

# 1972 Championship Results

## Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 27, 1972

Track Type: Paved Oval      Lap Distance: 2.5 miles      Ave Qual Speed: 183.762 mph      Total Purse: \$1,037,377  
 Race Distance: 500 miles      Margin of Victory: 190.950 sec  
 Promoter: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	66	3	Mark Donohue	Sunoco DX	McLaren	OffyTC	200	3:04:05.54 162.962	1,000
2	4	19	Al Unser	Viceroy	Parnelli	OffyTC	200	3:07:16.49 160.192	800
3	1	6	Joe Leonard	Samsonite	Parnelli	OffyTC	200	3:08:17.51 159.327	700
4	52	24	Sam Sessions	Gene White Firestone	Lola	FoytTC	200	3:09:22.88 158.411	600
5	34	7	Sam Posey	Norris Industries	Eagle	OffyTC	198	Flagged	
6	5	11	Lloyd Ruby	Wynn's	Atlanta	FoytTC	196	Flagged	400
7	60	25	Mike Hiss	STP Pylon Windshield Wipr	Eagle	OffyTC	196	Flagged	300
8	9	5	Mario Andretti	Viceroy	Parnelli	OffyTC	194	In pits for fuel	250
9	11	31	Jimmy Caruthers	US Armed Forces	Scorpion	FoytTC	194	Flagged	200
10	21	32	Cale Yarborough	Bill Daniels GOP	Atlanta	FoytTC	193	Flagged	150
11	84	21	George Snider	ITT Thompson	Coyote	FoytTC	190	Flagged	100
12	48	15	Jerry Grant	Mystery Eagle	Eagle	OffyTC	188	Illegal pitstop	50
13	44	23	Dick Simon	Travelodge	Lola	FoytTC	186	Flagged	
14	7	4	Gary Bettenhausen	Sunoco	McLaren	OffyTC	182	Ignition	
15	40	33	Wally Dallenbach	STP Oil Treatment	Lola	FoytTC	182	Flagged	
16	89	14	John Martin	Un-sponsored	Brabham	OffyTC	161	Fuel leak	
17	37	30	Lee Kunzman	Caves Buick	Gerhardt	OffyTC	131	Lost wheel, spun out	
18	23	12	Mel Kenyon	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	FoytTC	126	Injector	
19	17	28	Denny Zimmerman	Bryant Heating & Cooling	McLaren	OffyTC	116	Broken distributor	
20	24	26	Gordon Johncock	Gulf	McLaren	OffyTC	113	Dropped exh valve	
21	15	10	Steve Krisiloff	Ayr-Way Lloyds	King	OffyTC	102	Turbocharger failure	
22	31	29	John Mahler	Harbor Fuel Oil	McLaren	OffyTC	99	Broken piston	
23	56	13	Jim Hurtubise	Miller High Life	Coyote	FoytTC	94	Disqual, off course	
24	14	20	Roger McCluskey	American Marine	Antares	OffyTC	92	Burned valve	
25	2	17	A.J. Foyt	ITT-Thompson	Coyote	FoytTC	60	Turbocharger	
26	98	16	Mike Mosley	Vivitar	Eagle	OffyTC	56	Wrecked NW	
27	18	8	Johnny Rutherford	Patrick Petroleum	Brabham	OffyTC	55	Brkn connecting rod	
28	3	18	Billy Vukovich	Sugaripe Prune	Eagle	OffyTC	54	Rearend failure	
29	95	22	Carl Williams	City of Terre Haute	Eagle	OffyTC	52	Broken oil cooler	
30	6	1	Bobby Unser	Olsonite	Eagle	OffyTC	31	Brkn dist rotor	
31	12	2	Peter Revson	Gulf	McLaren	OffyTC	23	Gearbox failure	
32	42	9	Swede Savage	Michner Industries	Eagle	OffyTC	5	Brkn connecting rod	
33	33	27	Salt Walther	Dayton Steel Wheel	Colt	FoytTC	0	Magneto	

### Lap Leaders

Mark Donohue	13	188-200
Jerry Grant	16	162-165, 176-187
Gary Bettenhausen	138	31-53, 57-161, 166-175
Mike Mosley	3	54-56
Bobby Unser	30	1-30

### Non-Qualifiers

40	Art Pollard	STP Oil Treatment	Lola	FoytTC	Driven by Dallenbach
10	Wally Dallenbach	Gilmore Racing	Antares	OffyTC	Did not qualify
3	Billy Vukovich	Sugaripe Prune	Eagle	OffyTC	Wrecked qualifying
4	Jerry Karl	Thermo King		OffyTC	Did not qualify
10	Wally Dallenbach	Gilmore Racing	Lola	FoytTC	Did not qualify
16	Jim Malloy	Thermo King	Eagle	OffyTC	Wreck practice-fatal
19	Larry Dickson	Minnesota Invader		OffyTC	Did not qualify
25	George Eaton	Fejer Racing Team	Colt	FoytTC	Failed rookie test
28	Bill Simpson	Simpson Safety Equipment	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
35	George Snider	Ayr-Way Lloyds	King	OffyTC	Did not qualify
35	Merle Bettenhausen	Ayr-Way Lloyds	King	OffyTC	Wrecked practice
36	Bentley Warren	Bay State Racing	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
38	Rick Muther	Two Jacks		OffyTC	Did not qualify
42	Swede Savage	Michner Petroleum	Antares	OffyTC	Did not qualify
43	Al Loquasto	Martin Guitar	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
50	Jigger Sirois	Roughneck Drilling	Navarro	AMC	Did not qualify
56	Jim Hurtubise	Miller High Life	Mallard FE	OffyTC	Did not qualify
58	Jerry Karl	Midwest Mfg Dura-Pot	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
61	Lee Brayton	Eisenhour Racing	Eagle	FordTC	Did not qualify
70	Tom Bigelow	Smith Speed Shop		Chevy	Did not qualify
73	Jim McElreath	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	FoytTC	Did not qualify
90	Arnie Knepper	C.H.E.K. Racing	Eagle	OffyTC	Blew eng qualifying
91	Bill Puterbaugh	Steed	Curtis	OffyTC	Did not qualify
97	Bruce Walkup	Vivitar	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
97	Jigger Sirois	Vivitar	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
99	Jerry Karl	Joe Hunt Magneto	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify
99	Bob Harkey	Joe Hunt Magneto	Gerhardt	OffyTC	Did not qualify

**Pole Position:** Bobby Unser      **Pole Speed:** 195.940 mph

**Data Source:** USAC News, Autoweek, Indianapolis Star

**Race Notes**

- 1) Grant made illegal pitstop, laps after 188 not counted.
- 2) Hurtebise off course, laps after 94 not counted.
- 3) Yellow Flags: 29-31, metal on track; 57-62, Mosley wreck MS; 145-150, Kunzman wreck T2; 172-175, debris on track; 193-195, Hiss spun T2