

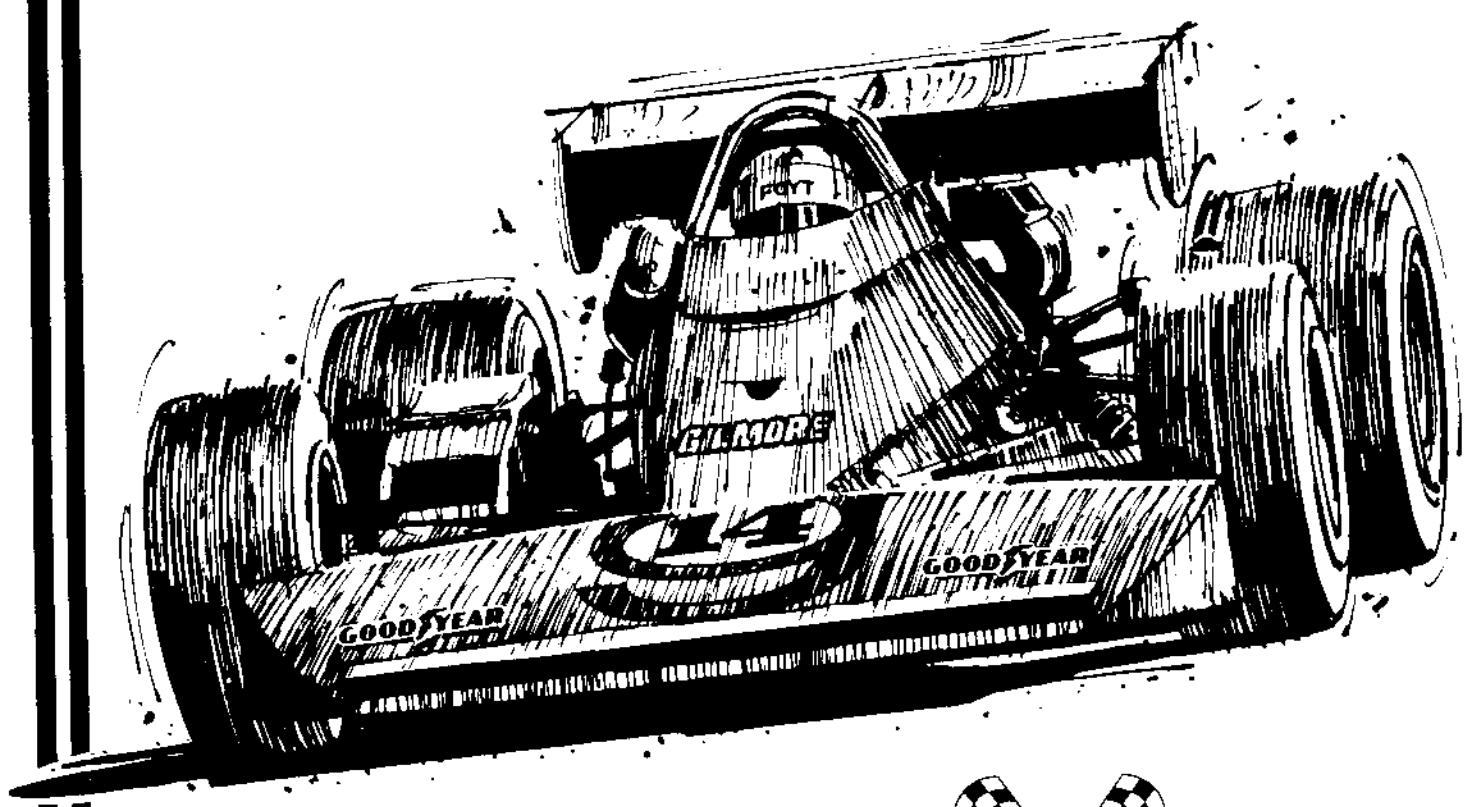


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**GILMORE/FOYT RACING TEAM**  
A.J. Foyt-Six Time National Champion

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INDIANAPOLIS "500" PRESS INFORMATION

UNITED STATES AUTO CLUB & GILMORE FOYT RACING TEAM

The Gilmore Foyt Racing Team is issuing the 500 Daily Track Summary for the third consecutive year. This press information has been compiled to give you instant background on all that has gone on during the practice and qualification period for the 60th annual 500-Mile Race. It is our sincere wish that it will help in your assignment.

The press kit includes:

- Starting lineup
- Statistics concerning the 1976 race
- Pit assignments
- Chief mechanics, accessories and garage listing
- Carburetion tests
- Pace cars through the years
- Spin and wreck report
- Rookie test report
- Results of time trials
- Daily track summaries
- All 4 laps of completed qualification runs

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY DAILY REPORT



## 1976 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS

71 Entries....62 arrived at the track....53 took practice runs....39 completed qualification runs....six cars were bumped: #24 (original car qualified by Tom Bigelow; the car which he qualified as #29 was changed to #24 for the race), #38, #42, #58, #76, #78.... there were 14 incomplete qualifying runs: one by Bobby Unser in #3; one by Salt Walther in #77; one by John Martin in #98; one by Billy Scott in #28; one by Vern Schuppan in #9; one by Sheldon Kinser in #97; one by Larry McCoy in #63; two by David Hobbs in #33; one by Eldon Rasmussen in #58; two by Mike Hiss in #11; one by Mel Kenyon in #61 and one by Billy Engelhart in #44....the nine cars that did not arrive at the track were Nos. 52, 53, 55, 66, 80, 82, 84, 85 and 89....the cars that did arrive but did not get on the track were Nos. 32 and 87.

A total of 42 cars made 53 attempts at qualifying.

During the month there was a total of 49 drivers on the track. There were 29 of last years starting field out on the track this year, the exceptions being Jimmy Caruthers, who died of cancer, Bobby Allison, Bentley Warren and Sam Sessions. Of the 49 on the track, 40 were veterans and nine were rookies.

The veteran drivers on the track were Mario Andretti, Gary Bettenhausen, Tom Bigelow, Larry Cannon, Duane Carter Jr., Wally Dallenbach, Larry Dickson, A.J. Foyt, Jerry Grant, Bob Harkey, Mike Hiss, David Hobbs, Jim Hurtubise, Gordon Johncock, Jerry Karl, Mel Kenyon, Sheldon Kinser, Steve Krisiloff, Lee Kunzman, John Mahler, John Martin, Roger McCluskey, Larry McCoy, Jim McElreath, Mike Mosley, Rick Muther, Jan Opperman, Johnny Parsons, Bill Puterbaugh, Eldon Rasmussen, Lloyd Ruby, Johnny Rutherford, Dick Simon, Bill Simpson, Tom Sneva, George Snider, Al Unser, Bobby Unser, Bill Vukovich, Salt Walther.

The rookies were Ed Crombie, Billy Engelhart, Spike Gehlhausen, Janet Guthrie, Al Loquasto, Eddie Miller, Bobby Olivero, Billy Scott and Vern Schuppan.

Twenty-two different drivers were in at least two cars during the period.

### STARTING POSITIONS OF WINNING CARS AT INDIANAPOLIS

1st -- 8	7th -- 5	13th -- 3	19th -- 1	25th -- 1	31st -- 0
2nd -- 10	8th -- 0	14th -- 1	20th -- 2	26th -- 0	32nd -- 0
3rd -- 6	9th -- 0	15th -- 3	21st -- 1	27th -- 1	33rd -- 0
4th -- 3	10th -- 1	16th -- 0	22nd -- 2	28th -- 2	
5th -- 3	11th -- 1	17th -- 1	23rd -- 0	29th -- 0	
6th -- 4	12th -- 0	18th -- 0	24th -- 0	30th -- 0	

Bobby Unser in 1975 was the sixth driver to win from the third starting position. If the above positions which have zeroes remain zeroes, the following drivers would have no chance of winning this year: Gary Bettenhausen, Bill Vukovich, Bobby Unser, Dick Simon, Bill Puterbaugh, Steve Krisiloff, Al Loquasto, Larry McCoy, Sheldon Kinser, Lloyd Ruby, David Hobbs, Tom Bigelow and Jan Opperman. For the second straight year, Gordon Johncock appears to be in the best starting spot, second. Johnny Rutherford, starting on the pole, and then Tom Sneva, starting third, appear to rate the next best chances, according to the chart.

### FORMER WINNERS IN 1976 RACE -- 6

A. J. Foyt (1961, 64, 67)	Al Unser (1970, 71)
Bobby Unser (1968, 75)	Gordon Johncock (1973)
Mario Andretti (1969)	Johnny Rutherford (1974)

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## 1976 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS (Continued)

Youngest winner.....Troy Ruttman (1952) 22-years-old  
 Oldest winner.....Sam Hanks (1957) 43-years-old  
 Closest finish.....1937 -- Wilbur Shaw won by only 2:16 seconds over Ralph Hepburn  
 Largest winning margin.....1913 -- Jules Goux was 13 minutes, 8 and 40/100ths  
 seconds ahead of Spencer Wishart

Least cars to complete the distance..... 1 (1926) Frank Lockhart  
 (1950) Johnnie Parsons  
 (1967) A. J. Foyt

Most cars running at the finish..... 26 (1911)  
 Least cars running at the finish..... 7 (1966)

The farthest back that a winner has ever started was 28th position. In 1911, Ray Harroun started from that spot and won the first race. In 1936, Louis Meyer became a three-time winner after starting from that spot. The worst a pole car ever finished was in 1929 when Cliff Woodbury started there and crashed on the fourth lap, to take the 33rd and last spot in the standings.

In 1930, Billy Arnold started on the pole and nearly accomplished the "impossible." He lost the lead at the start, but after working his way into the lead on the third lap, led the remaining 198 laps to win.

Tommy Milton became the first two-time winner of the "500" in 1923. The first three-time winner was Louis Meyer, who accomplished that feat in 1936. The first man to win the race twice in a row was Wilbur Shaw, who won in 1939 and 1940 for the second and third times. Other consecutive winners were Mauri Rose (1947-48), Bill Vukovich (1953-54) and Al Unser (1970-71). No man has ever won three in a row. Three-time winners, besides Meyer, are Shaw (1937-39-40), Rose 1941-47-48 and A. J. Foyt (1961-64-67). Two-time winners, besides Milton, are Vukovich (1953-54), Rodger Ward (1959-62), Bobby Unser (1968-75) and Al Unser (1970-71).

In 1959, the defending winner, Jimmy Bryan, failed to get started at the beginning of the race. In 1936, Bill Cummings, the 1934 winner, failed to move from his starting spot due to a broken clutch stud.

In 1970, Jim Malloy hit the fourth turn (NW) wall on the pace lap and the race had to be halted. In 1957, Elmer George and Eddie Russo collided on the backstretch and were eliminated in the parade lap.

The 1971 race winner, Al Unser, gave Car #1 its seventh Indy win. This moved Car #1 ahead of Car #2 (6 victories) for the lead in that department. Bobby Unser in 1975 gave Car #48 its first victory. Cars numbered 4, 14 and 16 have each won four races.

### FORMER ROOKIE WINNERS -- 6

1911 -- Ray Harroun	1914 -- Rene Thomas	1927 -- George Souders
1913 -- Jules Goux	1926 -- Frank Lockhart	1966 -- Graham Hill

### RACE WINNERS FROM THE POLE POSITION -- 8

1922 -- Jimmy Murphy	1938 -- Floyd Roberts	1963 -- Parnelli Jones
1923 -- Tommy Milton	1953 -- Bill Vukovich	1970 -- Al Unser
1930 -- Billy Arnold	1956 -- Pat Flaherty	

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## 1976 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS (Continued)

Start-Finish Positions for Stark & Wetzel "Rookie-of-the-Year" Drivers

1952	Art Cross	20-5	1964	Johnny White	21-4
1953	Jimmy Daywalt	21-6	1965	Mario Andretti	4-3
1954	Larry Crockett	25-9	1966	Jackie Stewart	11-6
1955	Al Herman	16-7	1967	Denis Hulme	24-4
1956	Bob Veith	23-7	1968	Bill Vukovich Jr.	23-7
1957	Don Edmunds	27-19	1969	Mark Donohue	4-7
1958	George Amick	25-2	1970	Donnie Allison	23-4
1959	Bobby Grim	5-26	1971	Denny Zimmerman	28-8
1960	Jim Hurtubise	23-18	1972	Mike Hiss	25-7
1961	Parnelli Jones and	5-12	1973	Graham McRae	13-19
	Bobby Marshman	33-7	1974	Duane Carter Jr.	21-7
1962	Jim McElreath	7-6	1975	Bill Puterbaugh	15-7
1963	Jim Clark	5-2			

### DRIVER STATISTICS

Oldest driver.....Lloyd Ruby (48-born 1/12/28)  
 Youngest driver.....Spike Gehlhausen (21-born 11/19/54)  
 Tallest driver.....Sheldon Kinser (6'2")  
 Shortest driver.....Al Loquasto (5'5")

The veteran drivers in the race have driven a total of 198 races. A.J. Foyt leads with 18 races under his belt. No one else has ever driven more than 16 races. Lloyd Ruby, Cliff Bergere and Chet Miller each drove in 16. Roger McCluskey has been in 14 and Bobby Unser in 13.

There are four second-generation drivers in this year's race, tying the all-time high. They are Gary Bettenhausen, son of Tony Bettenhausen; Billy Vukovich, son of Bill Vukovich (1953-54 race winner); Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr., son of Duane Sr. and Johnny Parsons, son of Johnnie Parsons, (1950 race winner). The same four drivers were in the 1974 and 1975 races.

### LAP LEADERS IN THIS YEAR'S FIELD

A.J. Foyt.....	447	Lloyd Ruby.....	126
Al Unser.....	311	Wally Dallenbach.....	105
Bobby Unser.....	234	Gordon Johncock.....	72
Gary Bettenhausen.....	138	Jerry Grant.....	16
Mario Andretti.....	132	Roger McCluskey.....	7
Johnny Rutherford.....	127	Mike Mosley.....	3

### FOUR SETS OF "TWINs" IN 1976 QUALIFICATIONS

One of the most unusual features of the 1976 time trials was that identical times and speed averages were posted by four different sets of two drivers. Both Bill Puterbaugh in #83 and Al Loquasto in #86 qualified at 182.002 mph. Both Jan Opperman in #8 and Spike Gehlhausen in #19 qualified at 181.717. Both Larry Cannon in #69 and Larry McCoy in #63 qualified at 181.388. Both George Snider and Bob Harkey qualified at 181.388. Of the four sets, only Snider and Harkey qualified on the same day. Snider made his run before Harkey, so he got to start ahead of Harkey in the lineup.

