

1968 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1968

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles

Ave Qual Speed: 164.997 mph Total Purse: \$704,206

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	3	3	Bobby Unser	Rislone	Eagle	OffyTC	200	3:16:13.76 152.882	1,000
2	48	10	Dan Gurney	Olsonite	Eagle	GWFord	200	Finished 152.187	800
3	15	17	Mel Kenyon	City of Lebanon	Gerhardt	OffyTC	200	Finished 149.224	700
4	42	20	Denis Hulme	Olsonite	Eagle	Ford	200	Finished 149.140	600
5	25	5	Lloyd Ruby	Gene White	Mongoose	OffyTC	200	Finished 148.529	500
6	59	26	Ronnie Duman	Cleaver Brooks	Brabham	OffyTC	199	Flagged	400
7	98	23	Billy Vukovich	Wagner Lockheed Brake Fid	Shrike	OffyTC	198	Flagged	300
8	90	27	Mike Mosley	Zecol-Lubaid	Watson	OffyTC	197	Flagged	250
9	94	31	Sam Sessions	Valvoline	Finley	OffyTC	197	Flagged	200
10	6	25	Bobby Grim	Gene White	Mongoose	OffyTC	196	Flagged	150
11	16	24	Bob Veith	Thermo King Auto Air Cond	Gerhardt	OffyTC	196	Flagged	100
12	60	1	Joe Leonard	STP Oil Treatment	Lotus4WD	PWTurb	191	Broken fuel shaft	50
13	20	11	Art Pollard	STP Oil Treatment	Lotus4WD	PWTurb	188	Broken fuel shaft	
14	82	13	Jim McElreath	Jim Greer	Coyote	Ford	179	Stalled backstretch	
15	84	28	Carl Williams	Sheraton-Thompson	Coyote	FordTC	163	Wrecked turn 2	
16	10	18	Bud Tinglestad	Federal Engineering	Gerhardt	OffyTC	158	Lost oil pressure	
17	54	12	Wally Dallenbach	Valvoline	Finley	OffyTC	146	Engine	
18	18	21	Johnny Rutherford	City of Seattle	Eagle	Ford	125	Wrecked	
19	70	2	Graham Hill	STP Oil Treatment	Lotus4WD	PWTurb	110	Wrecked turn 2	
20	1	8	A.J. Foyt	Sheraton-Thompson	Coyote	Ford	86	Rear end	
21	45	19	Ronnie Bucknam	Weinberger Homes	Eagle	Ford	76	Fuel leak	
22	27	14	Jim Malloy	Jim Robbins Seat Belt	Vollstedt	FordTC	64	Rear end	
23	78	15	Jerry Grant	Bardahl	Eagle	Ford	50	Oil leak	
24	11	22	Gary Bettenhausen	Thermo King Auto Air Cond	Gerhardt	OffyTC	43	Hit debris on track	
25	21	32	Arnie Knepper	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt	OffyTC	42	Hit debris on track	
26	24	6	Al Unser	Retzloff Chemical	Lola 4WD	FordTC	40	Wrecked turn 1	
27	4	9	Gordon Johncock	Gilmore Broadcasting	Gerhardt	OffyTC	37	Rear end	
28	64	33	Larry Dickson	Overseas National Airways	Brawner	Ford	24	Broken piston	
29	8	7	Roger McCluskey	G. C. Murphy	Eagle	OffyTC	16	Broken oil filter	
30	56	30	Jim Hurtubise	Pepsi-Frito Lay	Mallard FE	OffyTC	9	Broken piston	
31	29	29	George Snider	Vel's Parnelli Ford	Mongoose	Ford	9	Oil leak	
32	35	16	Jochen Rindt	Repco-Brabham	Brabham	Repco	5	Broken piston	
33	2	4	Mario Andretti	Overseas National Airways	Brawner	FordTC	2	Broken piston	

Lap Leaders

Bobby Unser	127	8-56, 90-112, 120-165, 192-200
Lloyd Ruby	42	57-89, 166-174
Joe Leonard	31	1-7, 113-119, 175-191

Relief Drivers

64	Mario Andretti	Overseas National Airways	Brawner	Ford	11	Rel Dickson 14-24
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Non-Qualifiers

