 37-42
38	George Robson	Elgin Piston Pin	Blume	Brisko	34	Rel McQuinn 77-110
38	Al Putnam	Elgin Piston Pin	Blume	Brisko	26	Rel McQuinn 43-76
58	Mel Hansen	Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo	A R Sc	26	Rel Tomei 161-186
62	Harry McQuinn	Burd Piston Ring	Stevens	Offy	17	Rel Gulotta 111-127

Non-Qualifiers

28	George Robson	Deacon Litz	Maserati	Mas		Did not qualify
7	Duke Nalon	Belanger	Miller	Miller		Brkn cam, crankshaft
23	George Robson	W. A. Rotary Valve		WehrSc		Did not qualify
27	Zeke Meyer	Miller	MillerRE4D	Miller		Did not qualify
33	Tom Hinnershitz	Kimmel	Miller	Voelkr		Brkn connecting rod
36	Doc Williams	Quillen Bros. Refrig	Miller FD	Miller		Did not qualify
39	Henry Banks	Cheesman Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc		Broken crankshaft
55	Louis Tomei	Indiana Fur		Buick		Did not qualify
59	Lou Webb	Woestman-McDowell		McDowl		Did not qualify
61	Johnny Seymour	Miller	MillerRE4D	Miller		Wrecked practice

Pole Position: Jimmy Snyder **Pole Speed:** 130.138 mph

Data Source: IMS Timing & Scoring Report

- Race Notes**
- Snyder set new track records:
4 lap 4:36.63 130.138
1 laps 1:08.83 130.757
 - Qualification trials reverted back to 4 laps.
 - Engines: 274.59 ci unsupercharged; 183.06 ci supercharged
 - Minimum 110 mph qualifying speed, 33 fastest cars.
 - Lap Prizes: Shaw \$1300, Snyder \$2600, Horn \$100, L Meyer \$2400