1976 GARAGE LIST

CAR NO.	GAR. NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	ENTRANT
- 1	29		Gilmore Racing Team	A. J. Foyt Enterprise
Q 2	86	Johnny Rutherford (12)	Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear	Team McLaren Limited
Q 3	16	Bobby Unser (13)	Cobre Tire	Robert L. Fletcher
Q 5	10	Bill Vukovich (8)	Alex Foods Special	Alex Morales
- 6	75	Mario Andretti (11)	CAM2 Motor Oil Special	Penske Racing, Inc.
Q 7	7	Roger McCluskey (14)		Lindsey Hopkins
- 8	36	Jerry Karl (3)	Routh Meat Packing Special	Richard Routh
Q 9	40	Vern Schuppan (0)	Jorgensen Eagle	E. M. Jorgensen Co.
- 11	8	Mike Hiss (4)		Lindsey Hopkins
Q 12	14	Mike Mosley (8)	Sugaripe Prune Special	Jerry O'Connell
Q 14	30	A. J. Foyt, Jr. (18)	Gilmore Racing Team	A. J. Foyt Enterprise
- 15	87		McLaren/Goodyear	Team McLaren Limited
Q 17	3	Dick Simon (6)	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt Enterprises
- 19	47	Spike Gehlhausen (0)	Spirit of Indiana	Carl Gehlhausen
Q 20	55	Gordon Johncock (11)	Sinmast-Goodyear Wildcat	Patrick Racing Team, Inc.
Q 21	24	Al Unser (10)	American Racing Wheels Spl.	Vel's Parnelli Jones Rac.
- 23	19	George Snider (11)	Hubler Chevrolet Co. Spl.	Leader Cards, Inc.
Q 24	20	Tom Bigelow (2)	Leader Card Racer	Leader Cards, Inc.
- 25	25		American Racing Wheels Spl.	Vel's Parnelli Jones Rac.
- 27	4	Janet Guthrie (0)	Bryant Heating & Cooling	Vollstedt Enterprises
- 28	23	Billy Scott (0)	Spirit of "Public Entrprz"	Warner W. Hogdon
- 29	84		Scio Cabinet Special	Leader Cards, Inc.
- 32	15	Mike Mosley (8)	Sugaripe Prune Special	Jerry O'Connell
- 33	80	David Hobbs (3)	Dayton-Walther Special	Walmotor, Inc.
- 35	17		Cobre Tire	Robert L. Fletcher
- 36	5			Spirit of American Race
Q 38	61	Bill Simpson (1)	Nikon Special	Simpson Sfty, Equip. Inc
Q 40	56	Wally Dallenbach (9)	Sinmast-Goodyear Wildcat	Patrick Racing Team, Inc
- 41	72		I C P - 2	I C P - 2
Q 42	12	Jan Opperman (1)	Spirit of Truth Special	Don Mergard Racing
- 44	33	Billy Engelhart (0)	Lan Eagle	Dick Simon, Ltd.
Q 45	70	Gary Bettenhausen (8)	Thermo King Eagle	Gerhardt Racers, Inc.
- 46	71		Thermo King Eagle	Gerhardt Racers, Inc.
Q 48	41	Duane Carter, Jr. (2)	Jorgensen Eagle	E. H. Jorgensen Co.
- 51	79	Lloyd Ruby (16)		Michael Devin
- 52	42			Kenny Moran
- 53	66		California-Oklahoma Spl.	Fred W. Carrillo
- 54	43		Schlitz Special	Opal Voight
- 55	18		Cobre Tire	Robert L. Fletcher
- 56	44	Jim Hurtubise (10)		Kenny Moran
- 58	83	Eldon Rasmussen (1)	Indy Inst. Anacomp Spl.	Rasmussen Racing Prods.
- 60	57		Sinmast-Goodyear Wildcat	Patrick Racing Team, Inc
- 61	88	Mel Kenyon (8)	D. McIntire Cntr. Frd & Ch.	Lindsey Hopkins
- 62	89	Mel Kenyon (8)	D. McIntire Cntr. Frd & Ch.	Lindsey Hopkins
- 63	6	Larry McCoy (1)	Shurfine Foods Special	Spirit of Amer. Racers
- 64	73		C. of Syracuse/C Moser Ch.	Patrick Santello
- 65	74	Larry Dickson (5)	C. of Syracuse/S & M Elec.	Patrick Santello
- 66	76		Penske GM Power	Penske Racing Inc.
- 67	34		Crombie Brothers Special	Ed Crombie
Q 68	77	Tom Sneva (2)	Norton Spirit	Penske Racing, Inc.
Q 69	45	Larry Cannon (1)	American Financial Special	Hoffman Auto Racing
- 73	67	Jerry Grant (9)	California-Oklahoma Spl.	Fred W. Carrillo
Q 76	39	Jim McElreath (11)	Webster Offy	H. Webster
- 77	81	Salt Walther (4)	Dayton-Walther Special	Walmotor, Inc.
Q 78	11	Bobby Olivero (0)	Alex Foods Special	Alex Morales
- 80	68		Racing Associates Special	Herb Porter
- 82	60		Greer Special	J. H. Greer
Q 83	49	Bill Puterbaugh (1)	McNamara Motor Express Spl.	McNamara Motor Exp. Inc.
- 84	31		Gilmore Racing Team	J. H. Greer
- 85	21	Al Loquasto, Jr. (0)	Frostie Root Beer	Al Loquasto, Sr.
- 86	22	Al Loquasto, Jr. (0)	Frostie Root Beer	Al Loquasto, Sr.
- 87	1		Jim Robbins Co. Special	Jim Robbins Co.
- 89	69		Racing Associates Special	Herb Porter
- 91	48	John Mahler (1)		Margie Gehlhausen
- 92	64	Steve Krisiloff (5)	1st Nat. City Trav. Chs.	Vatis Enterprises, Inc.
Q 93	65	Johnny Parsons (2)	Ayrway/WIRE Special	Vatis Enterprises, Inc.
- 94	37			Vatis Enterprises, Inc.
- 96	62	Bob Harkey (5)	Usona Purcell Racer	Agajanian-King
- 97	59	Sheldon Kinser (1)	THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon	Agajanian-King
Q 98	58	John Martin (4)	Genesee Beer Dragon	Agajanian-King-Hammond
- 99	82	Rick Muther (3)	Joe Hunt Magneto Special	Joe Hunt

( ) - Previous Races  
( - ) - Cars at Track  
Q - Qualified

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INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE PACE CARS



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PACE CAR</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PACE CAR</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>
1911	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1947	Nash	George W. Mason
1912	Stutz	Carl G. Fisher	1948	Chevrolet	Wilbur Shaw
1913	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1949	Oldsmobile	Wilbur Shaw
1914	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1950	Mercury	Benson Ford
1915	Packard "6"	Carl G. Fisher	1951	Chrysler	Dave Wallace
1916	Premier "6"	Frank E. Smith	1952	Studebaker	P.O. Peterson
1919	Packard V-12	Col. J.G. Vincent	1953	Ford	William C. Ford
1920	Marmon V-16	Barney Oldfield	1954	Dodge	William Newburg
1921	H.C.S. "6"	Harry C. Stutz	1955	Chevrolet	T.H. Keating
1922	National "8"	Barney Oldfield	1956	DeSoto	L.I. Woolson
1923	Duesenberg "8"	Fred Duesenberg	1957	Mercury	F.C. Reith
1924	Cole V-8	Lew Pettijohn	1958	Pontiac	Sam Hanks
1925	Rickenbacker "8"	E.V. Rickenbacker	1959	Buick	Sam Hanks
1926	Chrysler "8"	Louis Chevrolet	1960	Oldsmobile	Sam Hanks
1927	LaSalle V-8	"Big Boy" Raeder	1961	Ford	Sam Hanks
1928	Marmon	Joe Dawson	1962	Studebaker	Sam Hanks
1929	Studebaker	George Hunt	1963	Chrysler	Sam Hanks
1930	Cord V-8	E.L. Cord	1964	Ford	Benson Ford
1931	Cadillac	"Big Boy" Raeder	1965	Plymouth	F.N. Buckminster
1932	Lincoln	Edsel Ford	1966	Mercury	Benson Ford
1933	Chrysler	Byron Foy	1967	Camaro	Mauri Rose
1934	LaSalle	"Big Boy" Raeder	1968	Ford	William C. Ford
1935	Ford V-8	Harry Mack	1969	Chevrolet	Jim Rathmann
1936	Packard	Tommy Milton	1970	Oldsmobile	Rodger Ward
1937	LaSalle	Ralph DePalma	1971	Dodge	Eldon Palmer
1938	Hudson	Stuart Baits	1972	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1939	Buick	Charles Chayne	1973	Cadillac	Jim Rathmann
1940	Studebaker	Harry Hartz	1974	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1941	Chrysler	A.B. Couture	1975	Buick	James Garner
1946	Lincoln V-12	Henry Ford II	1976	Buick	Marty Robbins

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## 1976 SPIN AND WRECK REPORT

May 11, 1976 -- TUESDAY

1. Time: 4:45 p.m. -- Eddie Miller in the #46 Thermo-King Eagle came out of Turn-1 (SW) high (making no wall contact) lost control, car slid sideways 325 feet to infield grass. Car "dug in" to ditch, got airborne, flipped 200 feet across retainer fence and infield fence. Came to stop, upside-down against tunnel sidewall. Miller on second phase of driver's test with previous lap timed at 167.380 mph. Driver taken to Methodist Hospital with fractures of fourth and fifth vertebrae. (Released 5/15/76). Car had very extensive damage.

May 15, 1976 -- SATURDAY

2. Time: 1:37 p.m. -- Spike Gehlhausen in the #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren hit wall coming out of Turn-1 (SW). Front right and rear right wheels torn off. Slid 500 feet across track into grass infield. Driver taken to track hospital, checked and released as okay. Car had extensive damage to right side.
3. Time: 1:37 p.m. Billy Scott in the #28 Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle spun in Turn-1 to avoid Car #19 (see above). Driver and car okay.
4. Time: 3:37 p.m. -- Mel Kenyon in the #61 Dave McIntire Centers Kenyon/Eagle/Coyote came out of Turn-2 (SE) high, lost control ( $\frac{1}{2}$  spin, slid 350 feet) hit wall with left rear; continued along wall an additional 650 feet. Driver taken to track hospital, checked out okay and released. Extensive damage to car. Kenyon was on warmup in preparation for a qualifying attempt.

May 18, 1976 -- TUESDAY

5. Time: 1:55 p.m. -- Ed Crombie in #67 Crombie Brothers lost control in Turn-4 (NW), got sideways, slid 450 feet to inside wall, hit with right rear, then did one complete spin (sliding 225 feet) along wall. Hit wall again and came to stop at pit entrance. Driver checked at track hospital and released. Car had extensive damage to rear section. Crombie was on eighth lap of first phase of driver's test. His previous lap was timed at 160.113 mph.
6. Time: 2:56 p.m. -- Sheldon Kinser in #97 THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon lost control coming out of Turn-1 (SW), slid approximately 750 feet through south short chute (no contact), made one-half spin, corrected and was towed in. Driver okay. Damage to car tires only. Previous lap timed at 177-plus.

May 19, 1976 -- WEDNESDAY

7. Time: 1:42 p.m. -- Al Loquasto in #86 Frostie Root Beer McLaren lost control coming out of Turn-1 (SW), did one complete spin, slid 400 feet, hit wall with right rear. Slid an additional 220 feet along wall. Driver checked okay at track hospital and released. Slight damage to right rear and wing of car.

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1976 SPIN AND WRECK REPORT (Continued)

May 22, 1976 -- SATURDAY

8. Time: 12:56 p.m. -- Billy Scott in #28 Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle spun in north short chute, sliding 500 feet, and continued around to pits.
9. Time: 2:53 p.m. -- Mike Hiss in the #11 Hopkins, on the first lap of a qualification attempt, lost control coming out of Turn-1 (SW). Slid 440 feet backwards, stopped in infield grass just off track in the south short chute. Driver okay and no apparent damage to car.

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## 1976 INDIANAPOLIS "500" ROOKIES TEST REPORT

Under the revised format for 1976, rookie tests were conducted in two phases of 20 laps (50 miles) each, the first phase at 160 mph and the second at 165 mph or above. The latter phases was observed by a crew of veteran drivers. Refresher tests were 20 laps (50 miles) at 165 mph or above.

### TWO-PHASE -- FIRST YEAR DRIVERS ROOKIE TESTS:

1. Bobby Olivero, #78 Alex Foods Eagle: 5/8, 160, and 5/8, 165. OK.
2. Spike Gehlhausen, #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren, 5/9, 160, and 5/9, 165. OK.
3. Janet Guthrie, #17 (entered as #27) Bryant Heating & Cooling Vollstedt, 5/11, 160, and 5/17, 165. OK.
4. Vern Schuppan, #48 Jorgensen Eagle (later shifted to #9 Jorgensen Eagle for qualification), 5/12, 160, and 5/12, 165. OK.
5. Billy Engelhart, #44 Lan Eagle, 5/18, finished 160, 5/18 165. OK.

Incomplete rookie tests were recorded by Eddie Miller in #46 Thermo-King Eagle and by Ed Crombie in #67 Crombie Brothers Vollstedt, both of whom crashed (see preceding spin and wreck report).

### ONE-PHASE REFRESHER TESTS:

1. Billy Scott, #28 Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle, 5/9, 165, OK.
2. John Mahler, #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren, 5/19, 165, OK.

### SUMMARY:

First-year rookie who passed two-phase tests ..... 5

Refresher one-phase tests for drivers who had previously passed test ..... 2

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY DAILY REPORT -- May 8, 1976



A precedent-shattering rookie named Bobby Olivero stole the opening-day spotlight from distaff driver Janet Guthrie as practice began for the 60th annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race today. Olivero became the first neophyte in history to pass his entire driver's test on the initial day. He looked so good in completing his first two phases, at 160 miles per hour that USAC officials allowed him to finish the final two phases at 165. He then received the official nod from a jury of veteran drivers and got to perform the traditional ceremony of removing the "rookie tape" from the rear of his #78 Alex Foods Eagle.

Olivero, the defending champion of the California Racing Association (CRA), is rated by students of the Speedway scene as an outstanding candidate for Rookie-of-the-Year honors. His teammate Billy Vukovich, the 1968 rookie of the year when he finished seventh, has publicly predicted Olivero will win that honor this time around.

Miss Guthrie had a trouble-plagued day which finally resulted in her historic debut as the first woman competitor in Speedway annals being postponed at least until tomorrow.

First, her luggage got lost on her flight from New York to Indianapolis. It included her helmet, driving suit and other necessary equipment. She remedied that by borrowing Vukovich's uniform and headpiece. Then, the entrance of her #17 Bryant Heating & Cooling Vollstedt was postponed by mechanical trouble in the garage when it was "fired up" for a check. Her teammate, Dick Simon, finally got the machine out on the track about 5:35 p.m. -- 25 minutes before the 6 p.m. closing time.

But while he was "shaking down" the car, it developed a serious oil-line leak and there wasn't sufficient time to replace the line before curfew tolled for the day. Miss Guthrie said she was "very disappointed but there is always tomorrow. These things happen so much in racing."

Mario Andretti, the 1969 Indianapolis winner, was the day's only speedy runner with a lap at 178.077 in his new ride, the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren of the Roger Penske stable.

The dual speed limits of 180 for veterans and 160 for rookies imposed by Chief Steward Tom Binford remained in force through the sunny but cool day. It appeared likely they may be lifted tomorrow. There were 13 cars on the track, about average for an opening day.

First-car-on-the-track honors went to Larry (Boom Boom) Cannon and his #69 Hoffman Racing Eagle. As soon as the green light flashed on at 11 a.m. following opening ceremonies, Cannon took off from the pits with no competition to get onto the track first. His first lap was timed--highly unofficially--at 43.862 miles per hour.

Veteran Roger McCluskey, the 1973 USAC National Champion, blew a fresh engine in his #7 Lindsey Hopkins entry, which was built by chief mechanic Chuck Looper, after only "five or six laps." McCluskey said he had "Just gotten on it really" when the power plant let go and scattered parts along the main straightaway.

Rookie Spike Gehlhausen also had major engine problems, breaking a piston in his #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren. Steve Krisiloff shut down the track when an oil pump let go in his #8 Routh Meat Packing Eagle.

Only former Indianapolis winner besides Andretti to get on the track was Gordon Johncock (1973). There were no spins or crashes on opening day. Olivero got in the second-fastest lap recorded on the electric eye at 169.364 on the final lap of his test.

Other cars on shakedown were Nos. 28, 62, 63, 65 and 76.

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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY DAILY REPORT -- May 9, 1976



Seven drivers topped the 180 miles per hour mark today on the second day of practice for the 60th annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race--and six of them are former 500 winners.

Johnny Rutherford, the 1974 Indy victor fresh off a win in the Trenton 200 a week ago, set the standard for the rest of the troops to shoot at when he hit 187.696 in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear. Rutherford said the "groove" still is exceedingly narrow and predicted he could find about four miles per hour more before the pole position competition on Saturday.

A.J. Foyt, the 1961-64-67 winner who wants that fourth 500 so bad he can taste it, was close behind with a clocking of 187.266 in the #14 Gilmore Racing Team Coyote.

Gordon Johncock, winner of the rain-shortened and trouble-plagued 1973 running, got up to 184.653 in the #20 Sinmast-Goodyear Wildcat. Mario Andretti, the 1969 victor, got his new ride, the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren from the Roger Penske team, in the select circle at 183.936.

Tom Sneva, who survived a horrible crash on the second turn in the 1975 Indianapolis race, was the only non-winner of a 500 who got over 180. He attained 184.2 in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren, which is a team car to that of Mario Andretti, the 1969 Indianapolis victor. An identical speed to Andretti (183.936) was turned in by Wally Dallenbach, a teammate to Johncock, in the #40 Sinmast-Goodyear Wildcat. Dallenbach won the 1973 California 500. Filling out the select circle of 180-plus runner was Roger McCluskey, winner of the 1972 California 500, who got his #7 Hopkins Rocket up to 180.144 with a new engine installed after he had blown one on Saturday.

