

1961 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1961

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 8.280 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 145.307 mph Total Purse: \$397,910
Sanction Num: USAC # 61CH1

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	1	7	A.J. Foyt	Bowes Seal Fast	Trevis	Offy	200	3:35:37.49 139.130	1,000
2	12	1	Eddie Sachs	Dean Van Lines	Ewing	Offy	200	3:35:45.77 139.041	800
3	2	4	Rodger Ward	Del Webb's Sun City	Watson	Offy	200	3:36:32.68 138.539	700
4	7	18	Shorty Templeman	Bill Forbes Racing	Meskowski	Offy	200	3:39:10.84 136.873	600
5	19	26	Al Keller	Konstant Hot	Philipp	Offy	200	3:40:31.94 136.034	500
6	18	28	Chuck Stevenson	Metal-Cal	Epperly	Offy	200	3:41:00.45 135.742	400
7	31	33	Bobby Marshman	Hoover Motor Express	Epperly	Offy	200	3:41:20.77 135.534	300
8	5	25	Lloyd Ruby	Autolite	Epperly	Offy	200	3:42:27.14 134.860	250
9	17	13	Jack Brabham	Cooper Climax	Cooper RE	Climax	200	3:43:41.22 134.116	200
10	34	32	Norm Hall	Federal Engineering	Kurtis 500C	Offy	200	3:43:42.39 134.104	150
11	28	15	Gene Hartley	John Chalik	Trevis	Offy	198	Flagged 132.376	100
12	98	5	Parnelli Jones	Agajanian Willard Battery	Watson	Offy	192	Flagged 127.845	50
13	97	6	Dick Rathmann	Jim Robbins	Watson	Offy	164	Broken fuel pump	
14	10	17	Paul Goldsmith	Racing Associates	Lesovsky	Offy	160	Brkn connecting rod	
15	15	12	Wayne Weiler	Coral Harbor	Watson	Offy	147	Wheel bearing	
16	35	31	Dempsey Wilson	Lysle Greenman	Kuzma	Offy	145	Fuel pump	
17	32	16	Bob Christie	North Electric	Kurtis	Offy	132	Burned piston	
18	33	10	Eddie Johnson	Jim Robbins	Kuzma	Offy	127	Wrecked, NW	
19	8	8	Len Sutton	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Watson	Offy	110	Clutch	
20	52	22	Troy Ruttman	John Zink Trackburner	Watson	Offy	105	Clutch	
21	41	20	Johnny Boyd	Leader Card 500 Roadster	Watson	Offy	105	Clutch	
22	99	3	Jim Hurtubise	Demler	Epperly	Offy	102	Broken piston	
23	86	19	Ebb Rose	Meyer Speedway	Porter	Offy	93	Brkn connecting rod	
24	26	30	Cliff Griffith	McCullough	Elder	Offy	55	Broken piston	
25	45	21	Jack Turner	Bardahl	Kurtis	Offy	52	Wrecked, MS	
26	73	14	A.J. Shepherd	Travelon Trailer	Christiansen	Offy	51	Wrecked, MS	
27	22	29	Roger McCluskey	Racing Associates	Moore	Offy	51	Wrecked, MS	
28	14	9	Bill Cheesbourg	Dean Van Lines	Kuzma	Offy	50	Wrecked, MS	
29	83	27	Don Davis	Dart-Kart	Trevis	Offy	49	Wrecked, MS	
30	4	11	Jim Rathmann	Simoniz	Watson	Offy	48	Magneto	
31	55	23	Jimmy Daywalt	Schulz Fueling Equipment	Kurtis 500G	Offy	27	Broken brake line	
32	16	24	Bobby Grim	Thompson Industries	Watson	Offy	26	Piston	
33	3	2	Don Branson	Hoover Motor Express	Epperly	Offy	2	Bent valves	

Lap Leaders

A.J. Foyt	71	76-83,89,95-124,138,142-146,152-160,170-183,198-200
Eddie Sachs	44	45-51,125-137,139-141,147-151,168-169,184-197
Jim Hurtubise	35	1-35
Parnelli Jones	27	42-44,52-75
Rodger Ward	7	161-167
Jim Rathmann	6	36-41
Troy Ruttman	10	84-88,90-94

Non-Qualifiers

21	Paul Russo	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Kuzma	Offy	DNS, too slow
6	Bob Cleberg	Bell Lines Trucking	Kuzma	Offy	DNS, too slow
23	Bob Veith	Bardahl	Kurtis	Offy	DNS, too slow
79	Bert Brooks	Hall-Mar	Curtis	Offy	DNS, too slow
25	Bob Veith	Shaler Rislone	Epperly	Offy	DNS, too slow
92	Norm Hall	Concannon Car Co. Flying	Kurtis	Offy	DNS, too slow
47	Don Freeland	Joe Hunt Magneto	Ewing	Offy	DNS, too slow
9	Lloyd Ruby	Kelso Auto Dynamics	Lesovsky	Offy	Did not qualify
23	Cotton Farmer	Bardahl	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
24	Tony Bettenhausen	Stearly Motor Freight	Watson	Offy	Wrecked pract-fatal
27	Don Freeland	Chapman	Watson	Offy	Did not qualify
29	Jim McWithey	Hart Fullerton	Lesovsky	Offy	Did not qualify
37	Chuck Hulse	Tassi Vatis	Kurtis	Offy	Wrecked practice
43	Ronnie Duman	Ray Brady	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
44	Jack Rounds	Schmidt	Meskowski	Offy	Spun, practice
44	Bob Veith	Schmidt	Meskowski	Offy	Did nto qualify
47	Danny Jones	Joe Hunt Magneto	Ewing	Offy	Wrecked practice
54	Bud Tinglestad	Dean Van Lines	Kuzma	Offy	Did not qualify
61	Duane Carter	Roy	Epperly	Offy	Did not qualify
62	Chuck Arnold	Denver-Chicago Trucking	Watson	Offy	Did not qualify
69	Russ Congdon	Eelco Custom Shaft	Kuzma	Offy	Did not qualify
75	Dick Rathmann	Paxton Products	Kurtis	NoviSc	Did not qualify
77	Leon Clum	Dayton Steel Foundry	Sutton	Offy	Did not qualify
82	Mike Magill	San Diego Steel Products	Chenoweth	Chevy	Did not qualify
84	Jack Ensley	Ansted-Thompson	Kuzma	Offy	Did not qualify
85	Bob Veith	Federal Engineering	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
85	Don Davis	Federal Engineering	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
87	Jack Rounds	M.P.C.	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
88	Chuck Weyant	Drewry's	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
88	Norm Hall	Drewry's	Kurtis	Offy	Did not qualify
89	Chuck Rodee	Dunn Engineering	Dunn	Offy	Did not qualify
94	Ray Crawford	McCullough	Elder	Offy	Did not qualify
94	Duane Carter	McCullough	Elder	Offy	Did not qualify

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95 Bill Randall Safety Auto Glass Kurtis Offy Did not qualify

Pole Position: Eddie Sachs **Pole Speed:** 147.481 mph

Data Source: Clymer Yearbook, Jack C Fox

- Race Notes**
- 1) Fastest leading lap - Troy Ruttman, lap 91, 147.589 mph
 - 2) Driver's test - 10 laps each at 120, 125, 130 and 135 mph.
 - 3) Yellow flags totalled 33:02.
 - 4) Bobby Marshman and Parnelli Jones shared Rookie-Of-The-Year.
 - 5) Tony Bettenhausen killed in practice while test driving Paul Russo's car.