

1974 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 26, 1974

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 22.330 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 182.869 mph Total Purse: \$1,014,874

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	3	25	Johnny Rutherford	McLaren	McLaren	OffyTC	200	3:09:10.06 158.589	1,000
2	48	7	Bobby Unser	Olsonite	Eagle	OffyTC	200	3:09:32.39 158.278	800
3	4	16	Billy Vukovich	Sugaripe Prune	Eagle	OffyTC	199	Flagged	700
4	20	4	Gordon Johncock	STP Double Oil Filter	Eagle	OffyTC	198	Flagged	600
5	73	9	David Hobbs	Carling Black Label	McLaren	OffyTC	196	Flagged	
6	45	30	Jim McElreath	Thermo King	Eagle	OffyTC	194	Flagged	400
7	11	21	Pancho Carter	Cobre-Firestone	Eagle	OffyTC	191	Flagged	300
8	79	31	Bob Harkey	City of Peru Circus	Coyote	FoytTC	189	Flagged	250
9	9	18	Lloyd Ruby	Unlimited Racing	Eagle	OffyTC	187	Out of fuel	200
10	55	17	Jerry Grant	Cobre Firestone	Eagle	OffyTC	175	Flagged	150
11	89	22	John Martin	Sea Snack Shrimp Cocktail	McLaren	OffyTC	169	Flagged	100
12	27	23	Tom Bigelow	Bryant Heating & Air Cond	Vollstedt	OffyTC	166	Flagged	50
13	18	20	Bill Simpson	American Kids Racer	Eagle	OffyTC	163	Piston	
14	68	3	Mike Hiss	Norton Spirit	McLaren	OffyTC	158	Flagged	
15	14	1	A.J. Foyt	Gilmore Racing	Coyote	FoytTC	142	Oil line fitting	
16	1	27	Roger McCluskey	English Leather	Riley	OffyTC	141	Rear end	
17	77	14	Salt Walther	Dayton-Walther	McLaren	OffyTC	141	Piston	
18	15	26	Al Unser	Viceroy	Eagle	OffyTC	131	Dropped valve	
19	42	19	Jerry Karl	Ayr-Way/Lloyds	Eagle	OffyTC	115	Wrecked NE	
20	24	8	Tom Sneva	Raymond Companies	King	OffyTC	94	Ring and pinion	
21	51	32	Jan Opperman	Viceroy	Parnelli	OffyTC	85	Spun out	
22	60	15	Steve Krisiloff	STP Gas Treatment	Eagle	OffyTC	72	Clutch	
23	21	12	Jimmy Caruthers	Cobre Firestone	Eagle	OffyTC	64	Gear box	
24	59	33	Larry Cannon	American Financial Corp	Eagle	OffyTC	49	Differential	
25	56	28	Jim Hurtubise	Miller High Life	McLaren	OffyTC	31	Blown engine	
26	94	29	Johnny Parsons	Vatis	Finley	OffyTC	18	Turbocharger	
27	61	24	Rick Muther	Eisenhour	Coyote	FoytTC	11	Piston	
28	82	13	George Snider	Gilmore Racing	Atlanta	FoytTC	7	Valve	
29	98	6	Mike Mosley	Lodestar	Eagle	OffyTC	6	Blown engine	
30	40	2	Wally Dallenbach	STP Oil Treatment	Eagle	OffyTC	3	Piston	
31	5	5	Mario Andretti	Viceroy	Eagle	OffyTC	2	Dropped valve	
32	8	11	Gary Bettenhausen	Score	McLaren	OffyTC	2	Broken valve	
33	44	10	Dick Simon	Travelodge	Eagle	FoytTC	1	Dropped valve	

Lap Leaders

Johnny Rutherford	122	65-125,136-137,141-175,177-200
Bobby Unser	6	25-26, 50-52, 176
A.J. Foyt	70	3-24,27-49,53-64,126-135,138-140
Wally Dallenbach	2	1-2

Non-Qualifiers

46	Jim McElreath	Thermo King	Eagle	OffyTC	Withdraw
31	Denny Zimmerman	MVS	Cecil	OffyTC	Did not qualify
25	Jigger Sirois	Adams Automotive	Cicada	OffyTC	Did not qualify
19	Mel Kenyon	Ayr-Way/Lloyds	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
26	Bentley Warren	Raymond Companies	King	OffyTC	Did not qualify
30	Sam Sessions	Oriente Express	Eagle	Chevy	Did not qualify
38	Bill Puterbaugh	Midwest Mfg Dura-Pot	Lola	OffyTC	Did not qualify
39	Larry Rice	Precision Engine	Eagle	Chevy	Did not qualify
53	John Cannon	Minnesota Serendipity	Mongoose	Chevy	Did not qualify
58	Eldon Rasmussen	Ras-Car	Rascar	FoytTC	Did not qualify
63	Larry McCoy	Shurfine Foods	Rascar	OffyTC	Did not qualify
69	John Mahler	Woods	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
74	John Mahler	Woods	Eagle	OffyTC	Did not qualify
76	Lee Brayton	Webster Racing	Eagle	OffyTC	Wrecked pract SW
86	Al Loquasto	Martin Guitar	McLaren	OffyTC	Did not qualify
94	Bentley Warren	Vatis	Finley	OffyTC	Did not qualify

Pole Position: A.J. Foyt

Pole Speed: 191.632 mph

Data Source: Hungness Indianapolis 500 Yearbook

Race Notes

- 1) Engine specifications: 274.59 ci (unsupercharged), 161.70 ci (supercharged), 355.1 ci (stock-block)
- 2) Fastest race lap and fastest lead lap: Wally Dallenbach, 191.408 mph.
- 3) Yellow flags: 85 Opperman spun between turns 3 & 4, could not restart; 115 Karl wrecked turn 3
183 Ruby ran out of fuel. Total of 7 yellow flags for 34:02.