It was a "lost weekend" for woman driver Janet Guthrie as the #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt in which she is scheduled to take her driver's test was plagued by mechanic ills for the second consecutive day. Her teammate, Dick Simon, was test-hopping the machine a few minutes after noon when it burned a piston. After the crew worked all afternoon to install a new engine, the machine was back on the track about 20 minutes before the 6 p.m. curfew with Simon again in the cockpit. This time, there was a flash turbocharger fire. After that was put out, Simon got back out for a couple of more laps before closing time, but there was not sufficient time for Miss Guthrie to make her debut as the first woman participant in Indianapolis history.

Spike Gehlhausen became the second rookie driver to pass his test when he completed both the 160 and 165 phases on the beautiful sun-drenched Mother's Day and got the approval of a veteran jury. He was driving the #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren.

For the first time in history, there will be a red light incorporated in the safety light system of the Speedway for this year's running. The traditional yellow-light system, governing the speed of all contestants when hazardous conditions occur on the track, will be augmented by a red light to be controlled by Chief Steward Tom Binford. It will be used only if it becomes necessary to stop the race instantly for safety reasons. Decision to use the system was announced jointly by Binford and Speedway President, Tony Hulman.

Binford had lifted the 180 miles per hour speed limit for veterans and the 160 mile limit for rookies before any of today's fast running.

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Janet Guthrie finally made her long-awaited and historic debut at 11:57 a.m. today as the first woman driver to participate in the Indianapolis 500, but it was an extremely short-lived one. Mechanical troubles continued to dog the Bryant Heating and Cooling team. This time it was a burned #1 piston on the #17 Bryant Vollstedt in which she hopes to take her driver's test. She got in only seven practice laps, the top one at 152 miles an hour, before the piston failed on the main straight. She brought the car to a halt on the south short chute and climbed out gingerly to avoid a possible fire. Then she climbed back in and returned to the pits on a tow line behind a wrecker. The car didn't get back on the track.

Johnny Rutherford, the 1974 500 winner, in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear, was the fastest traveler in practice for the second straight day. He pushed the year's top speed up to 188.363, compared to the 187.696 he had on Sunday. The achievement won a pair of free dinners at the Classic Motor Lodge, across the street from the Speedway, for Rutherford and his pretty wife, Betty, who also is his scorer.

Joining Johnny in the 188 bracket was 1970-71 victor Al Unser, who had the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth humming at 188.048 shortly before the 6 p.m. track closing.

Teammate Tom Sneva and Mario Andretti, from the Roger Penske stable, were next on the speed totem pole. Sneva, survivor of that spectacular crash last year on the #2 turn, got up to 186.683 in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren. Andretti, 1969 Indianapolis champion, got to 185.912 in the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren.

Veteran Roger McCluskey, 1973 USAC National Champion, improved to 184.653 in another late run in the #7 Hopkins Rocket. Gordon Johncock, the 1973 winner here, reached 184.162 in the #20 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat. His teammate, Wally Dallenbach, was the other 180-plus traveler, at 182.371 in the #40 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat.

A rash of mechanical problems continued to plague the practicers. In addition to Miss Guthrie's difficulties, defending champion Bobby Unser blew an engine on his #3 Cobre Tire Eagle while warming it up. Billy Vukovich performed a like feat on the #5 Alex Foods Eagle. Mike Hiss did likewise in the #11 Hopkins Riley. Three-time winner A.J. Foyt had a tow-in after encountering rear-end trouble with his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote. Steve Krisiloff blew a supercharger on the #8 Routh Meat Packing Eagle, shutting down the track for nearly an hour while people searched for bits of the blade.

There were 29 cars on the track on a warm, sunny day. Others were Nos. 12, 23, 24, 28, 38, 42, 58, 61, 63, 65, 69, 76, 77, 78 and 93. Of the 71 total entries, there are now 48 at the track and 35 have passed their temporary mechanical inspection.

Dick Simon, teammate to Miss Guthrie, said that he believes there is "no question" that she (Janet) can drive the car fast enough. "She was just playing around at 150," Simon said. "It's just a question of whether we can keep the car together long enough." They hope to get her out tomorrow to begin her driver's test after the problems in the engine compartment are remedied. She made six laps her first time out, then was called in by Chief Mechanic Rolla Vollstedt, so that Simon could tell her she should move up higher on the track. She got in only one more lap before the piston problem.

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Rookie driver Eddie Miller of Lakewood, Colo., escaped death at 4:45 p.m. today in the first accident to mar the 1976 Indianapolis 500 practice period -- a wild series of flips in the south short chute.

His #46 Thermo-King Eagle cleared two fences before landing upside-down in a bleacher enclosure and just short of the new vehicular tunnel. A Speedway safety crew righted the car and had to use the Hurst power tool to pry Miller out. There was a small fire which was extinguished quickly, rescue workers said. Witnesses to the mishap said that Miller, 31, came out of the No. 1 turn too high and then seemingly over-corrected. The car slid sideways 325 feet to the inside of the track, hit a drainage ditch, soared into the air and flipped for a total of 200 feet. The car was demolished.

Miller remained conscious and was able to talk to ambulance attendants who first took him to the infield hospital. He was later taken to Methodist Hospital for observation. Doctors said he had a neck fracture but was in no apparent danger.

Miller was on the second phase of his driver's test at 165 and above, having completed the initial phase at 160 in the morning. He had been timed at 167.380 on his previous lap before the accident.

Miller won SCCA national championships in Formula Fords in both 1972 and 1974. He switched to Formula Super Vee in 1975 and won that series championship.

Janet Guthrie, first woman driver in Speedway history, got through the first phase of her driver's test at 160. She did seven laps of the required 20 at that speed, then came in voluntarily when she noticed the oil pressure gauge was reading too low and the temperature gauge too high. After the difficulty was remedied, she got in the 13 more laps required. USAC officials did not allow her to finish the test because they did not want her running in the "happy hour" traffic. She said she was "a little frustrated" at not being able to finish up, but she hopes to get in the 165 phase tomorrow (Wednesday) in the #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt.

A.J. Foyt claimed the pair of free dinners at the Classic Motor Lodge which go to the day's fastest speed with 187.838 in his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote. Al Unser, like Foyt, a multiple Indy winner, was close behind at 187.343 in his #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth. Unser also practiced in the #25 team car, a Parnelli/Cosworth.

Tom Sneva again was among the fast travelers at 185.109 in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren. His teammate, Mario Andretti, got to 184.843 in the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren, before leaving tonight for the Belgian Grand Prix, which will keep him out of action this weekend and force him to start back in the pack as a second-weekend qualifier. Andretti was unbothered by that, pointing out Johnny Rutherford won from 25th starting spot in 1974. Rutherford got his backup machine, the #15 Hy-Gain McLaren, up to 183.748.

Others over the 180 mark were Gordon Johncock, 182.4 in the #20 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat, and Pancho Carter, 180.650 in his first day out in the #48 Jorgensen Eagle.

There were 30 cars on the track, a high for the year. Others were Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 24, 25, 28, 38, 62, 63, 65, 67, 69, 76, 77, 86 and 93.

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Former winners Johnny Rutherford, Al Unser and A.J. Foyt looked more and more like the front row for 1976 today as they pushed the top practice speed for the 60th running of the Indianapolis 500 over the 189 mark.

Single winner Rutherford (1974) had a slight edge with a lap at 189.833 in his #2 Hy-Gain McLaren. Double winner Unser (1970-71) was just a tad behind at 189.743 in the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth. And three-time victor Foyt (1961-64-67) was quite close at 189.693.

They seemed most likely to wage a three-way battle for the pole position in time trials scheduled for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

The big three had a speed advantage of more than two miles an hour over the next quickest of today practice contingent, another former winner, Gordon Johncock (1973), who got up to 187.344 in the #20 Simmast/Goodyear Wildcat.

Fastest of the non-winners was Tom Sneva, the former junior high school principal who made such a miraculous escape from death in that spectacular crash on Turn 2 last year.

Rutherford took his back-up machine, the Hy-Gain McLaren listed as #15 on the program, out just before the 6 p.m. closing time and also put it into the 189 bracket at 189.633, an identical speed to Foyt's, reinforcing his claim to the pole favorite. Johnny was "dicing" with Al Unser at the time but was unable to pass him.

Bobby Unser, the 1968-75 winner, got to 184.275 in the #3 Cobre Tire Eagle.

Vern Schuppan of Whyalla, South Australia, became the third rookie to pass his driver's test this year. He did it in the #48 Jorgensen Eagle, assigned to his teammate, Pancho Carter. Schuppan is slated to drive the #9 team car. Schuppan, who has previously driven for Dan Gurney in Formula 5000 competition, had won 71 races in 109 starts through 1975. Carter earlier got the #48 car to 183.592.

Wally Dallenbach, winner of the 1972 California 500, reached 183.299 in the #40 Simmast/Goodyear Wildcat. A pleasant surprise was Larry (Boom Boom) Cannon, who got his #69 Hoffman Eagle into the 180 Club with a best run of 180.433, before blowing an engine.

The track was shut down late in the day when a half-shaft fell off the #58 Indy Instant Anacomp Rascar driven by Eldon Rasmussen. Shortly after the track opened, Bobby Olivero blew an engine in his #78 Alex Foods Eagle.

There were 34 cars on the track, high for the season, on another sunny and ideal day. Mechanical troubles continued to plague Janet Guthrie. This time the Bryant Heating and Cooling team ran into ignition troubles on the #17 Vollstedt while teammate Dick Simon was test-hopping it for her, delaying completion of her driver's test until at least tomorrow (Thursday). She still has to complete the entire final phase of 20 laps at 165 and up.

Eddie Miller, the Lakewood, Cal. driver who escaped death in the spectacular crash on the south short chute on Tuesday, was pronounced in "good" condition this evening at Methodist Hospital. Attendants said he probably will be released in a couple of days. He suffered two fractured vertebrae in his neck in a series of wild flips after running across a drainage ditch.

Cars on the track today besides those previously mentioned were Nos. 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 19, 24, 25, 28, 38, 42, 44, 61, 63, 65, 76, 77, 83, 86 and 93. There are now 56 cars at the track and 32 have passed technical inspection for temporary stickers.

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The "13" lived up to its unlucky reputation today as rain and high winds hampered Indianapolis 500-Mile Race practice for the first time in 1976.

Rain at 4:17 p.m. shut down the track for the day and caused the first lost time to the weather of the year. It had been windy all day long, holding the practice pace about three miles an hour below what it had been on Wednesday. The track officially was closed at 4:50 p.m. when it was still raining and obviously could not dry before 6 p.m.

Al Unser had two of the day's top three speeds. The 1970-71 winner got his "backup" #25 Parnelli/Cosworth around at 186.259, just a flicker faster than the 185.989 that he accomplished in his first-line mount, the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth, the car with the distinctive V-8 engine.

Sandwiched between Al's two quick circuits was the 186.181 clocking turned in by Tom Sneva in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren.

Three-time winner A.J. Foyt was over the 182 mark in both of his cars. He got the #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt, his prime entry, around at 185.414 and attained 182.471 in his "backup," which carries the #1 emblematic of his sixth USAC National Championship driving title.

Bobby Unser, Al's older brother and the 1968 and 1975 winner, got his #3 Cobre Tire Eagle up to 184.426, the quickest he has gone so far and served notice he should not be counted out of pole position competition.

Wally Dallenbach also marked up his quickest lap of the practice period, 184.237 in his #40 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat. His teammate, Gordon Johncock, was close behind at 184.162 in the #20 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat. That is more than three miles an hour slower than Johncock ran earlier in the week.

Others over the 180 mark were 1973 USAC National Champion Roger McCluskey at 180.940 in the #7 Hopkins and Mike Mosley, 180.505 in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle.

Janet Guthrie was preparing for the final phase of her driver's test in the #27 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt when the rain cut her short. She had three quick circuits, with a best lap of 168.2 miles per hour before the showers.

Rookie Spike Gehlhausen in the #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren was "benched" for a one-hour period by USAC as a penalty for disregarding three black flags, waved to call him in for a mechanical check. Bobby Unser caused some minor excitement when he blew a radiator hose on his #3 car.

Other cars on the track were Nos. 8, 11, 15, 23, 28, 38, 42, 44, 67, 73, 76, 77, 78, 83, 92, 93, 97 and 98. The total of 32 practicers was two short of the record for the year, established Wednesday. There are now 57 cars at the track, of which 49 have passed initial USAC technical inspection.

First major controversy of 1976 erupted over a 346-foot long catch fence, about 4½ feet high which was erected inside the track between the first and second turns Wednesday evening, in the wake of Eddie Miller's spectacular accident of Tuesday. Designed to keep cars out of the ditch which caused Miller's #46 Thermo-King Eagle to start flipping violently, the fence was the target of numerous critics. "It would have been better if they hadn't put anything there rather than what they have," snapped Gordon Johncock, "that thing is more dangerous than nothing at all." Clarence Cagle, Speedway superintendent, said he wanted to put in guard rails rather than the fence but none was available.

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It looked like race day on the Speedway during the brief time it was open today. There were 38 cars on the track between the time it finally opened at 3:32 p.m. and 4:55 p.m., when the rains returned. Intermittent showers cut short the vital practice time on the eve of the opening of qualifications for the 60th Indianapolis 500, scheduled for Saturday (May 15): The total 38 cars was a record high for 1976.

Johnny Rutherford, the 1974 winner, was the fastest practice traveler for the fourth day out of the seven that the track has been open for practice. He got in a quick circuit of 188.877 today in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren/Offy reinforcing his claim to the role of pole favorite.

Al Unser, the choice of many observers to upset Rutherford in the pole dash, was the second-fastest traveler at 188.046 in the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth.

Tom Sneva, another prime candidate for an up-front starting spot, was next at 187.891 in the #68 Norton Spirit McLaren/Offy. Three-time winner A.J. Foyt was out for some practice, too, but quick time on Supertex was reported by the electric eye crew as 183.113. Some said that A.J. appeared to be "psyching" the opposition by deliberately refraining from running any full laps at top speed.

Half-brothers Johnny Parsons and Duane (Pancho) Carter both were in the 184 bracket today. Johnny ran 184.776 in the #93 Ayrway/WIRE Eagle and Pancho got to 184.162 in the #48 Jorgensen Eagle. Both their fathers, ex-drivers Johnnie Parsons, the 1950 winner, and Duane Carter Sr., are on hand at the Speedway this year to cheer on the second-generation stars.

Wally Dallenbach got in a lap at 182.947 in the #40 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat and Billy Vukovich joined the 180 club for the first time at 180.868 in the #5 Alex Foods "Tamale Wagon" -- an Eagle. Mike Mosley also joined the club at 180.933 in the #12 Sugarripe Eagle. Gordon Johncock was caught at 180.7 in the #20 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat. The track was open a total of 1 hour, 50 minutes during the day.

There was good news from Methodist Hospital to the effect that Eddie Miller, who suffered fractures of the fourth and fifth vertebrae of his neck in a wild ride 200 feet through the air on Tuesday, is due to be released tomorrow. From his hospital bed today, Miller told Associate Press writer Jerry Garrett, "I'm healing a lot faster than anyone expected. So, I'm going to get out and come watch qualifying. I feel pretty good." Miller spun off the track during the final phase of his rookie test, hit a drainage ditch and flipped 200 feet through the air. "The problem was that I went in too high -- the track had changed quite a bit that day from when I took the first part of the test. There were shadows cast out across the track."

