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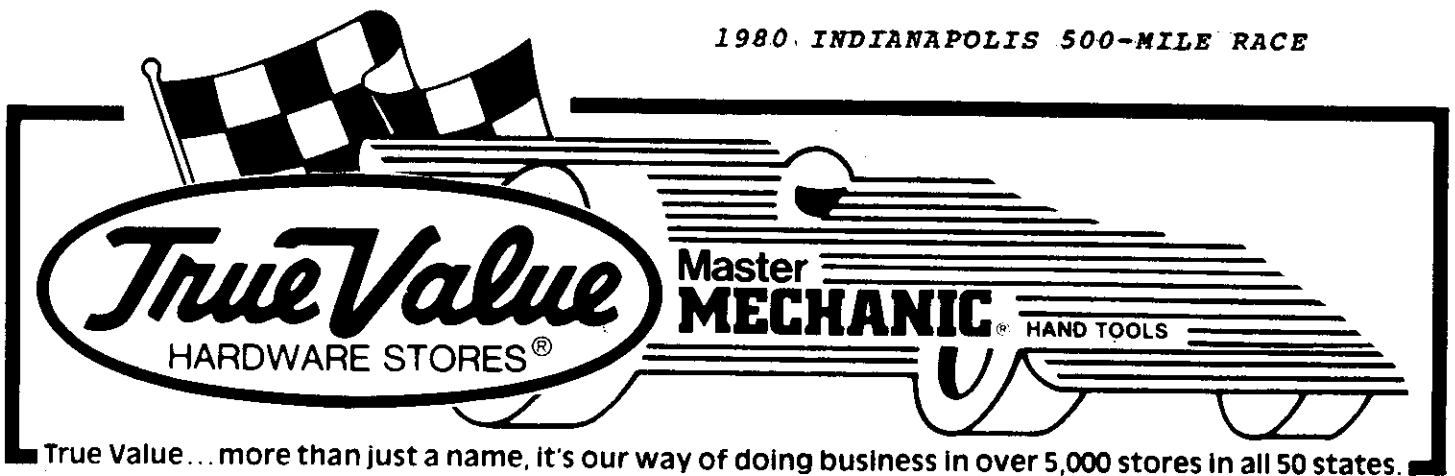


INDIANAPOLIS 500



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INDIANAPOLIS 500 PRESS INFORMATION

UNITED STATES AUTO CLUB AND TRUE VALUE HARDWARE STORES

True Value Hardware Stores is issuing the 500 Daily Track Summary for the second time. This press information has been compiled to give you instant background on all that has taken place during the practice and qualification periods leading up to the 64th annual 500-Mile Race. It is our sincere wish that the book will assist you in completing your assignment.

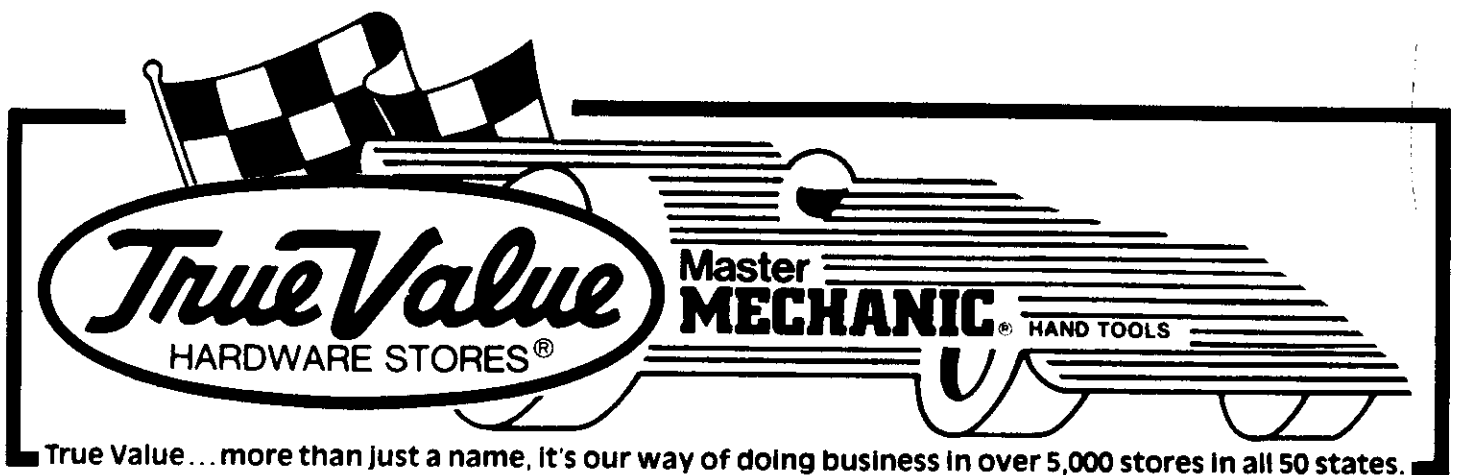
The press kit includes:

