

1948 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 31, 1948

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 84.070 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 125.163 mph
Sanction Num: AAA # 1R48
Total Purse: \$170,565

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	3	3	Mauri Rose	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Deidt FD	Offy	200	4:10:23.33 119.814	1,000
2	2	2	Bill Holland	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Deidt FD	Offy	200	4:11:47.40 119.147	800
3	54	11	Duke Nalon	Novi Grooved Piston	Kurtis FD	NoviSc	200	4:14:09.78 118.034	700
4	1	5	Ted Horn	Bennett Brothers	Maserati	Mas Sc	200	4:14:30.47 117.844	600
5	35	21	Mack Hellings	Don Lee	Kurtis 200	Offy	200	4:24:38.52 113.361	500
6	63	14	Hal Cole	City of Tacoma	Kurtis 200	Offy	200	4:28:50.86 111.587	400
7	91	28	Lee Wallard	Iddings	Meyer	Offy	200	4:34:47.00 109.177	300
8	33	27	Johnny Mauro	Mauro	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	198	Flagged	215
9	7	23	Tom Hinnershitz	Kurtis Kraft	Kurtis	Offy	198	Flagged	200
10	61	4	Jimmy Jackson	Howard Keck	Deidt FD	Offy	193	Brkn spindle, spun	150
11	4	12	Charles VanAcker	South Bend	Stevens	Offy	192	Flagged	100
12	19	20	Billy DeVore	Pat Clancy	Kurtis 6Wh	Offy	190	Flagged	50
13	98	8	Johnny Mantz	Agajanian	Kurtis 200	Offy	185	Flagged	
14	6	22	Tony Bettenhausen	Belanger	Stevens	Offy	167	Clutch	
15	64	18	Hal Robson	Palmer	Adams	Offy	164	Broken valve	
16	36	7	Bill Cantrell	Fageol Twin Coach	Stevens	Fageol	161	Steering	
17	55	10	Joie Chitwood	Nyquist	Shaw	Offy	138	Fuel tank leak	
18	53	24	Bill Sheffler	Sheffler Offy	Bromme	Offy	132	Spark plugs	
19	5	1	Rex Mays	Bowes Seal Fast	Kurtis	WinfSc	129	Fuel tank leak	
20	31	19	Chet Miller	Don Lee	Mercedes	MercSc	108	Oil leak	
21	52	13	Jack McGrath	Sheffler Offy	Bromme	Offy	70	Stalled SE turn	
22	16	29	Duane Carter	Belanger	Wetteroth	Offy	59	Lost wheel SE turn	
23	26	32	Fred Agabashian	Ross Page	Kurtis	DurySc	58	Broken oil line	
24	34	9	Les Anderson	Kennedy Tank	Kurtis	Offy	58	Broken gear	
25	17	33	Mel Hansen	Schafer Gear	Adams	Sparks	42	Disqual, too slow	
26	76	15	Sam Hanks	Flavell	Adams	SprkSc	34	Clutch	
27	51	30	Spider Webb	Spider Brothers	Bromme	Offy	27	Broken oil line	
28	9	17	George Connor	Bennett Brothers	Stevens	Miller	24	Broken drive shaft	
29	74	6	Doc Williams	Clarke Motors	Cooper FD	Offy	19	Clutch	
30	86	31	Mike Saley	Terman's Supply	Wetteroth	Offy	13	Stalled SE turn	
31	8	16	Emil Andres	Tuffy's Offy	Kurtis 200	Offy	11	Steering	
32	25	25	Paul Russo	Federal Engineering	Maserati	Mas Sc	7	Oil leak	
33	65	26	Harry McQuinn	Lynch Motors	Maserati	Mas Sc	1	Supercharger	

Lap Leaders

Mauri Rose	81	101-123,143-200
Ted Horn	74	18-72,124-142
Rex Mays	36	1-17,73-91
Duke Nalon	9	92-100

