

1955 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1955

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 163.580 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 138.829 mph
Sanction Num: AAA # 1R55
Total Purse: \$269,880

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	6	14	Bob Sweikert	John Zink	Kurtis 500D	Offy	200	3:53:59.53 128.209	1,000
2	10	2	Tony Bettenhausen	Chapman	Kurtis 500C	Offy	200	3:56:43.11 126.733	500
3	15	10	Jimmy Davies	Bardahl\Clancy	Kurtis 500B	Offy	200	3:57:31.89 126.299	700
4	44	33	Johnny Thomson	Peter Schmidt	Kuzma D	Offy	200	3:57:38.44 126.241	600
5	77	7	Walt Faulkner	Merz Engineering	Kurtis 500C	Offy	200	3:59:16.66 125.377	447.5
6	19	8	Andy Linden	Massaglia Hotel	Kurtis 4000D	Offy	200	3:59:57.47 125.022	400
7	71	16	Al Herman	Martin Brothers	Silnes D	Offy	200	4:00:23.81 124.794	300
8	29	19	Pat O'Connor	Ansted Rotary	Kurtis 500D	Offy	200	4:00:41.09 124.644	250
9	48	17	Jimmy Daywalt	Sumar	Kurtis R	Offy	200	4:01:09.39 124.401	200
10	89	12	Pat Flaherty	Dunn Engineering	Kurtis 500B	Offy	200	4:01:46.05 124.086	150
11	98	18	Duane Carter	Agajanian	Kuzma D	Offy	197	Flagged	100
12	41	25	Chuck Weyant	Federal Engineering	Kurtis 3000D	Offy	196	Flagged	50
13	83	32	Eddie Johnson	McNamara	Turner D	Offy	196	Flagged	
14	33	20	Jim Rathmann	Belond Miracle Power	Epperly	Offy	191	Flagged	
15	12	21	Don Freeland	Bob Estes	Phillips	Offy	178	Transmission	
16	22	9	Cal Niday	D-A Lubricants	Kurtis 500B	Offy	170	Wrecked NW	
17	99	24	Art Cross	Belanger	Kurtis 500D	Offy	168	Spun out	
18	81	31	Shorty Templeman	Central Excavating	Trevis D	Offy	142	Stalled	
19	8	6	Sam Hanks	Jones & Maley	Kurtis 500C	Offy	134	Transmission	
20	31	28	Keith Andrews	McDaniel	Schroeder D	Offy	120	Ignition	
21	16	27	Johnnie Parsons	Trio Brass	Kurtis 500D	Offy	119	Magneto	
22	37	13	Eddie Russo	Dr. Sabourin	Pawl D	Offy	112	Wrecked	
23	49	23	Ray Crawford	Crawford	Kurtis 500B	Offy	111	Engine stalled	
24	1	11	Jimmy Bryan	Dean Van Lines	Kuzma	Offy	90	Broken oil line	
25	4	5	Bill Vukovich	Hopkins	Kurtis 500C	Offy	56	Wrecked BS - fatal	
26	3	3	Jack McGrath	Hinkle	Kurtis 500C	Offy	54	Broken oil line	
27	42	22	Al Keller	Sam Traylor	Kurtis 2000D	Offy	54	Wrecked BS	
28	27	30	Rodger Ward	Aristo Blue	Kuzma D	Offy	53	Wrecked BS	
29	39	26	Johnny Boyd	Sumar	Kurtis 500C	Offy	53	Wrecked BS	
30	68	29	Ed Elisian	Peter Wales\Westwood Tool	Kurtis 4000D	Offy	53	Stopped for wreck	
31	23	1	Jerry Hoyt	Jim Robbins	Stevens D	Offy	40	Oil leak	
32	14	4	Fred Agabashian	Federal Engineering	Kurtis 500D	Offy	39	Spun out, NE turn	
33	5	15	Jimmy Reece	Malloy	Pankratz D	Offy	10	Brkn connecting rod	

Lap Leaders

Bob Sweikert	86	58,89-132,160-200
Bill Vukovich	50	4-14,16-24,27-56
Jimmy Bryan	31	57,59-88
Art Cross	24	133-156
Jack McGrath	6	1-3,15,25-26
Don Freeland	3	157-159

Relief Drivers

10	Paul Russo	Chapman	Kurtis 500C	Offy	77	Rel Bettenhsn 57-133	300
77	Bill Homeier	Merz Engineering	Kurtis 500C	Offy	24	Rel Faulkner 138-161	52.5

Non-Qualifiers

24	Len Duncan	Ray Brady	Kurtis 4000D	Offy		DNS, too slow
69	Ernie McCoy	LaVilla	Templeton D	Offy		DNS, too slow
76	Johnny Kay	Leitenberger	Silnes/SherD	Offy		DNS, too slow
61	Russ Klar	Ray Brady	Schroeder D	Offy		DNS, too slow
7	Bob Christie	Dean Van Lines	Kuzma D	DodgV8		Wrecked qualifying
9	Spider Webb	Ed Walsh	Kurtis 500C	Offy		Did not qualify
9	Johnnie Parsons	Ed Walsh	Kurtis 500C	Offy		Did not qualify
18	Troy Ruttman	Novi Air Conditioner	Kurtis FD	NoviSc		Did not qualify
21	Paul Russo	Wolcott	Kurtis 500A	OffySc		Wrecked practice
25	Ed Elisian	Lutes Truck Parts	Kurtis 4000D	Offy		Did not qualify
28	Gene Hartley	Commercial Motor Freight	Ewing D	Offy		Did not qualify
32	Jiggs Peters	Glessner	Scopa D	Offy		Did not qualify
36	Tony Bonadies	Donaldson	Kurtis 3000D	Offy		Did not qualify
64	LeRoy Warriner	Ansted Rotary	Kurtis 500A	Offy		Did not qualify
72	Bill Homeier	Travelon Trailer	Kurtis 500B	Offy		Did not qualify
73	Len Duncan	McNamara	Kurtis 500C	Offy		Wrecked practice
74	Elmer George	Walmotor	Schroeder D	Offy		Wrecked practice
78	George Tichenor	Hopkins	Lesovsky D	Offy		Did not qualify
88	Manuel Ayulo	Peter Schmidt	Kurtis 500C	Offy		Wrecked - fatal
93	Danny Kladis	Roy McKay	Kurtis 3000D	Offy		Did not qualify

Pole Position: Jerry Hoyt **Pole Speed:** 140.045 mph

Data Source: Floyd Clymer Yearbook

- Race Notes**
- 1) Jack McGrath set 1 lap track record of 143.793
 - 2) Yellow flag for total of 30 min, 25 sec
 - 3) Al Herman named Rookie-Of-The-Year
 - 4) Lap Prizes: Bryan \$4650, McGrath \$900, Vukovich, \$7500, Sweikert \$12,900, Freeland \$450, Cross \$3600.
 - 5) Pacecar: Chevrolet, driven by T. H. Keating.