

1952 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1952

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 242.280 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 135.504 mph
Sanction Num: AAA # 1R52
Total Purse: \$229,643

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	98	7	Troy Ruttman	Agajanian	Kuzma	Offy	200	3:52:41.93 128.922	1,000
2	59	10	Jim Rathmann	Grancor-Wynn	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	3:56:44.21 126.723	800
3	18	5	Sam Hanks	Bardahl	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	3:58:53.49 125.803	700
4	1	6	Duane Carter	Belanger	Lesovsky	Offy	200	3:59:30.22 125.259	600
5	33	20	Art Cross	Bowes Seal Fast	Kurtis 4000	Offy	200	4:01:12.03 124.292	500
6	77	21	Jimmy Bryan	Peter Schmidt	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	4:02:06.20 123.914	400
7	37	23	Jimmy Reece	John Zink	Kurtis 4000	Offy	200	4:03:17.12 123.312	300
8	54	14	George Connor	Federal Engineering	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	4:04:42.49 122.595	250
9	22	9	Cliff Griffith	Tom Sarafoff	Kurtis 2000	Offy	200	4:05:04.44 122.412	200
10	5	31	Johnnie Parsons	Jim Robbins	Kurtis	Offy	200	4:06:19.66 121.789	150
11	4	3	Jack McGrath	Hinkle	Kurtis 3000	Offy	200	4:07:03.60 121.428	100
12	29	26	Jim Rigsby	Bob Estes	Watson	Offy	200	4:08:46.98 120.587	50
13	14	16	Joe James	Bardahl	Kurtis 4000	Offy	200	4:09:37.53 120.180	
14	7	15	Bill Schindler	Chapman	Stevens D	Offy	200	4:11:30.54 119.280	
15	65	13	George Fonder	Leitenberger	Silnes/Sherm	Offy	197	Flagged	
16	81	24	Eddie Johnson	Central Excavating	Trevis	Offy	193	Flagged	
17	26	8	Bill Vukovich	Fuel Injection	Kurtis 500A	Offy	191	Wrecked NE	
18	16	11	Chuck Stevenson	Springfield Welding	Kurtis 4000	Offy	187	Flagged	
19	2	12	Henry Banks	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Lesovsky	Offy	184	Flagged	
20	8	28	Manuel Ayulo	Coast Grain	Lesovsky	Offy	184	Flagged	
21	31	33	Johnny McDowell	McDowell	Kurtis	Offy	182	Flagged	
22	48	29	Spider Webb	Grancor	Bromme	Offy	162	Oil leak	
23	34	22	Rodger Ward	Federal Engineering	Kurtis 4000	Offy	130	Lost oil pressure	
24	27	30	Tony Bettenhausen	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Deidt FD	Offy	93	Broken starter	
25	36	4	Duke Nalon	Novi Pure Oil	Kurtis FD	NoviSc	84	Brkn superchgr shaft	
26	73	32	Bob Sweikert	McNamara	Kurt/Wett	Offy	77	Differential gear	
27	28	1	Fred Agabashian	Cummins Diesel	Kurtis R	CummTC	71	Clogged turbocharger	
28	67	18	Gene Hartley	Mel-Rae	Kurtis 4000	Offy	65	Broken exhaust pipe	
29	93	25	Bob Scott	Dr. Morris	Kurtis 2000	Offy	49	Broken drive shaft	
30	21	27	Chet Miller	Novi Pure Oil	Kurtis FD	NoviSc	41	Brkn superchgr shaft	
31	12	19	Alberto Ascari	Ferrari	Ferrari	Ferrari	40	Brkn hub flange, spun	
32	55	17	Bobby Ball	Ansted	Stevens	Offy	34	Broken gear case	
33	9	2	Andy Linden	Miracle Power	Kurtis 4000	OffySc	20	Oil leak	

Lap Leaders

Jack McGrath	6	1-6
Bill Vukovich	150	7-11,13-61,83-134,148-191
Troy Ruttman	44	12,62-82,135-147,192-200