- Starting Lineup
- Statistics concerning the 1980 race
- Accessory postings for the race
- Pit Assignments
- Chief Mechanics 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-lap qualification runs



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS "500" STATISTICS

99 Entries (one below record of 1979)...78 arrived at the track...70 took practice runs...40 completed qualification runs...7 cars were bumped. None qualified too slow to make the field. Cars bumped were Nos. 32, T. Bettenhausen, #47 Caliva, #24 Kinser, #34 Halsmer, #76 Walther, #41 Alsup, #37 Martin...There were 13 incomplete qualifying runs.

A total of 49 cars made 53 attempts at qualifying.

During the month, there were a total of 62 drivers on the track. There were 30 of last year's starting field of 35 on the track. Exceptions were Roger McCluskey, Wally Dallenbach, Larry Rice, Cliff Hucul and Eldon Rasmussen. There were 38 veterans and 24 rookies on the track. The veteran drivers on the track were: Mario Andretti, Tom Bagley, Gary Bettenhausen, Tom Bigelow, Larry Cannon, Pancho Carter, A.J. Foyt, Spike Gehlhausen, Janet Guthrie, Bob Harkey, Howdy Holmes, Gordon Johncock, Jerry Karl, Sheldon Kinser, Steve Krisiloff, Lee Kunzmar, Al Loquasto, Jim McElreath, John Mahler, John Martin, Rick Mears, Mike Mosley, Rick Muther, Danny Ongais, Johnny Parsons, Bill Puterbaugh, Johnny Rutherford, Joe Saldana, Vern Schuppan, Dick Simon, Jerry Sneva, Tom Sneva, George Snider, Phil Threshie, Al Unser, Bobby Unser, Bill Vukovich, and Salt Walther. The rookies are Bill Alsup, Tony Bettenhausen, Phil Caliva, Dana Carter, Billy Engelhart, Dick Ferguson, Dennis Firestone, Tom Frantz, Pete Halsmer, Hurley Maywood, Herm Johnson, Greg Leffler, Roger Mears, Roger Rager, Tim Richmond, Ronnie Shuman, Gordon Smiley, Jan Sneva, Bill Tempero, Rich Vogler, Frank Weiss, John Wood, Bill Whittington and Don Whittington.

STARTING POSITIONS OF WINNING CARS AT INDIANAPOLIS

1st -- 10	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 -- 4	10th -- 1	16th -- 0	22nd -- 2	28th -- 2	
5th -- 4	11th -- 1	17th -- 1	23rd -- 0	29th -- 0	
6th -- 4	12th -- 0	18th -- 0	24th -- 0	30th -- 0	

Rick Mears in 1979 was the 10th driver to win from the pole position. If the above positions which have zeroes remain zeroes, the following drivers would have no chance of winning this year: Pancho Carter, Al Unser, A.J. Foyt, Danny Ongais, Don Whittington, Greg Leffler, Dennis Firestone, Mike Mosley, Dick Simon, Bill Vukovich, Tom Bigelow, Gary Bettenhausen, and Tom Sneva.

Johnny Rutherford and Mario Andretti appear to have the best starting spots from the statistical standpoint, since both first and second-place starters have won 10 times.

For the first time since 1976, there will be no woman starter in the race. Janet Guthrie, who participated in 1977, 1978 and 1979, missed the program this year.

