

1951 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1951

Track Type: Paved Oval Lap Distance: 2.5 miles Ave Qual Speed: 133.570 mph Total Purse: \$207,396
 Race Distance: 500 miles Margin of Victory: 107.260 sec Sanction Num: AAA # 1R51
 Promoter: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	99	2	Lee Wallard	Belanger	Kurtis	Offy	200	3:57:38.05 126.244	1,000
2	83	7	Mike Nazaruk	Jim Robbins	Kurtis	Offy	200	3:59:25.31 125.302	800
3	9	3	Jack McGrath	Hinkle	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	4:00:29.42 124.745	350
4	57	31	Andy Linden	Leitenberger	Silnes/Sherm	Offy	200	4:02:18.06 123.812	600
5	52	29	Bobby Ball	Blakely Oil	Schroeder	Offy	200	4:02:30.27 123.709	500
6	1	17	Henry Banks	Hopkins Blue Crown	Moore	Offy	200	4:03:18.02 123.304	400
7	68	24	Carl Forberg	Auto Shippers	Kurtis 3000	Offy	193	Flagged	300
8	27	4	Duane Carter	Mobilgas	Deidt FD	Offy	180	Flagged	250
9	5	9	Tony Bettenhausen	Mobiloil	Deidt FD	Offy	178	Spun out NW	200
10	18	1	Duke Nalon	Novi Purelube	Kurtis FD	Novi	151	Stalled	150
11	69	22	Gene Force	Brown Motor Co.	Kurtis 2000	Offy	142	Lost oil pressure	100
12	25	12	Sam Hanks	Peter Schmidt	Kurtis 3000	Offy	135	Spun out NE	50
13	10	16	Bill Schindler	Chapman	Kurtis 2000	Offy	129	Brkn connecting rod	
14	16	5	Mauri Rose	Pennzoil	Deidt FD	Offy	126	Wheel collapsed, spun	
15	2	14	Walt Faulkner	Agajanian Grant	Kuzma	Offy	123	Brkn crankshaft	
16	76	27	Jimmy Davies	Parks Offy	Pawl	Offy	110	Brkn rear end	
17	59	11	Fred Agabashian	Granatelli Bardahl	Kurtis 3000	Offy	109	Clutch	
18	73	15	Carl Scarborough	McNamara	Kurt/Wett	Offy	100	Broken axle	
19	71	33	Bill Mackey	Karl Hall	Stevens	Offy	97	Brkn clutch shaft	
20	8	19	Chuck Stevenson	Bardahl/Marchese	Marchese	Offy	93	Fire	
21	3	8	Johnnie Parsons	Wynn's Friction Proofing	Kurtis 3000	Offy	87	Magneto	
22	4	10	Cecil Green	John Zink	Kurtis 3000	Offy	80	Brkn connecting rod	
23	98	6	Troy Ruttman	Agajanian Featherweight	Kurtis 2000	Offy	78	Burned bearing	
24	6	32	Duke Dinsmore	Brown Motor Co.	Schroeder	Offy	73	Overheated	
25	32	28	Chet Miller	Novi Purelube	Kurtis FD	Novi	56	Ignition	
26	44	13	Walt Brown	Federal Engr Detroit	Kurtis 3000	Offy	55	Magneto	
27	48	25	Rodger Ward	Deck Mfgr	Bromme	Offy	34	Broken oil line	
28	23	18	Cliff Griffith	Morris	Kurtis 2000	Offy	30	Broken rear axle	
29	81	20	Bill Vukovich	Central Excavating	Trevis	Offy	29	Broken oil tank	
30	22	21	George Connor	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Lesovsky	Offy	29	Brkn universal joint	
31	19	23	Mack Hellings	Tuffanelli & Derrico	Deidt	Offy	18	Broken piston	
32	12	26	Johnny McDowell	W & J	Maserati	Offy	15	Broken fuel tank	
33	26	30	Joe James	Lincoln-Mercury	Watson	Offy	8	Broken drive shaft	

