

1980 Championship Results

Indianapolis, IN 500 Mile Race - May 26, 1980

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

Lap Distance: 2.5 miles
Margin of Victory: 29.920 sec

Ave Qual Speed: 185.604 mph Total Purse: \$1,488,535

FP	#	SP	Driver	Car Name	Chassis	Eng	Laps	Time/Speed	Pts
1	4	1	Johnny Rutherford	Pennzoil	Chaparral	Coswth	200	3:29:59.56 142.862	1,000
2	9	33	Tom Sneva	Bonjour Action Jeans	McLaren 77	Coswth	200	3:30:29.48 142.524	800
3	46	32	Gary Bettenhausen	Armstrong Mold	Wildcat	DGS	200	3:30:32.90 142.485	700
4	20	17	Gordon Johncock	North American Van Lines	PC-6/78	Coswth	200	3:30:33.17 142.482	600
5	1	6	Rick Mears	Gould Charge	PC-9/80	Coswth	199	Flagged 141.840	500
6	10	8	Pancho Carter	Alex Foods	PC-7/79	Coswth	199	Flagged 141.817	400
7	25	16	Danny Ongais	Interscope-Panasonic	Parnelli	Coswth	199	Flagged 141.739	300
8	43	31	Tom Bigelow	Armstrong Mold	Lola	Coswth	198	Flagged 140.960	250
9	21	19	Tim Richmond	UNO-Q95 Starcruiser	PC-7/79	Coswth	197	Out of fuel 141.149	200
10	44	23	Greg Leffler	Starcraft RV	Lola	Coswth	197	Flagged 140.610	150
11	29	22	Bill Engelhart	Master Lock	McLaren	Coswth	193	Flagged 137.615	100
12	2	30	Billy Vukovich	Hubler Chevrolet	Watson	Offy	192	Flagged 136.962	50
13	96	18	Don Whittington	Sun System	PC	Coswth	178	Flagged 126.951	25
14	14	12	A.J. Foyt	Gilmore Racing	Parnelli	Coswth	173	Valve	25
15	16	21	George Snider	Gilmore Racing	Parnelli	Coswth	169	Engine	25
16	18	24	Dennis Firestone	Scientific Drilling	PC-6/78	Coswth	137	Transmission	25
17	7	5	Jerry Sneva	Hugger's Beverage Holder	Lola	Coswth	130	Accident, turn 1	20
18	99	25	Hurley Haywood	Sta-On Glaze	Lightning	Chevy	127	Turbocharger	20
19	11	3	Bobby Unser	Norton Spirit	PC-9/80	Coswth	126	Ignition coil	20
20	12	2	Mario Andretti	Essex	PC-9/80	Coswth	71	Engine	20
21	38	28	Jerry Karl	Tonco Trailer	McLaren	Chevy	64	Clutch	15
22	8	29	Dick Simon	Vermont-American	Vollstedt	Offy	58	Lost wheel	15
23	66	10	Roger Rager	Advance Clean Sweep	Wildcat	Chevy	55	Accident, turn 1	15
24	23	11	Jim McElreath	McElreath	PC-7/79	Coswth	54	Accident, turn 1	15
25	70	20	Gordon Smiley	Valvoline-Diamond Head	Phoenix	Coswth	47	Turbocharger	10
26	15	7	Johnny Parsons	Wynn's	Lightning	Offy	44	Piston	10
27	5	9	Al Unser	Longhorn Racing	LR-01	Coswth	33	Cylinder	10
28	40	13	Tom Bagley	Kent Oil	Wildcat	Coswth	29	Pump drive	10
29	35	4	Spike Gehlhausen	Winton Sales	PC-7/79	Coswth	20	Accident turn 1	5
30	94	27	Bill Whittington	Sun Systems	Parnelli	Coswth	9	Accident turn 1	5
31	26	15	Dick Ferguson	AMS Oil	PC-6/78	Coswth	9	Accident turn 1	5
32	48	26	Mike Mosley	Theodore Racing	Eagle	Chevy	5	Gasket	5
33	95	14	Larry Cannon	Kraco Car Stereo	Wildcat	DGS	2	Camshaft	5

Lap Leaders

Johnny Rutherford	118	1-15,40-46,58-72,104-113,118-42,148-71,179-200
Tom Sneva	16	74-84,143-147
Gordon Johncock	11	19-24,31-35
Rick Mears	10	114-116,172-178
Pancho Carter	5	36-39,57
Tim Richmond	1	73
Bobby Unser	26	25-30,85-103,117
Mario Andretti	10	47-56
Roger Rager	2	16-17
George Snider	1	18

Non-Qualifiers

37	John Martin	J & J Enterprises	Wildcat	DGS
41	Bill Alsup	Alsup Racing	PC-7/79	Coswth
76	Salt Walther	Walmotor	PC-7/79	Coswth
34	Pete Halsmer	Wysard Motor	Wildcat	DGS
24	Sheldon Kinser	Genesee Beer	Watson	Coswth
47	Phil Caliva	Alsup Racing	McLaren	Offy
32	Tony, Jr Bettenhausen	Vita Fresh	Eagle	Offy

Pole Position: Johnny Rutherford **Pole Speed:** 192.256 mph

Data Source: NSSN

- Race Notes**
- 1) Tom Sneva started last in backup car after wrecking qualified car.
 - 2) Carter penalized 1 lap for passing pace car.
 - 3) 13 yellow flags for 64 laps.
 - 4) Fastest race & leading lap: Rutherford, 190,074, lap 149