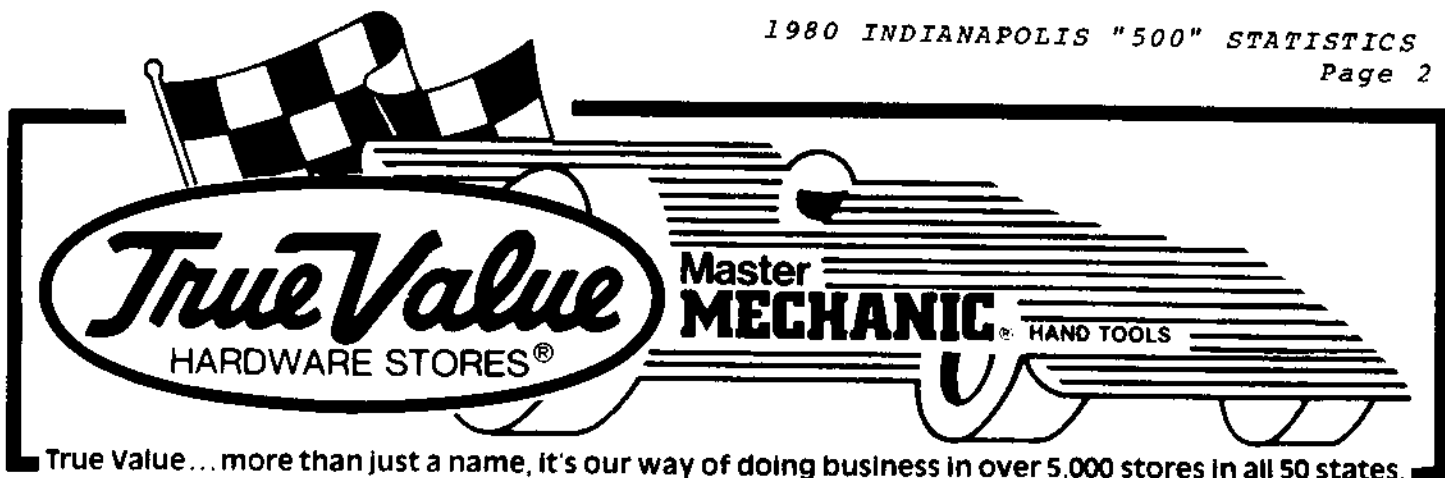
FORMER WINNERS IN THE 1980 RACE -- 7

A. J. Foyt (1961, 64, 67, 77)	Al Unser (1970, 71, 78)
Bobby Unser (1968, 75)	Johnny Rutherford (1974-76) 80)
Mario Andretti (1969)	Gordon Johncock (1973)
Rick Mears (1979)	



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- Youngest winner.....Troy Ruttman (1952) 22 years old.
- Oldest winner.....Sam Hanks (1957) 42 years, 331day
- 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) Johnny 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 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. A.J. Foyt became the first 4-time winner in 1977. 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. A. J. Foyt is the only 4-time winner of the race (1961, 64, 67, 77), three-time winners besides Meyer, are Shaw (1937-39-40), Rose (1941-47-48) and Al Unser (1970-71-78). Two-time winners, besides Milton, are Vukovich (1953-54), Rodger Ward (1959-62), Bobby Unser (1968-75), and Johnny Rutherford (1974-76).

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 1979 race winner, Rick Mears, gave car #9 its second Indy victory; the other one was by Sam Hanks in 1957. Car #2 leads in victories with eight; Car #1 has seven; Cars #3 and #14 have five; and #16 has four.