Relief Drivers

31	Ken Fowler	Don Lee	Mercedes	MercSc	21	Rel C Miller 30-50	
31	Louis Tomei	Don Lee	Mercedes	MercSc	58	Rel C Miller 51-108	
33	Louis Durant	Mauro	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc	29	Rel Mauro 112-140	35
55	Paul Russo	Nyquist	Shaw	Offy	21	Rel Chitwood 54-74	
55	Johnny Shackelford	Nyquist	Shaw	Offy	32	Rel Chitwood 106-137	

Non-Qualifiers

48	Johnny Shackelford	Johnston		Offy		Did not qualify	
32	Myron Fohr	Marchese	Marchese	Offy		DNS, too slow	
72	Spider Webb	Anderson Offy		Offy		DNS, too slow	
41	Ken Fowler	Don Lee	Alfa Romeo	A-R Sc		DNS, too slow	
29	Louis Durant	Auto Ahippers		Miller		DNS, too slow	
10	Louis Tomei	Tom Sarafoff		Offy		Did not qualify	
12	Ralph Hepburn	Novi Grooved Piston	Kurtis 200	NoviSc		Wrecked practice	
14	Jim Brubaker	Maserati	Maserati	Maser		Did not qualify	
15	Walt Ader	Peters	Wetteroth	Offy		Owner died	
21	Eddie Zalucki	Auto Shippers		Offy		Did not qualify	
23	Milt Fankhouser	Fankhouser	Adams	Offy		Did not qualify	
24	Jackie Holmes	IndianaPlywood		Offy		Did not qualify	
27	Art Hartsfield	Corley		Offy		Did not qualify	
28	Mel Hansen	Brady		SprkSc		Did not qualify	
37	Johnny Mauro	Miller		MillSc		Did not qualify	
38	Henry Banks	Federal Engineering		Offy		Did not qualify	
39	Andy Granatelli	Grancor V8	Kurtis 200	Mercry		Did not qualify	
43	Red Byron	Parks-Vogt		FordV8		Did not qualify	
44	Bob Droeger	Baldwin		Duesen		Did not qualify	
45	Cowboy O'Rourke	Speedway Cocktail	Lencki	Kencki		Did not qualify	
45	Walt Ader	Speedway Cocktail	Lencki	Kencki		Did not qualify	
47	George Metzler	Glessner Motors		Clemon		Did not qualify	
49	Pete Romcevic	Norm Olson	Olson	Offy		Did not qualify	
56	George Lynch	Lisher & Lynch				Did not qualify	
57	Joel Thorne	Thorne Engineering		Sparks		Did not qualify	
58	Mack Hellings	Blue Crown Spark Plugs		Offy		Did not qualify	
58	Mike Saley	Blue Crown Spark Plugs		Offy		Did not qualify	
59	Andy Granatelli	Grancor-Werner	Kurtis 200	Mercry		Wrecked practice	
62	Joe Perkins	Kurtis Kraft		Offy		Did not qualify	
66	Al Miller II	Preston Tucker	MillerRE4D	MillSc		Did not qualify	

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67	Lee Wallard	G & M		Dues	Did not qualify
68	Ronney Householder	Speedway Cocktail	Lencki	Lencki	Did not qualify
69	Walt Brown	Werner-Grancor	Maserati	Mas Sc	Did not qualify
71	Loral Tansy	Tansy		Offy	Did not qualify
73	Roland Free	Gustafson K. F. Motors		MillSc	Did not qualify
85	Cliff Bergere	Grancor-Werner	Kurtis 200	Offy	Did not qualify
87	Ralph Pratt	Lutes-Gdula-Pratt		Offy	Did not qualify
88	Manuel Ayulo	Weidel	Kurtis	Mercry	Did not qualify
89	Charlie Rogers	Jewell		Voelkr	Did not qualify
93	Jackie Holmes	Jimmy Chai		Offy	Did not qualify
95	Mike Saley	Kuehl-Osborne			Did not qualify

Pole Position: Rex Mays

Pole Speed: 130.577 mph

Data Source: Floyd Clymer 1948 Yearbook

Race Notes

- 1) Minimum qualifying 115mph
- (2) Hepburn replaced Bergere in Novi and was killed during practice. Nalon replaced Chet Miller in second Novi.