QUALIFYING POSITIONS, DRAWN BEGINNING AT 6:15 p.m. TODAY ARE:

Car #	Driver	Car #	Driver	Car #	Driver
1. 44	No Driver	15. 2	Rutherford	29. 21	A. Unser
2. 69	Cannon	16. 63	McCoy	30. 28	Scott
3. 3	B. Unser	17. 27	No Driver	31. 86	Loquasto
4. 77	Walther	18. 6	Andretti	32. 38	Simpson
5. 83	Puterbaugh	19. 98	Martin	33. 15	No Driver
6. 19	Gehlhausen	20. 14	Foyt	34. 97	Kinser
7. 20	Johncock	21. 9	Schuppan	35. 17	Simon
8. 93	Parsons	22. 68	Sneva	36. 92	Parsons
9. 11	Hiss	23. 73	Grant	37. 65	Dickson
10. 61	Kenyon	24. 78	Olivero	38. 42	Opperman
11. 48	Carter	25. 7	McCluskey	39. 76	McElreath
12. 5	Vukovich	26. 23	Snider	40. 12	Mosley
13. 40	Dallenbach	27. 1	No Driver	41. 25	A. Unser
14. 24	Bigelow	28. 8	Krisiloff	42. 58	Rasmussen
				43. 45	Betterhausen

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Ladies and gentlemen of the news media:

Welcome to qualifications for the 60th Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. Through the courtesy of the Gilmore Racing Team and the United States Auto Club, we will be issuing full reports on all qualifying and race activity, as we have on practice action so far.

Overnight rains which finally abated this morning delayed the start of practice from the scheduled 9 a.m. time until 1:06 p.m., when the track had dried sufficiently to permit the first green light of the day. The forecast for the rest of the afternoon was not optimistic but USAC officials hoped to squeeze in at least some qualification runs after the guaranteed practice period of at least one-half hour.

## PRACTICE PERIOD (1:06 p.m. - 1:37 p.m.)

There were 34 cars on the track during the practice period -- one more than the size of a Speedway starting field. There were two incidents as follows:

- 1:26 p.m. -- YELLOW -- Tow-in for #86 Al Loquasto, Frostie Root Beer McLaren/Offy
- 1:37 p.m. -- YELLOW -- #19 Spike Gehlhausen, Spirit of Indiana McLaren/Offy hit wall coming out of Turn 1 (SW). Front right and rear right wheels were torn off car. Slid 500 feet across track into grass infield. Driver taken to infield hospital, checked out okay and was released. Extensive damage to right side of car. Also #28 Billy Scott, Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle/Offy spun to avoid Car #19.

Unofficial practice speeds for this morning only:

- # 2 Jobny Rutherford, Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear -- 190.215
- #21 Al Unser, American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth -- 188.166
- #20 Gordon Johncock, Simmast/Goodyear Wildcat/DGS -- 187.344
- # 3 Bobby Unser, Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy -- 185.874
- #48 Pancho Carter, Jorgensen Eagle/Offy -- 184.805
- #14 A.J. Foyt, Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt -- 184.426
- #40 Wally Dallenbach, Simmast/Goodyear Wildcat/DGS -- 184-plus

## QUALIFICATIONS

NOTE: Times given below are those at which driver took green, or if no green, the time the incident mentioned happened.

2:28 p.m. -- #69 LARRY CANNON, 39, DANVILLE, ILLINOIS  
Hoffman Auto Racing, Eagle/Offy

QA-1	1 -- 49.78 - 180.796	<u>Q-1</u>
	2 -- 49.80 - 180.723	
	3 -- 49.32 - 182.482	
	4 -- 49.57 - 181.561	
	<u>T-3:18.47 - 181.388</u>	

2:36 p.m. -- #3 BOBBY UNSER, 42, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy

QA-2	1 -- 48.12 - 187.032	<u>UA-1</u>
	2 -- SLOWED AND CAME IN	

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NOTE: Bobby Unser's difficulty proved to be a blown engine, as a result of the car throwing a rod through the side of the case. Track was shut down 33 minutes from 2:39 p.m. to 3:12 p.m. so oil from Unser's engine could be dried.

3:17 p.m. -- #77 SALT WALTHER, 28, DAYTON, OHIO  
Dayton-Walther McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-3</u>	1 -- 49.42 - 182.113	<u>UA-2</u>
	2 -- 49.04 - 183.524	
	3 -- 49.94 - 180.216	
	4 -- YELLOW BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

3:25 p.m. -- #83 BILLY PUTERBAUGH, 39, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
McNamara Motor Express Eagle/Offy

Came in after three warm-up laps without taking green flag.  
No attempt charged.

3:30 p.m. -- #20 GORDON JOHNCOCK, 39, PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat/DGS

<u>QA-4</u>	1 -- 47.46 - 189.633	<u>Q-2</u>
	2 -- 47.57 - 189.195	
	3 -- 47.83 - 188.166	
	4 -- 48.09 - 187.149	
	<u>T-3:10.95 - 188.531</u>	

3:37 p.m. -- YELLOW. #61 MEL KENYON, 43, LEBANON, INDIANA  
Dave McIntire Eagle/Kenyon/Coyote-Foyt was on third warm-up lap. Came out of Turn 2 high, lost control. Spun 1/2-time, slid 350 feet, hit wall with left rear. Continued along wall an additional 650 feet. Driver taken to track hospital, checked and released. Extensive damage to car.

3:58 p.m. -- #18 DUANE (PANCHO) CARTER, 25, BROWNSBURG, INDIANA  
Jorgensen Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-5</u>	1 -- 48.42 - 185.874	<u>Q-3</u>
	2 -- 48.59 - 185.223	
	3 -- 48.98 - 183.748	
	4 -- 48.79 - 184.464	
	<u>T-3:14.78 - 184.824</u>	

4:08 p.m. -- # 5 BILLY VUKOVICH, 32, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA  
Alex Foods Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-6</u>	1 -- 49.36 - 182.334	<u>Q-4</u>
	2 -- 49.51 - 181.781	
	3 -- 49.89 - 180.397	
	4 -- 49.66 - 181.232	
	<u>T-3:18.42 - 181.433</u>	

4:17 p.m. -- #40 WALLY DALLENBACH, 39, BASALT, COLORADO  
Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat/DGS

<u>QA-7</u>	1 -- 48.69 - 184.843	<u>Q-5</u>
	2 -- 48.88 - 184.124	
	3 -- 48.78 - 184.502	
	4 -- 48.83 - 184.313	
	<u>T-3:15.18 - 184.445</u>	

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4:27 p.m. -- #24 TOM BIGELOW, 36, WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN  
Leader Card Racer Eagle/Offy

Came in without taking green flag after three practice laps. No attempt charged.

4:32 p.m. -- #2 JOHNNY RUTHERFORD, 38, FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-8</u>	1 -- 47.27 - 190.396	<u>Q-6</u>
	2 -- 47.57 - 189.195	
	3 -- 47.69 - 188.719	
	4 -- 47.99 - 187.539	
	<u>T-3:10.52 - 188.957</u>	

4:40 p.m. -- #63 LARRY McCOY, 31, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA  
Spirit of America Rascar/Offy

Stalled car trying to leave line.

4:46 p.m. -- #98 JOHN MARTIN, 37, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA  
Genesee Dragon/Offy

<u>QA-9</u>	1 -- 50.06 - 179.784	<u>UA-3</u>
	2 -- 49.81 - 180.687	
	3 -- 50.03 - 179.892	
	4 -- YELLOW FLAG BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

4:55 p.m. -- #14 A.J. FOYT, 41, HOUSTON, TEXAS  
Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt

<u>QA-10</u>	1 -- 48.04 - 187.344	<u>Q-8</u>
	2 -- 48.32 - 186.258	
	3 -- 48.76 - 184.578	
	4 -- 49.20 - 182.927	
	<u>T-3:14.32 - 185.261</u>	

5:02 p.m. -- #68 TOM SNEVA, 27, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON  
Norton Spirit McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-11</u>	1 -- 48.18 - 186.800	<u>Q-9</u>
	2 -- 48.10 - 187.110	
	3 -- 48.25 - 186.528	
	4 -- 48.65 - 184.995	
	<u>T-3:13.18 - 186.355</u>	

5:14 p.m. -- #78 BOBBY OLIVERO, 29, LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA  
Alex Foods Eagle/Offy (Tamale Wagon)

Came in after warm-up laps. No attempt charged.

5:18 p.m. -- #7 ROGER McCLUSKEY, 45, TUCSON, ARIZONA  
Hopkins Hopkins/Offy

Warmed up but came in without taking green.  
No attempt charged.

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5:25 p.m. -- #8 STEVE KRISILOFF, 29, PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY  
Routh Meat Packing Eagle/Offy

Warmed up but did not take green flag.  
No attempt charged.

5:30 p.m. -- #21 AL UNSER, 37, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth

<u>QA-12</u>	1 -- 48.37 - 186.066	<u>Q-9</u>
	2 -- 48.36 - 186.104	
	3 -- 48.18 - 186.800	
	4 -- 48.37 --186.066	
	<u>T-3:13.28 - 186.258</u>	

5:38 p.m. -- #28 BILLY SCOTT, 27, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA  
Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle/Offy

Warmed up and came in without taking green flag.  
No attempt charged.

5:42 p.m. -- #86 AL LOQUASTO, 35, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
Frostie Root Beer McLaren/Offy

Warmed up and came in without taking green flag.  
No attempt charged.

5:48 p.m. -- #38 BILL SIMPSON, 36, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA  
Nikon Eagle/Offy

Warmed up and stalled on back stretch.

5:55 p.m. -- #97 SHELDON KINSER, 33, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon/Offy

Warmed up and came in without taking green flag.  
No attempt charged.

5:59 p.m. -- #17 DICK SIMON, 42, SANDY, UTAH  
Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt/Offy

Warmed up and came in without taking green.  
No attempt charged.

FIELD AVERAGE FOR FIRST NINE CARS -- 185.23 miles per hour. (This is .357 mph faster than the first nine of 1975.)

6:00 p.m. -- First day of qualifying ended. There are, however, eight cars still in line which are eligible to try for first-day starting spots, including the pole position.

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| They are: | #92 Johnny Parsons | #12 Mike Mosley       |
|           | #65 Larry Dickson  | #25 Al Unser          |
|           | #42 Jan Opperman   | #58 Eldon Rasmussen   |
|           | #76 Jim McElreath  | #45 Gary Bettenhausen |

Schedule for Sunday, May 16, is practice at 10 a.m. to 12 Noon with qualifying at 12 Noon until 6 p.m.

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PROVISIONAL LINEUP FOR 1976 500-MILE RACE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

<u>POS.</u>	<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>DRIVER/HOMETOWN</u>	<u>CHASSIS/ENG.</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
1	2	Johnny Rutherford Fort Worth, Texas	McLaren/Offy	3:10.52	188.957
2	20	Gordon Johncock Phoenix, Arizona	Wildcat/DGS	3:10.95	188.531
3	68	Tom Sneva Spokane, Washington	McLaren/Offy	3:13.18	186.355
4	21	Al Unser Albuquerque, N.M.	Parnelli/Cosworth	3:13.28	186.258
5	14	A. J. Foyt Houston, Texas	Coyote/Foyt	3:14.32	185.261
6	48	Duane Carter Jr. Brownsburg, Ind.	Eagle/Offy	3:14.78	184.824
7	40	Wally Dallenbach Basalt, Colorado	Wildcat/DGS	3:15.18	184.445
8	5	Billy Vukovich Fresno, California	Eagle/Offy	3:18.42	181.433
9	69	Larry Cannon Danville, Illinois	Eagle/Offy	3:18.47	181.388

AVERAGE SPEED FOR FIELD IS 185.238 mph

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## SECOND DAY OF 1976 INDIANAPOLIS 500 QUALIFICATIONS

Sunny weather but forecasts of rain coming in by mid-afternoon greeted spectators. Five cars still had guaranteed shots at first-day spots.

PRACTICE PERIOD (10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

No incidents. Only YELLOW was at 11:28 a.m. for track inspection. Following are unofficial speeds as reported by electric eye crew:

# 7	Roger McCluskey	185.376	#93	Johnny Parsons	179.462
#14	A.J. Foyt	185.071	#28	Bill Simpson	179.4
#98	John Martin	182.741	#78	Bobby Olivero (R)	178.438
#83	Bill Puterbaugh	181.452	#73	Jerry Grant	177.760
#76	Jim McElreath	179.7			

## QUALIFICATIONS

12:06 p.m. -- #76 JIM McELREATH, 48, ARLINGTON, TEXAS  
Webster Offy Eagle/Offy (REGARDED AS FIRST-DAY QUALIFIER)

<u>QA-13</u>	1 -- 50.25 - 179.104	<u>Q-10</u>
	2 -- 50.18 - 179.354	
	3 -- 50.21 - 179.247	
	4 -- 50.34 - 178.784	
	<u>T-3:20.98 - 179.122</u>	

12:16 p.m. -- #15 GARY BETTENHAUSEN, 34, MONROVIA, INDIANA  
Thermo-King Eagle/Offy (REGARDED AS FIRST-DAY QUALIFIER)

<u>QA-14</u>	1 -- 49.36 - 182.334	<u>Q-11</u>
	2 -- 49.57 - 181.561	
	3 -- 49.49 - 181.855	
	4 -- 49.61 - 181.415	
	<u>T-3:18.03 - 181.791</u>	

12:24 p.m. -- #93 JOHNNY PARSONS, 31, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
Ayrway/WIRE Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-15</u>	1 -- 49.33 - 182.445	<u>Q-12</u>
	2 -- 49.11 - 183.262	
	3 -- 49.10 - 183.299	
	4 -- 49.35 - 182.371	
	<u>T-3:16.89 - 182.843</u>	

12:32 p.m. -- #83 BILL PUTERBAUGH, 39, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
McNamara Motor Express Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-16</u>	1 -- 49.46 - 181.965	<u>Q-13</u>
	2 -- 49.34 - 182.408	
	3 -- 49.52 - 181.745	
	4 -- 49.48 - 181.892	
	<u>T-3:17.80 - 182.002</u>	

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12:40 p.m. -- #24 TOM BIGELOW, 36, WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN  
Leader Card Eagle/Offy

QA-17

1 -- 49.82 - 180.650  
 2 -- 50.05 - 179.820  
 3 -- 50.13 - 179.533  
 4 -- 50.01 - 179.964  
 T-3:20.01 - 179.991

Q-14

12:47 p.m. -- #63 LARRY McCOY, 31, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA  
Spirit of America Rascar/Offy

Warmed up but came in without taking green.  
No attempt charged.

12:53 p.m. -- #98 JOHN MARTIN, 37, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA  
Genesee Dragon/Offy

Warmed up but came in without taking green.  
No attempt charged.

12:59 p.m. -- #78 BOBBY OLIVERO, 29, LAKEWOOD, COLORADO  
Alex Foods Eagle/Offy

QA-18

1 -- 50.21 - 179.247  
 2 -- 49.80 - 180.723  
 3 -- 49.77 - 180.832  
 4 -- 49.90 - 180.361  
 T-3:19.16 - 180.288

R-1  
FIRST ROOKIE QUALIFIER

Q-15

1:06 p.m. -- #7 ROGER McCLUSKEY, 45, TUCSON, ARIZONA  
Hopkins Hopkins/Offy

QA-19

1 -- 48.34 - 186.181  
 2 -- 48.11 - 187.071  
 3 -- 48.21 - 186.683  
 4 -- 48.37 - 186.066  
 T-3:13.03 - 186.500

Q-16

1:15 p.m. -- #3 BOBBY UNSER, 42, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO  
Cobre Tire Eagle/Offy

(Second Attempt)

QA-20

1 -- 47.93 - 187.774  
 2 -- 47.98 - 187.578  
 3 -- 48.01 - 187.461  
 4 -- 48.06 - 187.266  
 T-3:11.98 - 187.520

Q-17

1:21 p.m. -- #65 LARRY DICKSON, 37, MARIETTA, OHIO  
City of Syracuse Eagle/Offy

Warmed up and came in without taking green.  
No attempt charged.