Non-Qualifiers

66	Mike Nazaruk	John Zink	Kurtis 3000	Offy	DNS, too slow
61	Jimmy Jackson	Auto Shippers	Kurtis 3000	Offy	DNS, too slow
96	Gene Force	Brown Motors	Schroeder	Offy	DNS, too slow
88	George Tichenor	Schmidt	Kurtis 4000	Offy	DNS, too slow
51	Spider Webb	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Diedt FD	Offy	DNS, too slow
52	Bob Sweikert	Pat Clancy	Ewing	Offy	DNS, too slow
3	Walt Faulkner	Sid Street Motors	Pankratz	Offy	Did not qualify
6	Johnnie Parsons	Grant Piston Ring	Ferrari	Ferrari	Did not qualify
10	Paul Russo	Lutes Truck Parts	Kurtis 4000	Offy	Did not qualify
15	Bobby Ball	Blakely Oil	Schroeder	Offy	Wrecked practice, NW
19	Danny Kladis	Tuffanelli-Derrico	Diedt FD	Offy	Did not qualify
23	Carl Forberg	Fadely & Anderson	Maserati	Offy	Did not qualify
25	Neal Carter	Auto Shippers	Kurtis 500A	Offy	Did not qualify
32	Allen Heath	Engle-Stanko	Kurtis 4000	Offy	Wrecked qual, NW
35	Johnny Mauro	Kennedy Tank	Ferrari	Ferrari	Did not qualify
38	Bobby Ball	Howard Keck	Ferrari	Ferrari	Did not qualify
39	Jud Larson	Iddings	Meyer	Offy	Did not qualify
41	Jackie Holmes	Speed	Maserati	OffySc	Did not qualify
44	Art Cross	Bowes Seal Fast	Schroeder	Offy	Did not qualify
47	Bill Taylor	Blue Crown Spark Plug	Lesovsky	Offy	Did not qualify
52	Bill Cantrell	Pat Clancy	Ewing	Offy	Did not qualify
53	Joe Barzda	California Speed Equipmnt	Maserati	Offy	Did not qualify
56	Frank Luptow	Bardahl	Ewing	Offy	Did not qualify
58	Buzz Barton	Peter Wales Trucking	Rae	Offy	Did not qualify
63	Dick Frazier	Jeanie-Lee/Glessner	Stevens	Offy	Did not qualify
64	Jimmy Daywalt	Merkler Machine Works	Kurtis	OffySc	Did not qualify
68	Duke Dinsmore	Vulcan Tool	R Miller	R Mill	Did not qualify
69	Bayliss Levrett	Brown Motor	Kurtis 2000	Offy	Wrecked practice MS
71	Bob Sweikert	Marion Engineering	Kurtis 2000	Offy	Did not qualify
74	Peter Hahn	Helin Flyer	Snowberger	Offy	Did not qualify
76	Doc Shanebrook	Parks Offy	Pawl	Offy	Did not qualify
82	Johnny Fedricks	Cal Connell	Kurtis	Cadilc	Did not arrive
84	Ottis Stine	B & M Malamud	Scopa	Offy	Did not arrive
92	Chuck Weyant	Pipe Fitters	Koehnle	Offy	Did not arrive
97	Allen Heath	Agajanian	Kuzma	Studeb	Did not arrive
99	Tony Bettenhausen	Belanger	Kurtis	Offy	Wrecked qual, SW

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Pole Position: Fred Agabashian

Pole Speed: 138.010 mph

Data Source: IMS Timing & Scoring Report

Race Notes 1) Engine limits: 274.59 ci (non-supercharged) and 183.06 ci (supercharged)

2) Art Cross named first Rookie-Of-The-Year

3) Agabashian drove first turbocharged engine in competition

4) Pacecar: Studebaker, driven by P. O. Peterson

5) Ruttman set new track record of 128.922 for 500 miles, breaking Lee Wallard's 1951 record of 126.444.