FORMER ROOKIE WINNERS - 6

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

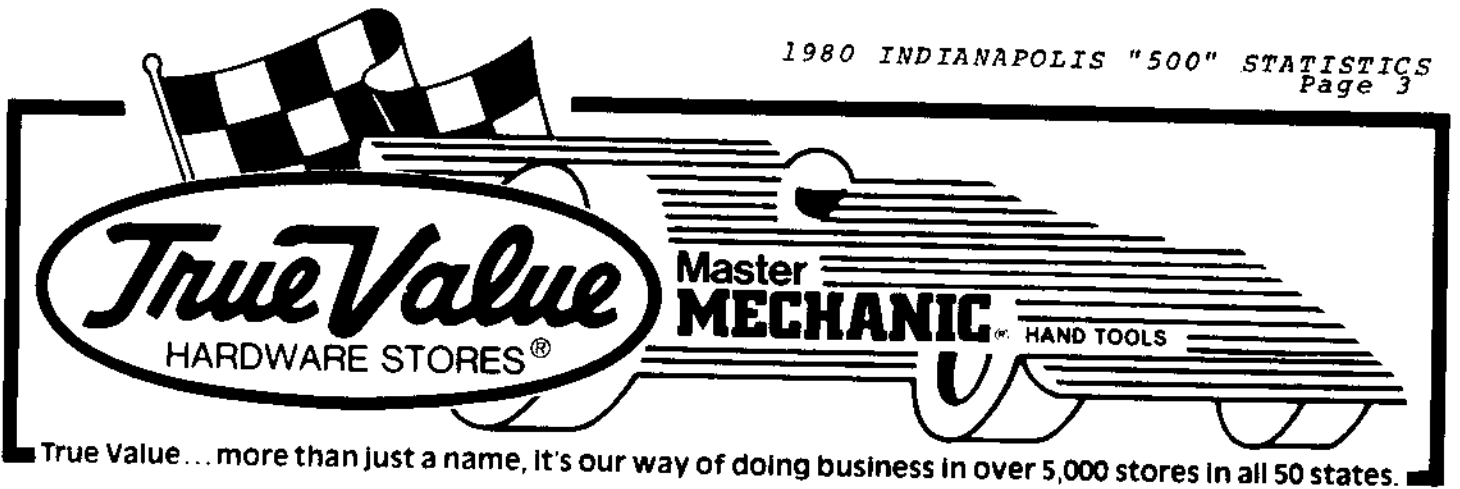
RACE WINNERS FROM THE POLE POSITION - 10

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|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1922 - Jimmy Murphy | 1953 - Bill Vukovich | 1970 - Al Unser |
| 1923 - Tommy Milton | 1956 - Pat Flaherty | 1976 - Johnny Rutherford |
| 1930 - Billy Arnold | 1963 - Parnelli Jones | 1979 - Rick Mears |
| 1938 - Floyd Roberts | | 1980 - JR |



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START/FINISH POSITIONS FOR STARK & WETZEL "ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR" DRIVERS

1952	Art Cross	20- 5	1966	Jackie Stewart	11- 6
1953	Jimmy Daywalt	21- 6	1967	Denis Hulme	24- 4
1954	Larry Crockett	25- 9	1968	Bill Vukovich, Jr.	23- 7
1955	Al Herman	16- 7	1969	Mark Donohue	4- 7
1956	Bob Veith	23- 7	1970	Donnie Allison	23- 4
1957	Don Edmunds	27-19	1971	Denny Zimmerman	28- 8
1958	George Amick	25- 2	1972	Mike Hiss	25- 7
1959	Bobby Grim	5-26	1973	Graham McRae	13-19
1960	Jim Hurtubise	23-18	1974	Duane Carter, Jr.	21- 7
1961	Parnelli Jones and Bobby Marshman	5-12 33- 7	1975	Bill Puterbaugh	15- 7
1962	Jim McElreath	7- 6	1976	Vern Schuppan	17-18
1963	Jim Clark	5- 2	1977	Jerry Sneva	16-10
1964	Johnny White	21- 4	1978	Larry Rice and Rick Mears	30-11 3-23
1965	Mario Andretti	4- 3	1979	Howdy Holmes	13- 7

DRIVER STATISTICS

Oldest driver.....Jim McElreath (52-born 2-18-28)
 Youngest driver.....Tim Richmond (24-born 6-7-55)
 Tallest driver.....Seven-way tie among Bill Vukovich, Jerry Sneva,
 Tom Sneva, Bobby Unser, Dennis Firestone, Bill
 Whittington and Don Whittington - all 6 feet tall
 Shortest driver.....Mario Andretti - 5'6".

