

1946 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1946

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 34.040 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 122.428 mph
Sanction Num: AAA # 3960
Total Purse: \$115,373

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	16	15	George Robson	Thorne Engineering	Adams	SprkSc	200	4:21:26.70 114.820	1,000
2	61	5	Jimmy Jackson	Jackson	Miller FD	Offy	200	4:22:00.74 114.498	800
3	29	7	Ted Horn	Boyle	Maserati	Mas Sc	200	4:33:19.60 109.819	700
4	18	11	Emil Andres	Elgin Piston Pin	Maserati	Mas Sc	200	4:35:28.65 108.902	600
5	24	12	Joie Chitwood	Noc-Out Hose Clamp	Wetteroth	Offy	200	4:36:45.30 108.399	372
6	33	6	Louis Durant	Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	200	4:45:30.88 105.073	400
7	52	28	Gigi Villoresi	Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc	200	4:57:40.23 100.783	300
8	7	29	Frank Wearne	Wolfe Motors	Shaw	Offy	197	Flagged	250
9	39	25	Bill Sheffler	Jack Maurer	Bromme	Offy	139	Flagged	200
10	17	31	Billy DeVore	Schoof	Wetteroth	Offy	167	Spun out, SW turn	150
11	41	27	Mel Hansen	Offenhauser	Kurtis	DurySc	143	Broken crankshaft	100
12	25	10	Russ Snowberger	Jim Hussey	Maserati	Mas Sc	134	Differential trouble	39
13	14	18	Harry McQuinn	Mobilgas	Adams	SprkSc	124	Out of oil	
14	2	19	Ralph Hepburn	Novi Governor	Kurtis FD	NoviSc	121	Engine, stalled	
15	12	13	Al Putnam	LGS Spring	Stevens	Offy	120	Magneto	
16	3	1	Cliff Bergere	Noc-Out Hose Clamp	Wetteroth	Offy	82	Out of oil	
17	45	8	Duke Dinsmore	Johnstone	Adams	Offy	82	Brkn connecting rod	
18	5	17	Chet Miller	Miller	Cooper FD	Offy	64	Broken oil line	
19	63	16	Jimmy Wilburn	Mobiloil	A-R/Weil	A-R Sc	52	Engine trouble	
20	42	26	Tony Bettenhausen	Bristow-McManus	Wetteroth	MillSc	47	Brkn connecting rod	
21	59	33	Danny Kladis	Grancor V-8	Miller FD	FordV8	46	Disqualified, towed	
22	54	32	Duke Nalon	Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc	45	Brkn universal joint	
23	8	9	Mauri Rose	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Lencki	Lencki	40	Wrecked NE turn	
24	38	30	George Connor	Walsh	Kurtis	Offy	38	Piston	
25	48	23	Hal Robson	Phillips	Bugatti	Miller	37	Brkn connecting rod	
26	15	22	Louis Tomei	Boxar Tool	Stevens FD	Brisko	34	Broken oil line	
27	31	21	Henry Banks	Auto Shippers	SnowbergFD	Offy	32	Stalled	
28	64	20	Shorty Cantlon	H-3	Miller FD	Offy	28	Clutch failure	
29	26	24	George Barringer	Tucker Torpedo	Miller4DRE	MillSc	27	Gear	
30	1	14	Rex Mays	Bowes Seal Fast	Stevens	WinfSc	26	Broken manifold	
31	32	3	Sam Hanks	Spike Jones	Stevens	SampSc	18	Broken oil line	
32	47	4	Hal Cole	Don Lee	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	16	Fuel leak	
33	10	2	Paul Russo	Fageol Twin Coach	Fageol 4D	Offyx2	16	Wrecked NE turn	

Lap Leaders

George Robson	138	56-68,71-87,93-200
Ralph Hepburn	44	12-55
Mauri Rose	8	1-8
Jimmy Jackson	5	88-92
Rex Mays	3	9-11
Cliff Bergere	2	69-70

Relief Drivers

3	Rex Mays	Noc-Out Hose Clamp	Wetteroth	Offy	23	Rel Bergere 60-82
5	Louis Tomei	Miller	Cooper FD	Offy	7	Rel C Miller 58-64
12	George Connor	LGS Spring	Stevens	Offy	21	Rel Putnam 100-120
14	Jimmy Wilburn	Mobilgas	Adams	SprkSc	35	Rel McQuinn 90-124
24	Sam Hanks	Noc-Out Hose Clamp	Wetteroth	Offy	149	Rel Chitwood 52-200
25	Duke Nalon	Jim Hussey	Maserati	Mas Sc	45	Rel Snowbrger 90-134

Non-Qualifiers

27	Tony Bettenhausen	Marchese		MillSc		Qualified, withdrew
37	Buddy Rusch	Enlist in U. S. Army		Studeb		DNQ, too slow
62	Charles VanAcker	Singer		Voelkr		DNQ, too slow
9	Al Miller II	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Lencki	Lencki		Did not qualify
28	Steve Truchan	Offenhauser		Offy		Did not qualify
34	Tom Hinnershitz	Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc		Did not qualify
35	Louis Gerand	Alfa Romeo	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc		Did not qualify
36	Louis Gerand	Maserati Schell	Maserati	Maser		Did not qualify
43	Wally Mitchell	Mitchell Corp.		Brisko		Did not qualify
44	Rudi Caracciola	Thorne Engineering	Adams	Sparks		Wrecked practice
46	Harry Schell	Maserati	Maserati	Maserati		Did not qualify
49	Zora Arkus-Duntov	Talbot	Talbot	Talbot		Did not qualify
53	Achille Varzi	Maserati	Maserati	Mas Sc		Did not qualify
55	Joe Langley	Clemons		Clemon		Did not qualify
56	Bruce Denslow	Greene-Holland		Plymth		Did not qualify
57	R. Arbutnot	Lagonda		Lagnda		Did not qualify
58	Harold Bailey	Bee-Gee				Did not qualify
67	Arvol Brunmeier	Offenhauser		Offy		Did not qualify
68	Jim Brubaker	Maserati	Maserati	Maser		Did not qualify
69	Bud Rose	Prudy Offenhauser		Offy		Did not qualify
71	Fred Winnai	Jewell		Hal		Did not qualify

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Pole Position: Cliff Bergere

Pole Speed: 126.471 mph

Data Source: Floyd Clymer 1946 Yearbook

Race Notes

- 1) Ownership acquired by Tony Hulman.
- 2) Minimum qualifying speed of 115 mph, 33 fastest cars.
- 3) Lap Prizes: Robson \$13,800, Jackson \$500, Hepburn \$4400, Bergere \$200, Rose \$800, Mays \$300.
- 4) Qualifications held over 8 days: May 18, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27 & 28th.