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1:26 p.m. -- #28 BILLY SCOTT, 27, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA  
Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle/Offy

QA-21 1 -- 50.28 - 178.998 UA-4  
2 -- 50.29 - 178.962  
3 -- 50.36 - 178.713  
4 -- YELLOW FLAG BY CREW

1:32 p.m. -- #42 JAN OPPERMAN, 37, NOXON, MONTANA  
Spirit of Truth Eagle/Offy

QA-22 1 -- 50.30 - 178.926 Q-18  
2 -- 49.79 - 180.759  
3 -- 49.95 - 180.180  
4 -- 49.91 - 180.325  
T-3:19.95 - 180.045

1:41 p.m. -- #38 BILL SIMPSON, 36, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA  
Nikon Eagle/Offy

QA-23 1 -- 49.61 - 181.415 Q-19  
2 -- 49.69 - 181.123  
3 -- 50.07 - 179.748  
4 -- 50.01 - 179.354  
T-3:19.55 - 180.406

1:48 p.m. -- #9 VERN SCHUPPAN, 33, WHYALA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
Jorgensen Eagle Eagle/Offy

QA-24 1 -- 50.29 - 178.253 UA-5  
2 -- 50.21 - 179.247  
3 -- 50.35 - 178.749  
4 -- YELLOW FLAG BY CREW

1:59 p.m. -- TRACK OPEN FOR PRACTICE AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS

2:28 p.m. -- #98 JOHN MARTIN, 37, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA  
Genesee Dragon Dragon/Offy

QA-25 1 -- 49.16 - 183.076 Q-20  
2 -- 49.33 - 182.445  
3 -- 49.28 - 182.630  
4 -- 49.58 - 181.525  
T-3:17.35 - 182.417

2:26 p.m. -- TRACK OPEN FOR PRACTICE AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS

FIELD AVERAGE FOR FIRST 20 CARS: 183.470 mph

4:24 p.m. -- #12 MIKE MOSLEY, 29, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA  
Sugaripe Prue Eagle/Offy

QA-26 1 -- 47.96 - 187.656 Q-21  
2 -- 47.98 - 187.578  
3 -- 47.91 - 187.852  
4 -- 48.06 - 187.266  
T-3:11.91 - 187.588

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4:52 p.m. -- #9 VERN SCHUPPAN, 33 WHYALA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (ROOKIE)  
Jorgensen Eagle Eagle/Offy

QA-27	1 -- 49.34 - 182.408		Q-22
	2 -- 49.09 - 183.337	R-2	
	3 -- 49.76 - 180.868	<u>SECOND ROOKIE TO QUALIFY</u>	
	4 -- 49.60 - 181.452		
	<u>T-3:17.79 - 182.022</u>		

5:00 p.m. -- TRACK OPEN FOR PRACTICE AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS

5:05 p.m. --RAIN -- YELLOW.

5:55 p.m. -- #17 DICK SIMON, 42, SANDY, UTAH  
Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt/Offy

QA-28	1 -- 49.08 - 183.371		Q-23
	2 -- 49.05 - 183.486		
	3 -- 49.37 - 182.297		
	4 -- 49.93 - 180.252		
	<u>T-3:17.43 - 182.343</u>		

FIELD AVERAGE FOR 23 CARS IS 183.582 miles per hour.

TENTATIVE LINEUP FOR 1976 INDIANAPOLIS 500 -- At end of Sunday, May 16, 1976

Pos.	Car #	Driver	Car Name	Chassis/Engine	Time	Speed
1	2	Johnny Rutherford	Hy-Gain	McLaren/Offy	3:10.52	188.957
2	20	Gordon Johncock	Sinmast	Wildcat/Offy	3:10.95	188.531
3	68	Tom Sneva	Norton Spirit	McLaren/Offy	3:13.18	186.355
4	21	Al Unser	Am. Rac. Whl.	Parnelli/Cosw.	3:13.28	186.258
5	14	A. J. Foyt	Gilmore	Coyote/Foyt	3:14.32	185.261
6	48	Pancho Carter	Jorgensen	Eagle/Offy	3:14.78	184.824
7	40	Wally Dallenbach	Sinmast	Wildcat/Offy	3:15.18	184.445
8	45	Gary Bettenhausen	Thermo-King	Eagle/Offy	3:18.03	181.791
9	5	Bill Vukovich	Alex Foods	Eagle/Offy	3:18.42	181.433
10	69	Larry Cannon	Hoffman	Eagle/Offy	3:18.47	181.388
11	76	Jim McElreath	Webster	Eagle/Offy	3:20.98	179.122
12	12	Mike Mosley	Sugaripe	Eagle/Offy	3:11.91	187.588
13	3	Bobby Unser	Cobre	Eagle/Offy	3:11.98	187.520
14	7	Roger McCluskey	Hopkins	Hopkins/Offy	3:13.03	186.500
15	93	Johnny Parsons	Ayrway/WIRE	Eagle/Offy	3:16.89	182.843
16	98	John Martin	Genesee	Dragon/Offy	3:17.35	182.417
17	17	Dick Simon	Bryant Heating	Vollstedt/Offy	3:17.43	182.343
18	9	Vern Schuppan (R)	Jorgensen	Eagle/Offy	3:17.79	182.011
19	83	Bill Puterbaugh	McNamara	Eagle/Offy	3:17.80	182.002
20	38	Bill Simpson	Nikon	Eagle/Offy	3:19.55	180.406
21	78	Bobby Olivero (R)	Alex Foods	Eagle/Offy	3:19.68	180.288
22	42	Jan Opperman	Spirit of Truth	Eagle/Offy	3:19.95	180.045
23	24	Tom Bigelow	Leader Card	Eagle/Offy	3:20.01	179.991

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Speedway history was made shortly before 5 p.m. today when Janet Guthrie became the first woman in the 60 runnings of the 500-Mile Race to pass her USAC driver's test.

In an amazingly smooth and consistent run that brought instant approval from a "jury" of four veteran USAC drivers, Miss Guthrie got in 20 "good" laps out of 20. Her best was her 12th circuit, timed at 171.429 miles per hour. She was driving the #17 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt Offy, which was set up for her by her teammate, Dick Simon. In her press interview following the run, Janet called Simon "the world's best chassis man."

"I can't believe that we finally got through it," she said after car owner Rolla Vollstedt had helped her get off her helmet and had bestowed a congratulatory kiss. Asked if she would try to qualify on Saturday, Janet said, "You betcha. We'll have to work up to it, though."

Her consistent run came only five years after the first woman were admitted to the Speedway pits in 1971. She was alone on the track for about half of her run but veteran drivers Roger McCluskey and Al Unser came out for practice during the latter half. The veterans who took only three minutes to approve her were Gary Bettenhausen, Tom Bigelow, Al Loquasto and Graham McRae. USAC assistant steward Shim Malone, in charge of drivers' tests, said some of the drivers told him Janet's was one of the smoothest and most consistent rookie tests they had seen.

For the fifth consecutive day, rain cut into the Speedway running schedule. The track did not open until 2:30 p.m., cutting the possible running time to 3 hours and 30 minutes. The cold weather and high winds kept most of the cars in the garages.

Al Unser was the day's fastest traveler in the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth, which he qualified on Saturday. He hit 187.304 today, slightly over 1 mph faster than his 186.258 time trial. McCluskey got in a 181.159 circuit in the #7 Hopkins/Offy, which he qualified Sunday at 186.500.

There were only nine cars on the track. Simon test-hopped the #17 at 174.250 before turning it over to Janet. Tom Bigelow practiced in the qualified #24 Leader Card Eagle.

Rookies Billy Engelhart and Ed Crombie also were working on their tests. Engelhart got in seven of the required 20 laps of his first phase at 160 mph in the #44 Ian Eagle/Foyt before experiencing an oil-leak problem. Crombie was unable to get up to speed in the #67 Crombie Brothers Vollstedt/Foyt.

Also out for practice were rookie Billy Scott in the #28 Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle/Offy, Sheldon Kinser in the #97 BOTTOMHALF Dragon/Offy and Rick Muther in the #99 Hunt Magneto Eagle/Offy, all of whom have yet to qualify.

The four rookies who were in the 1975 Speedway starting field were honored tonight at the Monroe Auto Equipment Company's annual Rookie Appreciation Dinner. They are Bill Puterbaugh (rookie of the year), Kinser, Larry McCoy and Eldon Rasmussen.

Dick King, executive director of the United States Auto Club, announced today that the mandatory one-pit-stop requirement for USAC Championship supercharged cars has been removed from the Formula-5000 Series. The new edict will go into effect with the June 20 Formula-5000 event at Mosport Park near Toronto, Canada, in the USAC/SCCA joint-sanctioned series.

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A crash and a spin without any injuries enlivened an otherwise ho-hum day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Rookie Ed Crombie, working on the first phase of his driver's test at 160 mph, lost control of his #67 Crombie Brothers Vollstedt/Foyt in Turn-4 (NW). The car got sideways, slid 450 feet to the inside wall, hit it with the right rear, then did one complete spin, sliding 225 feet along the wall, then touched the wall again and came to a stop at the pit entrance. Crombie had seven "good" laps on his test, with his previous circuit timed at 160.113 miles per hour. He was checked and released from the track hospital. There was extensive damage to the rear section of the car; it is highly unlikely the car can be fixed in time for Crombie to complete his driver's test before time runs out on rookie tests at 5 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday). The accident happened at 1:55 p.m. Indianapolis time.

At 2:56 p.m., Sheldon Kinser lost control of the #97 BOTTOMHALF Dragon while practicing at about 177 miles per hour. Coming out of Turn-1, he slid approximately 750 feet through the south short chute without making any wall contact. His car executed a half-spin, Kinser then corrected and was towed in. It was believed likely that the spin was caused by oil on Kinser's tires as the result of a blown engine on Tom Bigelow's #24 Leader Card Eagle, which happened just before.

Gordon Johncock had the day's top speed of 186.994 in the qualified #20 Sinmast/Goodyear Eagle, which he will start from the middle of the front row. Roger McCluskey got to 185.300 in the qualified #7 Hopkins. Al Unser, 1970-71 winner, was practicing with a high of 183.636 in the #25 "backup" Parnelli/Cosworth. Pancho Carter got in a lap at 181.269 in his qualified #48 Jorgensen Eagle. Jim Hurtubise raised the excitement level for the smattering of fans on hand during the final hour when he brought his #56 Moran Electric Mallard roadster out for some shakedown work.

Mario Andretti, back from the Belgian Grand Prix, easily got up to 183.449 in the CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren. Andretti is a prohibitive favorite to be Saturday's fastest qualifier when time trials resume Saturday, barring mechanical problems. The best position he can win in the present lineup is 24th spot, the outside of Row #8; "bumping" could move him up.

A.J. Foyt, continuing to work with the chassis problems which plagued him last Saturday, got in a 182.260 circuit in his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote.

Billy Engelhart completed both phases of his driver's test in the #44 Lan Eagle, owned by Dick Simon, and received approval of a jury of USAC veterans.

The chauffeur shuffle was on with Steve Krisiloff moving out of the #8 Routh Meat Packing Eagle to take over the #92 First National City Travelers Check Fleagle. Jerry Kari, who had been hunting a ride most of the month, finally got one, moving into the seat in #8 vacated by Krisiloff. There was good news for Lloyd Ruby fans, to the effect that mechanic Mike Devin is having his #51 car brought here for Ruby, so the 48-year-old veteran can attempt to prolong his streak of 16 consecutive 500 starts.

Although the track opened for business on schedule at 11 a.m., no one took to the track until 12:09 p.m. when Rick Muther went out for practice in the #99 Hunt Magnevo Eagle.

There were 15 cars out on the track during the day.

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Johnny Rutherford "psyched" the competition at the Speedway today by running laps in the 189 bracket with what he said was the "race-day setup" in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear.

He put the "whammy" on the other troops by getting as high at 189.235 with a full load of fuel. He made it painfully plain to the opposition thereby that he intends to take off from the pole position on May 30 and set a blistering pace in the 60th annual 500-Mile Race.

Veteran Lloyd Ruby turned down a chance at a possible ride in the #25 "backup" machine of the Vel's-Parnelli Jones stable to keep his commitment to Mike Devin, who had gone to the trouble to bring his Eagle all the way from Phoenix for Rube to use to try to prolong his string of 16 consecutive Speedway starts. Ruby's declining to change rides ended speculation that he would be in the #25. Al Unser, who had qualified the team's other car, the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth on Saturday at 186.258, continued to practice in the #25 today, leading to much discussion of the future of the machine, with Ruby apparently the leading candidate until his decision. Now, it appears the car will remain "parked." Al got to 186.800 in the #25 machine.

Al Loquasto ran into problems today on Turn-1 (SW), which seems to be developing into the leading trouble spot on the track this year. He was practicing in his #86 Frostie Root Beer McLaren when he lost control, slid 400 feet, spun once and hit the wall with the right rear, and slid an additional 220 feet along the wall.

There was damage to the right rear and wing sections of the car but chief mechanic Clint Brawner and the crew intended to burn the midnight oil tonight and get the car in shape to be back on the track tomorrow, Loquasto said.

Mario Andretti, who missed the opening round of time trials last weekend to participate in the Belgian Grand Prix, again was the fastest of the non-qualified drivers with a lap at 187.5 in the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren. There seems little doubt the 1969 winner will be the fastest of this weekend's qualifiers.

Gordon Johncock pushed the already-qualified #20 Sinmast Wildcat/DGS to 186.916 while his teammate Wally Dallenbach, had the similarly named #40 at 184.653.

Roger McCluskey was practicing at 186.027 in the #7 Hopkins, also already in the lineup. Duane (Pancho) Carter was at 184.313 in the qualified #48 Jorgensen Eagle, a qualified car. Larry Cannon, also qualified, was at 180.361 in the #69 Hoffman Eagle.

John Mahler finished up his refresher test in the #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren. He is assigned to the team car, the #91 Gehlhausen Kingfish. The chauffeur shuffle continued with Lee Kunzman moving into the #65 City of Syracuse Eagle in place of Larry Dickson and Bob Harkey picking up a ride in the #96 Usonnal Purcell Kingfish, third car in the Grant King-J.C. Agajanian stable. Janet Guthrie practiced in the 168 range in the #27 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt and the other crowd favorite, Jim Hurtubise, was nearly as fast in the #56 Moran Electric Mallard roadster.

There was good news for chili fans when double-500 champions Bobby and Al Unser announced that the 12th annual Mom Unser Traditional Chili Party will be held in the rear garage area parking lot at noon on Friday, May 28. The Ortega Chili Manufacturers and the P&M Schaefer Brewing Company will combine to continue the chili party started by the beloved Mom Unser, who passed away last November. Gentlemen, prepare your stomachs!

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Those elusive miles-per-hour were coming exceedingly hard for most of the non-qualified drivers today as near-ideal weather conditions prevailed for much of the day at the Speedway.

The glowing exceptions were Mario Andretti, high man for the day of all practicers at 185.529 in his #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren, and Salt Walther at 182.039 in the #77 Dayton-Walther McLaren.

Andretti missed the opening weekend of qualifying to participate in the Belgain Grand Prix. Walther had one qualifying run aborted by his crew on the final lap average averaging in the high 181 bracket for his first three laps.

Most of the other drivers who were among the 18 non-qualified entries on the track during the day were obviously struggling to get up into the high 170's, many unsuccessfully. The "bubble speed" of 179.122 posted by veteran Jim McElreath is looking better and better as time goes by.

George (Ziggy) Snider got the #23 Hubler Chevrolet Eagle to 178.748 and Steve Krisiloff was only a tad behind at 178.253 in the #92 Ayrway/WIRE Fleagle.

John Martin test-hopped both Harkey's aforementioned #96 and the #97 BOTTOMIALF Dragon, assigned to Sheldon Kinser, in the 176 range. Kinser's best reported speed in #96 was 178-plus.

Jerry Grant was at 177.479 in the #73 California-Oklahoma Eagle, powered by an AMC engine. Bob Harkey reached 177.375 in the #96 Kingfish, which picked up sponsorship during the day from Dave McIntire Centers (Ford and Chevrolet). Britisher David Hobbs, wearing a helmet with the Union Jack emblazoned on it, got the #33 Dayton Walther McLaren to 176.574.

Al Loquasto, whose #86 Frostie Root Beer McLaren was damaged in a wall carom on Wednesday, was back out on the track today and got to 173.144.

Fastest of the already qualified cars was Pancho Carter at 179.426 in the #48 Jorgensen Eagle. Close behind was Gordon Johncock, test-hopping the #40 Sinmast Wildcat/DGS, qualified Saturday by his teammate, Wally Dallenbach. Wally was en route to his Basalt (Colo.) home driving an ambulance which he purchased here for use of the small town's emergency fire crews. Jan Opperman had his #42 Spirit of Truth Eagle, qualified Sunday, running at 175.063 today.

Teammates Spike Gehlhausen in the #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren and John Mahler in the #91 Gehlhausen Kingfish both were running at 172. Rick Muther was in the same bracket in the #99 Hunt Magneto Eagle.