The veteran drivers in the race have driven a total of 215 races. A.J. Foyt leads with 22 races under his belt. Next is Bobby Unser with 17. Johnny Rutherford has 16; Gordon Johncock and George Snider 15; Mario Andretti, Al Unser, and Jim McElreath all 14; Mike Mosley, 12; Bill Vukovich and Gary Bettenhausen 11 and Dick Simon 10. The other drivers in the field all have 6 races or less. Second-generation drivers in the race are Johnny Parsons, Pancho Carter and Gary Bettenhausen. Parsons is the son of 1950 winner Johnnie Parsons, who will drive the pace car. Carter is the son of Duane Carter and the half-brother of Parsons. Bettenhausen is the son of Tony Bettenhausen Sr., killed here in a 1961 practice accident.

LAP LEADERS IN THIS YEAR'S FIELD

Al Unser.....534	Danny Ongais.....71
A.J. Foyt.....523	Rick Mears.....25
Bobby Unser.....325	Tom Sneva..... 7
Gordon Johncock.....219	Mike Mosley..... 3
Johnny Rutherford...175	Pancho Carter.... 3
Gary Bettenhausen...138	George Snider.... 2
Mario Andretti.....132	Bill Vukovich.... 1



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<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	1949	Oldsmobile	Wilbur Shaw
1912	Stutz	Carl G. Fisher	1950	Mercury	Benson Ford
1913	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1951	Chrysler	Dave Wallace
1914	Stoddard-Dayton	Carl G. Fisher	1952	Studebaker	P.O. Peterson
1915	Packard "6"	Carl G. Fisher	1953	Ford	William C. Ford
1916	Premier "6"	Frank E. Smith	1954	Dodge	William Newburg
1919	Packard V-12	Col. J.G. Vincent	1955	Chevrolet	T.H. Keating
1920	Marmon V-16	Barney Oldfield	1956	DeSoto	L.I. Woolson
1921	H.C.S. "6"	Harry C. Stutz	1957	Mercury	F.C. Reith
1922	National "8"	Barney Oldfield	1958	Pontiac	Sam Hanks
1923	Duesenberg "8"	Fred Duesenberg	1959	Buick	Sam Hanks
1924	Cole V-8	Lew Pettijohn	1960	Oldsmobile	Sam Hanks
1925	Rickenbacker "8"	E.V. Rickenbacker	1961	Ford	Sam Hanks
1926	Chrysler "8"	Louis Chevrolet	1962	Studebaker	Sam Hanks
1927	LaSalle V-8	"Big Boy" Raeder	1963	Chrysler	Sam Hanks
1928	Marmon	Joe Dawson	1964	Ford	Benson Ford
1929	Studebaker	George Hunt	1965	Plymouth	P.N. Buckminster
1930	Cord V-8	E.L. Cord	1966	Mercury	Benson Ford
1931	Cadillac	"Big Boy" Raeder	1967	Camaro	Mauri Rose
1932	Lincoln	Edsel Ford	1968	Ford	William C. Ford
1933	Chrysler	Byron Foy	1969	Chevrolet	Jim Rathmann
1934	LaSalle	"Big Boy" Raeder	1970	Oldsmobile	Rodger Ward
1935	Ford V-8	Harry Mack	1971	Dodge	Eldon Palmer
1936	Packard	Tommy Milton	1972	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1937	LaSalle	Ralph DePalma	1973	Cadillac	Jim Rathmann
1938	Hudson	Stuart Baits	1974	Oldsmobile	Jim Rathmann
1939	Buick	Charles Chayne	1975	Buick	James Garner
1940	Studebaker	Harry Hartz	1976	Buick	Marty Robbins
1941	Chrysler	A.B. Couture	1977	Oldsmobile	James Garner
1946	Lincoln V-12	Henry Ford II	1978	Corvette	Jim Rathmann
1947	Nash	George W. Mason	1979	Ford Mustang	Jackie Stewart
1948	Chevrolet	Wilbur Shaw	1980	Pontiac	Johnnie Parsons



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 - POSTED ACCESSORY PRIZE MONEY