Lap Leaders

Lee Wallard	165	1,5-6,17-59,82-200
Jack McGrath	12	2-3,7-16
Jimmy Davies	18	60-77
Cecil Green	5	4,78-81

Relief Drivers

9	Manuel Ayulo	Hinkle	Kurtis 3000	Offy	100	Rel. McGrath 101-200	350
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Non-Qualifiers

37	Bob Sweikert	Marion Engineering	Kurtis 2000	Offy		DNS, too slow
31	Manuel Ayulo	Coast Grain	Lesovsky	Offy		DNS, too slow
64	Frank Armi	Bardahl/Page	Kurtis	Duray		DNS, too slow
24	Jackie Holmes	Palmer	Adams	Offy		DNS, too slow
46	Bayliss Levrett	Safety Seal	Silnes	Offy		DNS, too slow
53	George Fonder	Lutes	Schroeder	Offy		DNS, too slow
14	Jerry Hoyt	Pat Clancy	Ewing	Offy		DNS, too slow
72	Jimmy Bryan	Viking Trailer	Lesovsky	Offy		DNS, too slow
7	Paul Russo	Kennedy Tank	Russo/Nichel	Offy		DNS, too slow
29	George Fonder	Ray Brady		SprkSc		Did not qualify
33	Jimmy Daywalt	Iddings	Meyer	Offy		Wrecked practice, NW
34	Johnny Tolan	Pete Wales Trucking	Kurtis 2000	Offy		Did not qualify
35	Frank Armi	Hancock Dome	Bardazon	Offy		Did not qualify
36	George Lynch	Rassey	Rassey	Offy		Did not qualify
41	Mike Salay	Szalai	Szalai D	Offy		Wrecked practice, SW
42	Bill Boyd	Gdula	Gdula	Offy		Wrecked practice, SW
45	Jackie Holmes	Cincinnati Race Cars	Adams	Offy		Did not qualify
47	Jimmy Daywalt	Merkler Machine Works		OffySc		Did not qualify
49	Joe Barzda	Barzda	Maserati	Offy		Spun qualifying
51	Bud Sennett	Auto Accessories\Barzda	Maserati	Maser		Wrecked qual, SW
56	Myron Fohr	Shaheen	Hill	Offy		Did not qualify
58	Frank Armi	Scopa	Scopa	Offy		Did not qualify
61	Norm Houser	Sarafoff	Miller	Offy		Did not qualify
62	Bill Cantrell	Motor Trends		Wayne		Did not qualify
63	George Fonder	Ray Brady	Schroeder	Offy		Did not qualify
66	Kenny Eaton	Jeanie-Lee\Glessner	Stevens	Offy		Did not qualify
67	Gordon Reid	Johnson\Herbert	Silnes	Chevy		Did not qualify
75	LeRoy Warriner	Heller	Kurtis	Offy		Did not qualify
77	Doc Shanebrook	Elgin Piston Pin	Stevens	Offy		Did not qualify
78	Ray Knepper	Bardahl\Tomshe	Silnes	Offy		Did not qualify
79	Bill Cantrell	Hart Fullerton	Kurtis 4000	OffySc		Did not qualify
82	Bob Scott	Bob Estes Mercury		Mercry		Did not qualify
88	Joel Thorne	Thorne Engineering	Adams	Sparks		Did not qualify
89	Danny Kladis	Trainer Chicago	Miller 4RE	Miller		Did not qualify

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Pole Position: Duke Nalon

Pole Speed: 136.498 mph

Data Source: Floyd Clymer's 1951 Yearbook

Race Notes

- 1) Driver's tests - 100, 110, 115 and 120 mph.
- 2) Nalon set 1 lap track record of 137.049; Faulkner broke record with speed of 138.122.
- 3) Engine limits: 274.59 ci unblown; 183.06 ci supercharged.
- 4) Rodger Ward first to finish new driver's test.