Janet Guthrie continued to have problems, needing a tow-in when the gearshift stuck on her #27 Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt. Later, she got in a lap at 168.004. Her teammate and mentor, Dick Simon, got the same car around at 173.210.

Veteran Lloyd Ruby picked up sponsorship from Fairco Drugs, an Indianapolis-based firm for the #51 Mike Devin entry. Larry Roberds, the 22-year-old son-in-law of A.J. Foyt, and drivers Tom Bigelow and Gehlhausen returned from attending the Russiaville Lions Club annual racing dinner Wednesday night. Roberds sings the "Ballad of A.J. Foyt," written by his 17-year-old wife, Terri Foyt Roberds.

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A.J. Foyt turned the fastest lap of the entire 1976 500-Mile Race period today on the electric eye, with a speed of 190.880 in the "backup" machine, the #1 Gilmore Coyote/Foyt. That circuit, turned in less than 15 minutes before the 6 p.m. track closing, launched a new wave of speculation about the future of the car. The most exotic rumor was that Janet Guthrie was likely to wind up in the machine should she not be able to get her own Bryant Heating and Cooling Vollstedt up to qualifying speed. Asked for comment on that one, Foyt said, "As of now, no. No one has even talked to me about it." Rolla Vollstedt, owner of the #27 car to which Ms. Guthrie is assigned, said she still is under contract to drive the Bryant car. Foyt's lap was a tad faster than the first qualifying lap of 190.396 turned in by Johnny Rutherford in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren last Saturday in winning the pole position.

Mario Andretti "warmed up" for a possible assault on top-qualifying-speed honors for 1976 by turning a lap at 188.088 in his #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren. Andretti was nearly 5 mph faster than the next non-qualified driver, Salt Walther at 183.187 in the #77 Dayton-Walther/Navy McLaren.

Walther, left at the starting line last Sunday when time ran out during Dick Simon's qualifying run, appears sure to be the day's first qualifier on Saturday (May 22) barring mechanical trouble during the practice period scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. George Walther Jr., his father and chief mechanic, said he believes it likely that Salt can qualify in the 183 range or faster, depending on the weather.

The weather also is likely to hold the key to whether Andretti tries to out-do the 188.957 qualifying average posted by Rutherford. Andretti was away, running in the Belgian Grand Prix and missed his chance to get an up-front position in the field. But the prestige and publicity his team could gain, to say nothing of the \$1,000 that goes to the fastest overall qualifier; with the \$1,200 that goes to the top qualifier of the day, Mario could pick up a total of \$2,200 out exceeding Rutherford's speed.

Andretti's car is fifth in the lineup. Second is rookie Billy Scott in the #28 Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle; third is Al Loquasto in the #86 Frostie Root Beer McLaren; fourth is Sheldon Kinser in the #97 BOTTOMHALF Dragon. Of that group, Kinser and Loquasto were running yesterday above the 178.5 mph mark which is believed by insiders to be the absolute minimum necessary to make the starting field. Kinser in the #97 car and Loquasto in the #86 car had identical fast electric-eye laps of 179.003.

Behind Andretti in the qualifying order are Jerry Grant, a likely qualifier who got to 180.433 today in the #73 California-Oklahoma Eagle/AMC; George Snider, another likely qualifier who touched 180.650 in the #23 Hubler Chevrolet Eagle; Janet Guthrie in the #27; Rick Muther in the #99 Hunt Magneto Eagle; Larry McCoy in the #63 Shurfine Foods Rascar; Mike Hiss in the #11 Hopkins; Lee Kunzman in the #65 City of Syracuse Eagle, now powered by a Moser Chevrolet and Billy Engelhart in the #44 Ian Eagle owned by Dick Simon.

Grant got to 180.433. Snider achieved 180.650. Ms. Guthrie's best of the day was 171.492. Muther got to 173.144. McCoy hit 177.130. Hiss was at 176.540. Kunzman's best was 174-+.

Al Unser has the day's second-quickest speed of 188.285 in another "backup," the #25 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth. There also was some conjecture about the possibility of Janet winding up in this one before the 6 p.m. deadline Sunday. Al already had qualified the #21 car of the team for the inside of Row 2. Gordon Johncock hit 183.001 in the #40 Sinmast Goodyear Wildcat qualified by his teammate, Wally Dallenbach.

Bob Harkey raised some eyebrows with a 180.144 lap in the #96 Dave McIntire Kingfish. Steve Krisiloff got to 179.426 in the #92 Ayrway/WIRE Fleagle, indicating it will be lined up in the qualifying file tomorrow morning. David Hobbs, teammate to Walther, got to 178.465 in the #33 Dayton-Walther McLaren, and is another likely qualifier. Veteran Lloyd Ruby in his first day on the track, hit 177.725 in the #51 Fairco Drugs Eagle.

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Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the second and final weekend of Indianapolis 500 qualifications for 1976. It looks a near-ideal day at the Speedway. Temperature at 10:30 a.m. was 68 degrees with a bright sun and light winds. Maximum for the day is expected to be in the high 70's or low 80's this afternoon. There were no practice mishaps during the practice period which was from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Unofficial practice speeds were:

# 6	Mario Andretti	--	189.473
#73	Jerry Grant	--	183.336
#96	Bob Harkey	--	182.630
#77	Salt Walther	--	182.500
#92	Steve Krisiloff	--	181.269
#23	George Snider	--	180.575
#51	Lloyd Ruby	--	180.288

### QUALIFICATIONS

11:03 a.m. -- #77 DAVID (SALT) WALTHER, 28, DAYTON, OHIO  
Dayton-Walther McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-29</u>	1 -- 48.98 - 183.748	<u>Q-24</u>
	2 -- 49.17 - 183.038	
	3 -- 49.39 - 182.223	
	4 -- 49.40 - 182.186	
	<u>T-3:16.94 - 182.797</u>	

11:11 a.m. -- #86 AL LOQUASTO, 35, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
Frostie Root Beer McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-30</u>	1 -- 49.48 - 181.892	<u>Q-25</u>
	2 -- 49.17 - 183.038	R-3
	3 -- 49.34 - 182.408	<u>THIRD ROOKIE TO QUALIFY</u>
	4 -- 49.81 - 180.686	
	<u>T-3:17.80 - 182.002</u>	

11:19 a.m. -- #97 SHELDON KINSER, 33, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon Dragon/Offy

<u>QA-31</u>	1 -- 50.35 - 178.749	<u>QA-6</u>
	2 -- 60.62 - 177.795	
	3 -- YELLOW BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

11:26 a.m. -- #6 MARIO ANDRETTI, 36, NAZARETH, PENNSYLVANIA  
CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren/Offy (new type)

<u>QA-32</u>	1 -- 47.21 - 190.638	<u>Q-26</u>
	2 -- 47.45 - 189.673	
	3 -- 47.59 - 189.115	
	4 -- 47.82 - 188.206	
	<u>T-3:10.07 - 189.404</u>	

11:34 a.m. -- #73 JERRY GRANT, 41, IRVINE, CALIFORNIA  
California-Oklahoma Eagle/AMC

<u>QA-33</u>	1 -- 48.87 - 184.162	<u>Q-27</u>
	2 -- 48.93 - 183.936	
	3 -- 49.16 - 183.076	
	4 -- 49.10 - 183.299	
	<u>T-3:16.06 - 183.617</u>	



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11:40 a.m. -- #23 GEORGE SNIDER, 35, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA  
Hubler Chevrolet Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-34</u>	1 -- 49.75 - 180.905	<u>Q-28</u>
	2 -- 49.66 - 181.232	
	3 -- 49.69 - 181.123	
	4 -- 49.64 - 181.305	
	<u>T-3:18.74 - 181.141</u>	

11:47 a.m. -- #63 LARRY McCOY, III, 31, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA  
Spirit of America Rascar/Offy

<u>QA-35</u>	1 -- 49.69 - 181.123	<u>UA-7</u>
	2 -- 49.82 - 180.650	
	3 -- 49.94 - 180.216	
	4 -- YELLOW BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

12:00 noon -- #33 DAVID HOLBS, 36, UPPER BODDINGTON, ENGLAND  
Dayton-Walther McLaren/Offy

<u>QA-36</u>	1 -- 50.27 - 179.033	<u>UA-8</u>
	2 -- 50.34 - 178.749	
	3 -- YELLOW (Car had split radiator)	

12:08 p.m. -- #58 ELTON RASMUSSEN, 39, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
Indy Inst. Anacomp Rascar/Foyt

<u>QA-37</u>	1 -- 50.78 - 177.235	<u>UA-9</u>
	2 -- YELLOW BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

12:14 p.m. -- #96 BOB HARKEY, 45, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
Agajanian-King Kingfish/Offy

<u>QA-38</u>	1 -- 49.56 - 181.598	<u>Q-29</u>
	2 -- 49.58 - 181.525	
	3 -- 49.73 - 180.977	
	4 -- 49.87 - 180.469	
	<u>T-3:18.74 - 181.141</u>	

12:22 p.m. -- #92 STEVE KRISILOFF, 29, PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY  
1st National City Travelers Checks Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-39</u>	1 -- 49.23 - 182.815	<u>Q-30</u>
	2 -- 49.35 - 182.371	
	3 -- 49.57 - 181.561	
	4 -- 49.51 - 181.781	
	<u>T-3:17.66 - 182.131</u>	

12:33 p.m. -- #63 LARRY McCOY, III, 31, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA  
Spirit of America Rascar/Offy

<u>QA-40</u>	1 -- 49.57 - 181.561	<u>Q-31</u>
	2 -- 49.57 - 181.561	
	3 -- 49.60 - 181.452	
	4 -- 49.73 - 180.977	
	<u>T-3:18.47 - 181.388</u>	

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12:37 p.m. -- Track open for practice.

12:56 p.m. -- YELLOW. Car #28 BILLY SCOTT spun in North Short Chute and continued around to pits.

4:25 p.m. -- In practice, Janet Guthrie set an unofficial world closed course record for women of 173.611 mph.

5:24 p.m. -- #28 BILLY SCOTT, 27, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA  
Spirit of Public Enterprise Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-41</u>	1 -- 48.75 - 184.615		<u>Q-32</u>
	2 -- 49.00 - 183.673	R-4	
	3 -- 49.12 - 183.225	<u>FOURTH ROOKIE TO QUALIFY</u>	
	4 -- 49.44 - 182.039		
	<u>T-3:16.31 - 183.383</u>		

5:34 p.m. -- #97 SHELDON KINSER, 33, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon Dragon/Offy

<u>QA-42</u>	1 -- 49.66 - 181.232		<u>Q-33</u>
	2 -- 49.44 - 182.039		
	3 -- 49.82 - 180.650		
	4 -- 49.85 - 180.542		
	<u>T-3:18.77 - 181.114</u>		

THE FIELD IS FULL AT 5:37 p.m.

5:41 p.m. -- #91 SPIKE GEHLHAUSEN, 21, JASPER, INDIANA  
Gehlhausen Kingfish/Offy

<u>QA-43</u>	1 -- 49.20 - 182.927		<u>Q-34</u>
	2 -- 49.53 - 181.708	R-5	
	3 -- 49.59 - 181.488	<u>FIFTH ROOKIE TO QUALIFY</u>	
	4 -- 49.79 - 180.759		
	<u>T-3:18.11 - 181.717</u>	(BUMPS JIM McELREATH)	

5:46 p.m. -- #58 ELDON RASMUSSEN, 39, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
Indy Inst. Anacomp Rascar/Foyt

<u>QA-44</u>	1 -- 49.80 - 180.723		<u>Q-35</u>
	2 -- 49.93 - 180.252		
	3 -- 49.80 - 180.723		
	4 -- 49.75 - 180.905		
	<u>T-3:19.28 - 180.650</u>	(BUMPS TOM BIGELOW)	

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS IS 183.406 mph

5:57 p.m. -- #11 MIKE HISS, 34, TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA  
Hopkins Hopkins/Offy

Warmed up but came in without taking green flag.  
No attempt charged.

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PROVISIONAL INDIANAPOLIS 500 STARTING LINEUP - After Saturday, May 22, 1976 -- subject to change by bumping on Sunday, May 23, 1976.

Pcs.	Car #	Driver	Car Name	Chassis/Engine	Time	Speed
1	2	Johnny Rutherford	Hy-Gain	McLaren/Offy	3:10.52	188.957
2	20	Gordon Johncock	Sinmast	Wildcat/DGS	3:10.95	188.531
3	68	Tom Sneva	Norton Spirit	McLaren/Offy	3:13.18	186.355
4	21	Al Unser	Am. Rac. Whl.	Parnelli/Cosw.	3:13.28	186.258
5	14	A. J. Foyt	Gilmore	Coyote/Foyt	3:14.32	185.261
6	48	Pancho Carter	Jorgensen	Eagle/Offy	3:14.78	184.824
7	40	Wally Dallenbach	Sinmast	Wildcat/Offy	3:15.18	184.445
8	45	Gary Bettenhausen	Thermo-King	Eagle/Offy	3:18.03	181.791
9	5	Bill Vukovich	Alex Foods	Eagle/Offy	3:18.42	181.433
10	69	Larry Cannon	Hoffman	Eagle/Offy	3:18.47	181.388
11	12	Mike Mosley	Sugaripe	Eagle/Offy	3:11.91	187.588
12	3	Bobby Unser	Cobre	Eagle/Offy	3:11.98	187.520
13	7	Roger McCluskey	Hopkins	Hopkins/Offy	3:13.03	186.500
14	93	Johnny Parsons	Ayrway/WIRE	Eagle/Offy	3:16.39	182.843
15	98	John Martin	Genesee	Dragon/Offy	3:17.35	182.417
16	17	Dick Simon	Bryant Heating	Vollstedt/Offy	3:17.43	182.343
17	9	Vern Schuppan (R)	Jorgensen	Eagle/Offy	3:17.79	182.011
18	83	Bill Puterbaugh	McNamara	Eagle/Offy	3:17.80	182.002
19	38	Bill Simpson	Nikon	Eagle/Offy	3:19.55	180.406
20	78	Bobby Olivero (R)	Alex Foods	Eagle/Offy	3:19.68	180.288
21	42	Jan Opperman	Spirit of Truth	Eagle/Offy	3:19.95	180.045
22	6	Mario Andretti	CAM2 Motor Oil	McLaren/Offy	3:10.07	189.404
23	73	Jerry Grant	Calif.-Okla.	Eagle/AMC	3:16.06	183.617
24	28	Billy Scott (R)	Spirit Pub.Ent.	Eagle/Offy	3:16.31	183.383
25	77	Ealt Walther	Dayton Walther	McLaren/Offy	3:16.94	182.797
26	92	Steve Krisiloff	1st Natl.City TC	Eagle/Offy	3:17.66	182.131
27	86	Al Loquasto (R)	Frostie RootBeer	McLaren/Offy	3:17.80	182.002
28	19	Spike Gohlhausen(R)	Spirit of Ind.	McLaren/Offy	3:18.11	181.717
29	63	Larry McCoy	Shurfine Foods	Rascar/Offy	3:18.47	181.388
30	23	George Snider	Huebler Chevy	Eagle/Offy	3:18.74	181.141
31	96	bob Harkey	Dave McIntire	Kingfish/Offy	3:18.74	181.141
32	97	Sheldon Kinser	THEBOFTOMHALF	Dragon/Offy	3:18.77	181.114
33	58	Eldon Rasmussen	Indy Instr. Ana	Rascar/Foyt	3:19.28	180.650

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS IS 183.406 mph

Lineup of cars for Sunday (May 23) qualifying -- as of 6 p.m. Saturday

- #29 Tom Bigelow
- #27 Janet Guthrie
- #61 Mel Kenyon
- #91 John Mahler
- #11 Mike Hiss

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PRACTICE PERIOD (10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Janet Guthrie moved into the #1 Gilmore Racing Coyote/Foyt "backup" machine of A.J. Foyt for morning practice and took to the track at 10:17 a.m.

There were no incidents of any serious nature during the practice period.

Unofficial practice speeds of non-qualified cars:

181.928 -- #29 Tom Bigelow	178.359 -- # 8 Jerry Karl
180.796 -- # 1 Janet Guthrie	177.445 -- #44 Dick Simon (car assigned to Billy Engelhart)
179.140 -- #61 Mel Kenyon	
178.465 -- #11 Mike Hiss	175.678 -- #92 John Mahler

Mario Andretti, #6, was the only qualified car running during the period. His fastest speed was 187.323 mph.