62	Bruce Walkup	Cleaver-Brooks		OffyTC		Did not qualify
88	Bob Harkey	Kenny Brenn	Gerhardt	Ford		Did not qualify
36	Larry Dickson	Jack Adams Aircraft	Lola	Ford		Did not qualify
31	Sonny Ates	Federal Engineering	Gerhardt	OffyTC		Did not qualify
41	George Follmer	George R. Bryant	Cheetah	Ford		Did not qualify
77	Bill Puterbaugh	Dayton Steel Wheel	Gerhardt	Ford		Did not qualify
22	Bill Cheesbourg	Michner Petroleum	Eagle	Ford		Did not qualify
32	Al Miller	Wally Weir	Gerhardt	Ford		Did not qualify
71	Bob Harkey	Stewart-Warner	Marathon	Ford		Did not qualify
76	Jerry Titus	Bardahl	Eagle	Ford		Did not qualify
5	0	Carl Williams	Retzloff Chemical	Lola	Ford	Wreck A Unser pract
9		Al Miller	Vel's Parnelli Ford	Mongoose	Ford	Stalled qualifying
11	0	Art Pollard	Thermo King Auto Air Cond	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
14		Sam Sessions	Quaker State	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
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14	0	Bob Hurt	Quaker State	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Wrecked qual, SW
17	0	Henry Pens	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt	Ford	Driver inexperienced
17		Greg Weld	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt	Ford	Did not qualify
17		Arnie Knepper	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt	Ford	Did not qualify
19		Sonny Ates	M.V.S.	Cecil	Ford	Did not qualify
19		Greg Weld	M.V.S.	Cecil	Ford	Blew engine qual
22	0	Ronnie Duman	Michner Petroleum	Eagle	Ford	Did not qualify
26	0	Bobby Johns	Central Hardware	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
28		Rick Muther	George R. Bryant	Cheetah	Ford	Wrecked qualifying
30	0	Mike Spence	STP Oil Treatment	Lotus4WD	PWTurb	Wrecked pract-fatal
36		Bob Hurt	Jack Adams Aircraft	Lola	Ford	Did not qualify
40		Joe Leonard	STP Oil Treatment	Granatelli	PWTurb	Wrecked practice
47		Gary Bettenhausen	Joe Hunt Magneto	Lesovsky D	OffyTC	Did not qualify
49		Sam Sessions	Weinberger Homes	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Wrecked practice
50		Jerry Titus	Navarro Injection	Watson RE	RambTC	Wrecked practice
62		LeeRoy Yarbrough	Cleaver-Brooks		OffyTC	Did not qualify
63		Danny Ongais	City of Long Beach	Thompson	Ford	Driver inexperienced
63		Bill Puterbaugh	City of Long Beach	Thompson	Ford	Did not qualify
66		Bruce McLaren	Botany 500	Shelby	Turbin	Withdrew
69		Denis Hulme	Botany 500	Shelby	Turbin	Withdrew

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71	Jerry Titus	Stewart-Warner	Marathon	Ford	Did not qualify
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77	Ralph Liguori	Dayton Steel Wheel	Gerhardt	Ford	Did not qualify
81	Bob Harkey	Central Excavating	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
81	Dempsey Wilson	Central Excavating	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
88	Rollie Beale	Kenny Brenn	Gerhardt	Ford	Did not qualify
90	Chuck Hulse	Zecol-Lubaid	Watson	Ford	Wrecked, retired
94	Chuck Stevenson	Valvoline	Finley	OffyTC	Wrecked, retired
95	Masten Gregory	Repco-Brabham	Brabham	Repco	Did not qualify
97	Gary Bettenhausen	Agajanian	Mongoose	Ford	Did not qualify

Pole Position: Joe Leonard **Pole Speed:** 171.559 mph

Data Source: Clymer Yearbook, USAC Yearbook

Race Notes

- 1) Lap prize money paid: Bobby Unser \$25,400, Lloyd Ruby \$8,400, Joe Leonard \$6,200.
- 2) Five yellow flags totaling 47 minutes.
- 3) Fastest lap: Lloyd Ruby, lap 94, 168.666 mph.
- 4) Fastest leading lap: Bobby Unser, lap 11, 167.348 mph.
- 5) Engine limits: 256.284 unsupercharged, 170.856 supercharged, 15.999 anulus inlet, turbine