

# 1973 Championship Results

## Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 30, 1973

Track Type: Paved Oval      Lap Distance: 2.5 miles      Ave Qual Speed: 192.367 mph      Total Purse: \$1,005,049  
 Race Distance: 332.5 miles  
 Promoter: Indianapolis Motor Speedway

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	20	11	Gordon Johncock	STP Double Oil Filter	Eagle	OffyTC	133	2:05:26.59 159.036	1,000
2	2	16	Billy Vukovich	Sugaripe Prune	Eagle	OffyTC	133	Flagged - rain	800
3	3	14	Roger McCluskey	Hopkins Buick	McLaren	OffyTC	131	Flagged - rain	700
4	19	19	Mel Kenyon	Atlanta Falcons	Eagle	FoytTC	131	Flagged - rain	600
5	5	5	Gary Bettenhausen	Sunoco DX	McLaren	OffyTC	130	Flagged - rain	500
6	24	7	Steve Krisloff	Elliott - Norton Spirit	King	OffyTC	129	Flagged - rain	400
7	16	25	Lee Kunzman	Ayr-Way Lloyds	Eagle	OffyTC	127	Flagged - rain	300
8	89	24	John Martin	Un-sponsored	McLaren	OffyTC	124	Flagged - rain	250
9	7	1	Johnny Rutherford	Gulf	McLaren	OffyTC	124	Flagged - rain	200
10	98	21	Mike Mosley	Lodestar	Eagle	OffyTC	120	Brkn connecting rod	150
11	73	22	David Hobbs	Carling Black Label	Eagle	OffyTC	107	Flagged - rain	
12	84	30	George Snider	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	FoytTC	101	Gearbox	14
13	8	2	Bobby Unser	Olsonite	Eagle	OffyTC	100	Brkn connecting rod	
14	27	27	Dick Simon	Travelodge	Eagle	FoytTC	100	Brkn piston	
15	66	3	Mark Donohue	Sunoco DX	Eagle	OffyTC	92	Brkn piston	
16	60	13	Graham McRae	STP Gas Treatment	Eagle	OffyTC	91	Broken header	
17	6	26	Mike Hiss	Thermo King Air Cond	Eagle	OffyTC	91	Broken valve	
18	1	29	Joe Leonard	Samsonite	Parnelli	OffyTC	91	Broken hub	
19	48	18	Jerry Grant	Olsonite	Eagle	OffyTC	77	Brkn connecting rod	
20	4	8	Al Unser	Viceroy	Parnelli	OffyTC	75	Broken piston	
21	21	9	Jimmy Caruthers	Cobre Firestone	Eagle	OffyTC	73	Broken suspension	
22	40	4	Swede Savage	STP Oil Treatment	Eagle	OffyTC	57	Accident	
23	35	33	Jim McElreath	Norris Industries	Eagle	OffyTC	54	Brkn connecting rod	
24	62	20	Wally Dallenbach	Olsonite	Eagle	OffyTC	48	Brkn connecting rod	
25	14	23	A.J. Foyt	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	FoytTC	37	Brkn connecting rod	
26	30	28	Jerry Karl	Oriente Express	Eagle	Chevy	22	Flagged - rain	
27	18	15	Lloyd Ruby	Commander Motor Homes	Eagle	OffyTC	21	Broken piston	
28	9	32	Sam Sessions	MVS	Eagle	FoytTC	17	Oil leak	
29	28	31	Bob Harkey	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Eagle	FoytTC	12	Engine seized	
30	11	6	Mario Andretti	Viceroy	Parnelli	OffyTC	4	Burned piston	
31	15	10	Peter Revson	Gulf	McLaren	OffyTC	3	Accident	
32	12	12	Bobby Allison	Sunoco DX	McLaren	OffyTC	1	Brkn connecting rod	
33	77	17	Salt Walther	Dayton-Walther	McLaren	OffyTC	0	Accident	

### Lap Leaders

Bobby Unser	39	1-39
Gordon Johncock	64	40-42,73-133
Swede Savage	12	43-54
Al Unser	18	55-72

### Relief Drivers

84	A.J. Foyt	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	Foyt	43	Rel Snider	59-101
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### Non-Qualifiers

34	Sam Posey	Norris Industries	Eagle	OffyTC		Did not qualify
27	Tom Bigelow	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt	OffyTC		Did not qualify
56	Jim Hurtubise	Miller High Life	Lola	OffyTC		Did not qualify
17	Bill Simpson	Norton Spirit	Vollstedt	OffyTC		Wrecked practice
36	Bentley Warren	Bay States Racing	Eagle	OffyTC		Did not qualify
38	Crockett Peterson	Dr. Pepper	King	OffyTC		Rookie test failed
39	Tom Sneva	Tipke	Tipke	OffyTC		Did not qualify
45	Arnie Knepper	C.H.E.K. Racing		OffyTC		Did not qualify
47	Jigger Sirois	Bruce Crower		Dodge		Did not qualify
51	Dee Jones	Minnesota Serendipity	Mongoose	FoytTC		Did not qualify
52	Billy Shuman	Quality Racing Team		FoytTC		Failed rookie test
58	Arnie Knepper	Midwest Mfg Dura-Pot	King	OffyTC		Did not qualify
58	Johnny Parsons	Midwest Mfg Dura-Pot	King	OffyTC		Wrecked practice
59	Larry Cannon	PEP Gas Treatment		OffyTC		Did not qualify
61	Lee Brayton	Eisenhour		OffyTC		Spun practice
63	Larry McCoy	Eastern Racing Associates	Atlanta	OffyTC		Did not qualify
64	Art Pollard	Cobre Firestone	Eagle	OffyTC		Wrecked pract-fatal
75	Greg Weld	STP	Kingfish	OffyTC		Spun practice
76	Bob Harkey	Webster	Eagle	OffyTC		Did not qualify
86	Al Loquasto	Sunoco DX	McLaren	OffyTC		Wrecked practice
96	Crockett Peterson	Dr. Pepper	King	OffyTC		Failed rookie test
97	Rick Muther	Lodestar	Eagle	OffyTC		Did not qualify

**Pole Position:** Johnny Rutherford      **Pole Speed:** 198.413 mph

**Data Source:** Hungness Indpls Yearbook, Indpls Star

- Race Notes**
- 1) Fastest race lap - 186.916 mph - McCluskey
  - 2) Fastest leading lap - 184.805 mph - Johncock
  - 3) May 28, red flagged after start wreck. Postponed for rain.
  - 4) May 29, red flagged on parade lap due to rain
  - 5) May 30, race begun at 2:10 PM after morning rain, stopped at 133 laps due to rain.