QUALIFICATIONS

12:07 p.m. -- #29 TOM BIGELOW, 36, WHITEWATER, WISCONSIN  
Scio Cabinet Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-45</u>	1 -- 49.32 - 182.482	<u>Q-36</u>
	2 -- 49.45 - 182.002	
	3 -- 49.60 - 181.452	
	4 -- 49.47 - 181.928	
	T-3:17.84 - 181.965	(BUMPS JAN OFFERMAN)

FIELD AVERAGE FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS IS 183.466

1:48 p.m. -- #11 MIKE HISS, 34, TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA  
Lindsey Hopkins Hopkins/Offy

<u>QA-46</u>	1 -- 49.69 - 181.123	<u>UA-10</u>
	2 -- 49.76 - 180.868	
	3 -- 49.83 - 180.614	
	4 -- YELLOW BY CREW TO CALL HIM IN	

2:10 p.m. -- #51 LLOYD RUBY, 48, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS  
Fairco Drugs Eagle/Offy

<u>QA-47</u>	1 -- 48.31 - 186.297	<u>Q-37</u>
	2 -- 48.29 - 186.374	
	3 -- 48.28 - 186.413	
	4 -- 48.17 - 186.838	
	T-3:13.05 - 186.480	(BUMPS ROBBY OLIVERO)

2:54 p.m. -- #11 MIKE HISS, 34, TUSTIN, CALIFORNIA  
Lindsey Hopkins Hopkins/Offy

<u>QA-48</u>	1 -- Lost control coming off Turn 1, slid 440 feet backwards. Stopped in infield grass just off track in the south short chute. No contact made. No apparent damage to car. This is Mike Hiss's second attempt.	<u>UA-11</u>
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OFFICIAL STARTING LINEUP FOR THE 60th ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

Car No.	Driver, Engine/Chassis	Time	Speed	Car Name	Plugs/Tires
RCW 1					
2	Johnny Rutherford DO-2	3:10.52	188.957	Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear	C-G
20	Gordon Johncock DGS-4	3:10.95	188.531	Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat	KIG-G
68	Tom Sneva DO-2	3:13.18	186.355	Norton Spirit	C-G
RCW 2					
21	Al Unser COS-10	3:13.28	186.258	American Racing Wheels	C-G
14	A. J. Foyt F-5	3:14.32	185.261	Gilmore Racing Team	C-G
48	Duane Carter Jr. DO-1	3:14.78	184.824	Jorgensen Eagle	C-G
RCW 3					
40	Wally Dallenbach DGS-4	3:15.18	184.445	Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat	KIG-G
45	Gary Bettenhausen DO-1	3:18.03	181.791	Thermo-King Eagle	C-G
5	Bill Vukovich DC-1	3:18.42	181.433	Alex Foods	C-G
RCW 4					
69	Larry Cannon DO-1	3:18.47	181.388	Am. Fin./Spirit of Cincinnati	C-G
12	Mike Mosley DO-1	3:11.91	187.588	Sugarripe Prune	C-G
3	Bobby Unser DO-1	3:11.98	187.520	Cobre Tire	C-G
RCW 5					
7	Roger McCluskey DO-6	3:13.03	186.500	Hopkins	C-G
93	Johnny Parsons DO-1	3:16.89	182.843	Ayrway/WIRE	C-G
98	John Martin DO-3	3:17.35	182.417	Genesee Beer Dragon	C-G
RCW 6					
17	Dick Simon DO-7	3:17.43	182.343	Bryant Heating & Cooling	C-G
9	Vern Schuppan (R) DC-1	3:17.79	182.011	Jorgensen Eagle	C-G
83	Bill Puterbaugh DO-1	3:17.80	182.002	McNamara Motor Express	C-G
RCW 7					
6	Mario Andretti DO-2	3:10.07	189.404	CAM2 Motor Oil	C-G
73	Jerry Grant AMC-1	3:16.06	183.617	California-Oklahoma	C-G
28	Billy Scott (R) DO-1	3:16.31	183.383	Spirit of Public Ent.	C-G
RCW 8					
77	Salt Walther DGS-2	3:16.94	182.797	Dayton-Walther	C-G
92	Steve Krisiloff DO-1	3:17.66	182.131	1st National City T.C.	C-G
86	Al Loquasto (R) DO-2	3:17.80	182.002	Frostie Root Beer	C-G
RCW 9					
19	Spike Gehlhausen (R) DO-2	3:18.11	181.717	Spirit of Indiana	C-G
63	Larry McCoy DO-8	3:18.47	181.388	Shurfine Foods	C-G
23	George Snider DO-1	3:18.74	181.141	Hubler Chevrolet Co.	C-G
RCW 10					
96	Bob Harkey DO-9	3:18.74	181.141	Dave McIntire Center	C-G
97	Sheldon Kinser DO-3	3:18.77	181.114	THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon	C-G
51	Lloyd Ruby DO-1	3:13.05	186.480	Fairco Drug	C-G
RCW 11					
33	David Hobbs DGS-2	3:16.10	183.580	Dayton Walther	C-G
24	Tom Bigelow DO-1	3:17.84	181.965	Leader Card Racer	C-G
8	Jan Opperman DGS-1	3:18.11	181.717	Routh Meat Packing	C-G

(R) -- Rookie (four in field). Average speed for the starting field - 183.785 mph  
 CHASSIS CODE AND NUMBERS: 1-Eagle (16); 2-McLaren (7); 3-Dragon (2); 4-Wildcat (2); 5-Coyote (1); 6-Hopkins (1); 7-Vollstedt (1); 8-Rascar (1); 9-Kingfish (1); 10-Parnelli (1).

ENGINE CODE: DO - Drake Offy (25); DGS - Drake-Goosen-Sparks (5); F - Foyt (1); Cos - Cosworth (1); AMC - American Motors Corporation (1)

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## CARBURETION TESTS (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Tom Sneva, who escaped with only superficial burns last year in that spectacular Indianapolis 500 accident on Turn-2 (SE), served notice today that pole-sitter Johnny Rutherford may have trouble shaking him off on Sunday, May 30.

Sneva turned in the fastest speed of 188.166 in his #68 Norton Spirit McLaren in the three-hour final practice session which is still formally titled "carburetion tests" although all the cars now use fuel injectors rather than carburetors. All but one of the 33 starters were on the track.

Rutherford was only a tick behind him with a lap at 187.931 in the #2 Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear. Sneva's teammate, Mario Andretti, made it two out of the three fastest speeds of the day for the Roger Penske stable by posting a lap at 187.266 in the #6 CAM2 Motor Oil McLaren. Rutherford had a close call when he brushed his right rear tire on the wall on T-4 (NW).

Three-time winner A.J. Foyt, going for an unprecedented fourth triumph on Sunday, got his #14 Gilmore Racing Coyote around at 186.451. In the same bracket was two-time winner and defending champion Bobby Unser at 186.066 in the #3 Cobre Tire Eagle.

Teammates Wally Dallenbach in the #40 Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat and Gordon Johncock in the #20 car of the same name were in the 185 bracket. Wally was timed at 185.797 and Gordy at 185.261. Sandwiched between them on the speed totem pole was Salt Walther at 185.759 in the Dayton-Walther McLaren.

Only car in the starting field not to take advantage of the last chance for practice was the #93 Ayrway/WIRE Eagle of Johnny Parsons. Chief mechanic Bill Finley was rebuilding the engine.

Best speed reported by the electric eye crew for 1970-71 winner Al Unser in the #21 American Racing Wheels Parnelli/Cosworth was 183.861. Mike Mosley in the #12 Sugaripe Prune Eagle was close to him at 183.824. Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr. also was in that range at 183.748 in the #48 Jorgensen Eagle. So was Roger McCluskey, the 1973 USAC National Champion, at 183.113 in the #7 Hopkins.

Veteran Lloyd Ruby, who will start his 17th race in a row on Sunday, had the Fairco Drug Eagle to 182.593. In the 181 bracket were Billy Vukovich at 181.855 in the #5 Alex Foods Eagle and Larry Cannon at 181.087 in the #69 American Financial Eagle.

Steve Krisiloff got to 180.578 in the #92 Ayrway/WIRE Eagle, team car to that of Parsons. Britisher David Hobbs had 180.216 in the #33 Dayton-Walther McLaren. Jerry Grant got the AMC-powered #73 California-Oklahoma Eagle to 180.036.

Other electric eye speeds reported were 179.964 for Jan Opperman in the #8 Routh Meat Packing Eagle; 179-plus for Sheldon Kinser in the #97 THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon; 179.319 for George Snider in the #23 Hubler Chevrolet Eagle; 178.855 for Vern Schuppan in the #9 Jorgensen Eagle; 177.305 for Bob Harkey in the #96 Dave McIntire Centers Kingfish; 177.165 for Tom Bigelow in the #24 Leader Card Racer and 176.922 for Larry McCoy in the #63 Shurfine Foods Rascar.

Rookie Spike Gehlhausen closed down the track briefly when his #19 Spirit of Indiana McLaren threw a rod and oiled down the track. No electric eye times were reported for him or for: #17 Dick Simon, #28 Billy Scott, #45 Gary Bettenhausen, #83 Bill Puterbaugh, #86 Al Loquasto, #98 John Martin and #58 Eldon Rasmussen (first alternate). Bill Simpson's #38 Nikon Eagle (second alternate) was not on the track.

The traditional Mom Unser Chili Party will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the garage lot.

Courtesy GILMORE/FOYT RACING TEAM

A.J. Foyt-Six Time National Champion

STARTING ORDER AND QUALIFICATION AVERAGES  
FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS AND DRIVERS IN THE  
1976 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE

CAR NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	QUALIFYING SPEED
<u>FRONT ROW</u>			
2	X-Johnny Rutherford, Fort Worth, Texas	DO Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear	186.957
20	X-Gordon Johncock, Phoenix, Arizona	DGS-Sinmast Goodyear Wildcat	188.531
68	Tom Sneva, Spokane, Washington	DO Norton Spirit	186.355
<u>SECOND ROW</u>			
21	X-Al Unser, Albuquerque, New Mexico	C-Amer. Racing Wheels Spl.	186.256
14	X-A. J. Foyt, Jr., Houston, Texas	F-Gilmore Racing Team	185.261
46	Duane Carter, Jr., Brownsburg, Ind.	DO Jorgensen Eagle	184.624
<u>THIRD ROW</u>			
40	Wally Dallenbach, Basalt, Colorado	DGS Sinmast Goodyear Wildcat	184.445
45	Gary Bettenhausen, Monrovia, Ind.	DO Thermo King Eagle	181.791
5	Bill Vukovich, Fresno, California	DO Alex Foods Special	181.433
<u>FOURTH ROW</u>			
69	Larry Cannon, Danville, Illinois	DO American Financial Spl.	181.368
12	Mike Mosley, Fallbrook, California	DO Sugaripe Prune Special	187.568
3	X-Bobby Unser, Albuquerque, New Mexico	DO Cobre Tire	187.520
<u>FIFTH ROW</u>			
7	Roger McCluskey, Tucson, Arizona	DO Hopkins Special	186.500
93	Johnny Parsons, Indianapolis, Ind.	DO Ayrway/WIRE Special	182.843
98	John Martin, Irvine, California	DO Genesee Beer Dragon	182.417
<u>SIXTH ROW</u>			
17	Dick Simon, Sandy, Utah	DO Bryant Heating & Cooling	182.343
9	R-Vern Schuppan, Whyalla, S. Australia	DO Jorgensen Eagle	182.011
83	Bill Puterbaugh, Indianapolis, Ind.	DO McNamara Motor Exp. Spl.	182.002
<u>SEVENTH ROW</u>			
6	X-Mario Andretti, Nazareth, Penn.	DO CAM2 Motor Oil Special	189.404
73	Jerry Grant, Irvine, California	AIC California Oklahoma Spl.	183.617
28	R-Billy Scott, San Bernardino, Calif.	DO "Sprt of Public Enterprz"	183.383
<u>EIGHTH ROW</u>			
77	Salt Walther, Dayton, Ohio	DO Dayton Walther Special	182.797
92	Steve Krisiloff, Parsippany, N.J.	DO 1st Nat. City Trav. Chks.	182.131
86	R-Al Loquasto, Easton, Penn.	DO Frostie Root Beer	182.002
<u>NINTH ROW</u>			
19	R-Spike Gehlhausen, Jasper, Indiana	DO Spirit of Indiana	181.717
63	Larry McCoy, Bristol, Pennsylvania	DO Shurfine Foods Special	181.368
23	George Snider, Bakersfield, Calif.	DO Hubler Chev. Co. Special	181.141
<u>TENTH ROW</u>			
96	Bob Harkey, Indianapolis, Indiana	DO-D. McIntire Cntr Fd & Ch	181.141
97	Sheldon Kinser, Bloomington, Ind.	DO THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon	181.114
51	Lloyd Ruby, Wichita Falls, Texas	DO Fairco Drug	186.480
<u>ELEVENTH ROW</u>			
33	David Hobbs, Upper Boddington, England	DGS Dayton Walther Special	183.580
24	Tom Bigelow, Whitewater, Wisconsin	DO Leader Card Racer	181.965
8	Jan Opperman, Norxon, Montana	DO Routh Heat Packing Spl.	181.717
X	Former Indianapolis 500 Winner	DO Drake Offy	F Foyt
R	In Race for First Time	C Cosworth	AIC American Motors
All Engines are Turbo Charged		DGS Drake Goossen Sparks	

OVERALL QUALIFICATION AVERAGE FOR ENTIRE FIELD.....183.785  
THIS COMPARES WITH LAST YEAR'S AVERAGE SPEED OF.....185.057



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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY DAILY REPORT



## PIT ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 60th INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

<u>Pit No.</u>	<u>Car No.</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car Name</u>
1			
2			
3			
4	17	DICK SIMON	Bryant Heating and Cooling
5	68	TOM SNEVA	Norton Spirit
6	6	MARIO ANDRETTI	CAM2 Motor Oil
--GASOLINE ALLEY--			
7	2	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	Hy-Gain McLaren/Goodyear
8	12	MIKE MOSLEY	Sugaripe Prune
9	3	BOBBY UNSER	Cobre Tire
10	7	ROGER McCLUSKEY	Hopkins
11	51	LLOYD RUBY	Fairco Drug
12	20	GORDON JOHNCOCK	Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat
13	40	WALLY DALLENBACH	Sinmast/Goodyear Wildcat
14	21	AL UNSER	American Racing Wheels
15	14	A. J. FOYT	Gilmore Racing Team
--USAC STARTING LINE-- FIRE EQUIPMENT			
16	73	JERRY GRANT	California-Oklahoma
17	48	DUANE CARTER JR.	Jorgensen Eagle
18	9	VERN SCHUPPAN	Jorgensen Eagle
19	28	BILLY SCOTT	Spirit of Public Enterprise
20	33	DAVID HOBBS	Dayton-Walther
21	77	SALT WALTHER	Dayton-Walther
22	93	JOHNNY PARSONS	Ayr-Way/WIRE
23	92	STEVE KRISILOFF	1st National City Travelers Checks
24	86	AL LOQUASTO, JR.	Frostie Root Beer
25	83	BILL PUTERBAUGH	McNamara Motor Express
26	45	GARY BETTENHAUSEN	Thermo-King Eagle
27	19	SPIKE GEHLHAUSEN	Spirit of Indiana
28	8	JAN OPPERMAN	Routh Meat Packing
29	96	BOB HARKEY	Dave McIntire Centers-Ford and Chevy
-- OPENING--			
30	97	SHELDON KINSER	THEBOTTOMHALF Dragon
31	98	JOHN MARTIN	Genesee Beer Dragon
32	23	GEORGE SNIDER	Hubler Chevrolet
33	24	TOM BIGELOW	Leader Card Racer
34	5	BILL VUKOVICH	Alex Foods
35	69	LARRY CANNON	American Financial/Spirit of Cincinnati
36	63	LARRY McCOY	Shurfine Foods
37-47	OPEN		
48	-- EMERGENCY CREW		

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## CHIEF MECHANICS AND GARAGE NUMBERS

<u>Car No.</u>	<u>Garage No.</u>	<u>Chief Mechanics</u>
2	87	Denis Daviss
20	55	George Bignotti
68	77	Jim McGee
21	24	Hywel Absalom
14	30	A.J. Foyt Sr., and Jack Starne
48	41	Jerry Eisert
40	56	George Bignotti
45	69	Phil Casey
5	10	Johnny Capels
69	45	Glenn Hall
12	14	Judy Phillips
3	18	Wayne Leary
7	7	Chuck Looper
93	64	Bill Finley
98	58	Grant King
17	3	Hal Sperb
9	40	Jack McCormack
83	49	Danny Jones
6	77	Jim McGee
73	66	Dave Klym
28	23	Billy Scott
77	81	George Walther Jr.
92	65	Bill Finley
86	21	Clint Brawner
19	47	Ed Baue
63	6	Shorty Mosley
23	19	A. J. Watson
96	58	Grant King
97	59	Grant King
51	79	Mike Devin
33	80	Tom Smith
24	20	A. J. Watson
8	36	Todd Gibson

CAR NO.	DRIVER & AGE	PREV. RACES	HOMETOWN	START. POS.	CHASIS ENGINE	BEST INDPLS. FINISH
AVISS 2	Johnny Rutherford 35	12	Fort Worth, Texas	1	McLaren Offy	Won 1974
EARLY 3	Bobby Unser 22	13	Albuquerque New Mex.	12	Eagle Offy	Won 1968 75
APELS 5	Bill Vukovich 32	3	Fresno, California	9	Eagle Offy	2nd 1973
KGEE 6	Mario Andretti 36	11	Narareth, Pennsylvania	19	McLaren Offy	Won 1969
DOOPER 7	Roger McCluskey 45	14	Tucson, Arizona	13	Hopkins Offy	3rd 1973
IBSON 8	Jan Opperman 37	1	Noxon, Montana	33	Eagle DGS	21st 1974
ISERT 9	Vern Schuppan 33	0	Whyalla, S. Australia	17	Eagle Offy	Rookie
HILLIPS 12	Mike Mosely 29	8	Fallbrook, California	11	Eagle Offy	8th 1968
FOYTSR FARNE 14	A.J. Foyt, Jr. 41	18	Houston, Texas	5	Coyote Foyt	Won 1961 4 7
PERB 17	Dick Simon 42	6	Sandy, Utah	16	Vollstedt Offy	13th 1972
HAUE 19	Spike Gehlhausen 21	0	Jasper, Indiana	25	McLaren Offy	Rookie
KNOTT 20	Gordon Johncock 39	11	Phoenix, Arizona	2	Wildcat DGS	Won 1973
SALOM 21	Al Unser 36	10	Albuquerque, New Mex.	4	Parnelli Cos	Won 1970 1
ATSON 23	George Snider 35	11	Bakersfield, Calif.	27	Eagle Offy	8th 1975
ATSON 24	Tom Bigelow 36	2	Whitewater, Wisconsin	32	Eagle Offy	12th 1974
RIGHT 28	Billy Scott 27	0	San Bernardino, Calif.	21	Eagle Offy	Rookie
MITH 33	David Hobbs 36	3	Upper Boddington, Eng.	31	McLaren DGS	5th 1974
IGNOTT 40	Wally Dallenbach 39	9	Basalt, Colorado	7	Wildcat DGS	9th 1975
ASEY 45	Gary Bettenhausen 34	8	Monrovia, Indiana	8	Eagle Offy	5th 1973
ISERT 48	Duane Carter, Jr. 25	2	Brownsburg, Indiana	6	Eagle Offy	4th 1975
EVIN 51	Lloyd Ruby 48	16	Wichita Falls, Texas	30	Eagle Offy	3rd 1964
OSLEY 63	Larry McCoy 31	1	Bristol, Pennsylvania	26	Ras Car Offy	30th 1975
KGEE 68	Tom Sneva 27	2	Spokane, Washington	3	McLaren Offy	20th 1974
HALL 69	Larry Cannon 39	1	Danville, Illinois	10	Eagle Offy	24th 1974
CLYM 73	Jerry Grant 41	9	Irvine, California	20	Eagle AMC	7th 1970
WALTER 77	Salt Walther 28	4	Dayton, Ohio	22	McLaren DGS	17th 1974
ONES 83	Bill Puterbaugh 39	1	Indianapolis, Ind.	18	Eagle Offy	7th 1975
AWNER 86	Al Loquasto 35	0	Easton, Pennsylvania	24	McLaren Offy	Rookie
NLEY 92	Steve Krisiloff 29	5	Parsippany, New Jer.	23	Eagle Offy	6th 1973
NLEY 93	Johnny Parsons 31	2	Indianapolis, Ind.	14	Eagle Offy	19th 1975
ING 96	Bob Harkey 45	5	Indianapolis, Ind.	28	Kingfish Offy	8th 1964 75
ING 97	Sheldon Kinser 33	1	Bloomington, Ind.	29	Dragon Offy	12th 1975
KING 98	John Martin 37	4	Irvine, California	15	Dragon Offy	8th 1973

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## ENGINES

## SPARK PLUGS

Eagle	16	Coyote	1	Drake Offy	25	Champion	31
McLaren	7	Hopkins	1	Drake Goossen Sparks	5	KIG	2
Wildcat	2	Kingfish	1	American Motors	1		
Dragon	2	Parnelli	1	Cosworth	1		
Ras Car	1	Vollstedt	1	Foyt	1		

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6	Mario Andretti 36	11	Nazareth, Pennsylvania	19	McLaren Offy	Won 1969
7	Roger McCluskey 45	14	Tucson, Arizona	13	Hopkins Offy	3rd 1973
8	Jan Opperman 37	1	Noxon, Montana	33	Eagle DGS	21st 1974
9	Vern Schuppan 33	0	Whyalla, S. Australia	17	Eagle Offy	Rookie
12	Mike Mosely 29	8	Fallbrook, California	11	Eagle Offy	8th 1968
14	A.J. Foyt, Jr. 41	18	Houston, Texas	5	Coyote Foyt	Won 1961 4 7
17	Dick Simon 42	6	Sandy, Utah	16	Vollstedt Offy	13th 1972
19	Spike Gehlhausen 21	0	Jasper, Indiana	25	McLaren Offy	Rookie
20	Gordon Johncock 39	11	Phoenix, Arizona	2	Wildcat DGS	Won 1973
21	Al Unser 36	10	Albuquerque, New Mex.	4	Parnelli Cos	Won 1970 1
23	George Snider 35	11	Bakersfield, Calif.	27	Eagle Offy	8th 1975
24	Tom Bigelow 36	2	Whitewater, Wisconsin	32	Eagle Offy	12th 1974
28	Billy Scott 27	0	San Bernardino, Calif.	21	Eagle Offy	Rookie
33	David Hobbs 36	3	Upper Boddington, Eng.	31	McLaren DGS	5th 1974
40	Wally Dallenbach 39	9	Basalt, Colorado	7	Wildcat DGS	9th 1975
45	Gary Bettenhausen 34	8	Monrovia, Indiana	8	Eagle Offy	5th 1973
48	Duane Carter, Jr. 25	2	Brownsburg, Indiana	6	Eagle Offy	4th 1975
51	Lloyd Ruby 48	16	Wichita Falls, Texas	30	Eagle Offy	3rd 1964
63	Larry McCoy 31	1	Bristol, Pennsylvania	26	Ras Car Offy	30th 1975
68	Tom Sneva 27	2	Spokane, Washington	3	McLaren Offy	20th 1974
69	Larry Cannon 39	1	Danville, Illinois	10	Eagle Offy	24th 1974
73	Jerry Grant 41	9	Irvine, California	20	Eagle AMC	7th 1970
77	Salt Walther 28	4	Dayton, Ohio	22	McLaren DGS	17th 1974
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Eagle	16	Coyote	1	Drake Offy	25
McLaren	7	Hopkins	1	Drake Goossen Sparks	5
Wildcat	2	Kingfish	1	American Motors	1
Dragon	2	Parnelli	1	Cosworth	1
Ras Car	1	Vollstedt	1	Foyt	1
				Champion	31
				KLG	2



# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - RACE RECORDS

LOCATION: IMS

DISTANCE: 500

DATE: 5/30/71

## LOG SHEET - CARS OUT OF RACE

SEQUENCE LEFT	CAR #	DRIVER	LAP	REASON OR CAUSE	
1	32	5	VUKOVICH	3	THREW ROD THROUGH BLOCK
2	31	19	GENHAUSEN	0	OIL PUMP FAILURE - CASE FILLED WITH OIL
3	30	17	SIMON	1	BROKEN CONN. ROD
4	29	7	MCCLUSKEY	9	SPUN - HIT WALL
5	28	33	HOBBBS	11	ENGINE LEAKING WATER - CRACKED BLOCK & FRONT NOSE
6	27	45	BETTERHAUSEN	53	WASTE GATE BROKE OFF (TURBO)
7	26				
8	25				
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United States Auto Club

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - RACE RECORDS

LOCATION: INDIANAPOLIS

DISTANCE: 500

DATE: 5/30/17

LOG SHEET - TIME IN PITS BY PIT STOP NUMBERS

LINE	CAR #	DRIVER	PIT STOP NUMBER										TOT TIME			
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1	2	RUTHERFORD	:12	:18	:17	:16										1:00
2	3	B. UNSER	:04	:19	:25	:21	:18									1:27
3	5	VUKOVICH	Lap 3 out													-
4	6	ANDRETTI	:44	:33	:25	:21										2:00
5	7	McCLUSKEY	:11	open out	9											0:11
6	8	OPPERMAN	:15	:43	:23	:17										1:13
7	9	SCHUPPAN	:26	:22	:15	:21	:28									1:18
8	12	MOSLEY	:12	:16	:22	:24										1:14
9	14	FOYT	:06	:14	:15	:16	:15									1:00
10	17	SIMON	Lap 4 out													-
11	19	GEHLHAUSEN	Lap 0 out													-
12	20	JOHNCOCK	:16	:14	:21	:17										1:08
13	21	A. UNSER	:19	:27	:17	:15	:27									1:14
14	23	SNIDER	:10	:15	:40	:15										1:20
15	24	BIGELOW	:09	:16	:10	:19										0:58
16	28	SCOTT	:05	:13	:27	:26	:14									1:38
17	33	HOBBS	10:38	7:58	Lap 11 out											18:3
18	40	DALLENBACH	:11	:21	:13	:15										1:00
19	45	BETTENHAUSEN	:12	:22	Lap 45 out											0:37
20	48	CARTER	:19	:16	:15											0:50
21	51	RUBY	:15	:24	:20	:17										1:17
22	63	McCoy	:20	:26	:22	:10	:05	:25								3:01
23	68	SNEVA	:28	:26	:17	:28										1:48
24	69	CANNON	:14	:17	:25	:17	:2									1:23
25	73	GRANT	:22	:29	:24	:25										2:13
26	77	WALTHER	:21	:24	:28	:29	:32									2:02
27	83	POTERBAUGH	:07	:25	:19	:18										2:00
28	86	LOQUASTO	:17	:22	:27	:52										1:52
29	92	KRISILOFF	:25	Lap 44 out	:25											1:34
30	93	PARSONS	:23	:17	:29	:10	:28	:21								3:33
31	96	HARKEY	:19	:22	:15											1:28
32	97	KINSER	:12	:15	:00	:16										2:15
33	98	MARTIN	:27	:31	:03	:15										2:14

NOTES:

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
INTERNATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES  
FINAL STANDINGS

INL OST	LAPS CLMP	CAR NO.	TOTAL HR MN	TIME SECND	RACE AVG MPH	CAR NAME	ENTRANT	DRIVER
1	100	2	1 42	52.48	148.725	HY-GAIN MCLAREN/GOODYEAR	TEAM MCLAREN LIMITED	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD
2	102	14	1 43	07.84	148.355	GILMORE RACING TEAM	A. J. FOYT ENTERPRISE	A. J. FOYT, JR.
3	102	20	1 44	37.43	145.238	SINMAST-GOODYEAR WILDCAT	PATRICK RACING TEAM, INC.	GORDON JOHNCOCK
4	101	40	1 42	57.13	147.156	SINMAST-GOODYEAR WILDCAT	PATRICK RACING TEAM, INC.	WALLY DALLENBACH
	101	48	1 42	58.06	147.134	JORGENSEN EAGLE	E. M. JORGENSEN CO.	DUANE CARTER, JR.
6	101	88	1 43	10.84	146.830	NORTON SPIRIT	PENSKE RACING, INC.	TOM SNEVA
7	101	21	1 44	04.08	145.578	AMERICAN RACING WHEELS SPL	VEL'S PARNELLI JONES RACING	AL UNSER
8	101	6	1 44	44.04	144.652	CAN2 MOTOR OIL SPECIAL	PENSKE RACING, INC.	MARIO ANDRETTI
9	100	77	1 43	48.73	144.492	DAYTON-WALTHER SPECIAL	WALMOTOR, INC.	SALT WALTHER
10	100	3	1 43	59.80	144.235	COBRE TIRE	ROBERT L. FLETCHER	BOBBY UNSER
11	100	51	1 44	18.81	143.797	FAIRCO DRUG SPECIAL	MICHAEL DEVIN	LLOYD RUSBY
12	98	93	1 42	53.94	142.859	AYR-WAY/WIRE SPECIAL	VATIS ENTERPRISES, INC.	JOHNNY PARSONS
13	98	23	1 43	05.99	142.580	HUBLER CHEVROLET CO. SPL	LEADER CARDS, INC.	GEORGE SNIDER
14	98	24	1 43	42.42	141.745	LEADER CARD RACER	LEADER CARDS, INC.	TOM BIGELOW
15	98	12	1 44	35.46	140.547	SUGARPIE PRUNE SPECIAL	JERRY O'CONNELL	MIKE NOSLEY
16	97	8	1 42	39.05	141.743	ROUTH MEAT PACKING SPECIAL	RICHARD ROUTH	JAN OPPERMAN
17	97	69	1 44	01.89	139.861	AMERICAN FINANCIAL	HOFEMAN AUTO RACING	LARRY CANNON
18	97	9	1 44	03.11	139.834	JORGENSEN EAGLE	E. M. JORGENSEN CO.	VERN SCHUPPAN
19	97	97	1 44	26.35	139.316	THEBOTTOMHALF DRAGCN	AGAJANIAN-KING	SHELDON KINSER
20	97	96	1 44	30.44	139.225	DAVE MCINTIRE CENTERS	AGAJANIAN-KING	

21	96	96	1	43	23.02	139.287	GENESEE BEER DRAGON	AGAJANIAN-KING-HAMMOND	JOHN MARTIN
22	96	83	1	43	39.03	138.928	MCNAMARA SPECIAL	MCNAMARA MOTOR EXP., INC.	BILL PUTERBAUGH
23	96	28	1	44	28.20	137.839	SPIRIT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISE	WARNER W. HOGDON	BILLY SCOTT
24	96	92	1	43	40.14	137.457	1ST NATL CITY TRAVELERS CHECKS	VATIS ENTERPRISES, INC.	STEVE KRISLOFF
25	96	89	1	43	43.79	137.376	FROSTIE ROOT BEER	AL LOQUASTO, SR.	AL LOQUASTO, JR
26	91	83	1	43	00.41	132.515	SHURFINE FOODS SPECIAL	SPIRIT OF AMERICAN RACERS	LARRY MCCOY
27	91	73	1	43	09.44	132.322	CALIFORNIA-OKLAHOMA SPECIAL	FRED W. CARRILLO	JERRY GRANT
28	52	45	53	30.49	145.772		THERMO KING EAGLE	GERHARDT RACERS, INC.	GARY BETTENHAUSEN
29	10	33	30	57.12	48.462		DAYTON-WALTHER SPECIAL	WALMOTOR, INC.	DAVID HOBBS
30	8	7	9	13.80	130.011		HOPKINS SPECIAL	LINDSEY HOPKINS	ROGER MCCLOSKEY
31	2	3	2	09.93	138.536		ALEX FOODS SPECIAL	ALEX MORALES	BILL VUKOVICH
32	1	17	1	00.65	148.392		BRYANT HEATING & COOLING	VOLLSTEDT ENTERPRISES	DICK SIMON
33	0	19	99	99.99.00		.000	SPIRIT OF INDIANA	CARL GEHLHAUSEN	SPIKE GEHLHANSEN

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