Aeroquip Corp.....	
American Fletcher National Bank.....	\$ 2,200
AMS/OIL.....	\$ 5,000
Anheuser-Busch Inc. Budweiser Pole Award.....	\$18,000**
Bell Helmet Company.....	\$10,000
Borg-Warner Corporation.....	\$ 5,000
Canon-USA.....	\$ 5,000
Cecil C. Peck Company.....	\$ 1,000
Champion Spark Plug Company.....	\$ 1,000
Citicorp Services Inc.....	\$57,500
Ditzler Automotive Finishes, PPG Industries.....	\$ 2,000
Earl's Supply.....	\$ 3,000
Gabriel Shock Absorbers, Division of Maremont Corporation.....	\$1,700
Gould, Inc. Engine Parts Division.....	\$28,100
Heli Coil Products.....	\$ 6,000
Hinchman Uniform Company.....	\$ 1,200
Hoosier Coal and Oil Company Inc.....	500
Hurst Performance Inc. Automotive After-Market Division.....	\$ 2,000
Ideal Corporation.....	\$ 4,500
Indiana Society of Automotive Engineers.....	\$ 1,000
Ingersoll-Rand Company, Tool and Hoist Division.....	\$ 1,000
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.....	\$ 3,000
Kingsford Company.....	\$ 8,000
Loctite Corporation.....	\$10,000
Mallory Electric.....	\$ 8,500
Miller Brewing Company, Indy Pit Stop IV.....	\$ 2,000
Monroe Auto Equipment Company, Division of Tenneco Automotive.....	\$30,000
Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc.....	\$28,100
National Automobile Dealers Association.....	\$ 1,500
Pennzoil Company.....	\$10,000
Pontiac Division, General Motors Corporation.....	\$13,000
Premier Industrial Corporation.....	1980 Trans-Am Pace Car
Purolator Racing Operations.....	\$ 4,400
Raybestos Automotive After-Market Division, Raybestos.....	\$ 1,750
Renner's Express Inc.....	\$ 3,050
Robert Bosch Corporation.....	\$ 1,000
Rockwell International.....	\$57,500
A.C. Rupp Arabian Acres.....	\$10,000
Sears, Roebuck and Co. Die-Hard Awards.....	\$ 250
Sid Collins Award.....	\$10,000
Simpson Sports.....	\$ 500
Standard Oil Dealers of Central Indiana.....	\$ 2,000
S-K Tools.....	\$ 2,500
Stant Manufacturing Company Inc.....	\$ 1,500
Stewart-Warner Corporation.....	\$ 1,200
STP Corporation.....	\$ 1,400
SUNMARK Industries, Division of Sun Oil Company.....	\$15,500
Sunnen Products Company.....	\$15,000
Texaco, Inc.....	\$ 1,500
Thermo-King Corporation.....	\$18,000***
Thornton Bardach.....	\$ 500
Valvoline Oil Company.....	Winner's Diamond Ring
Vandervell Canada Ltd.....	Fuel for most cars, and..... \$13,000.
Worth Company.....	\$ 6,000
WRTV 6.....	\$ 1,000
	\$ 500

**--Available to only one car (No. 26 -- Dick Ferguson)
 ***--Not available, since Janet Guthrie is not in the race.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY LIST

1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

CAR NO.	GAR. NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	ENTRANT
1	Q 77	Rick Mears (2)	The Gould Charge Penske PC-9	Penske Racing, Inc.
2	19	Bill Vukovich (11)	Hubler Chevrolet WFMJ Special	Leader Cards, Inc.
3	51	Tom Bigelow (6)	Armstrong Mould, Inc.	AMI Racing Div., Inc.
4	Q 86	Johnny Rutherford(16)	Pennzoil Chaparral	Chaparral Racing, Ltd.
5	Q 52	Al Unser (14)		Longhorn Racing, Inc.
6	89	Jimmy McElreath(14)	McElreath Special	Shirley McElreath
7	Q 49	Jerry Sneva (3)	Hugger's Beverage Holders Special	AMI Racing Div., Inc.
8	3	Dick Simon (10)	Silhouette Health Spas-Regal 8 Inns	Vollstedt Enterprises, Inc.
9	Q 14	Tom Sneva (6)		Jerry O'Connell
10	Q 11	Pancho Carter (6)	Alex XLNT Foods Spl.	Alex Morales Co., Inc.
11	Q 76	Bobby Unser (17)	Norton Spirit Penske PC-9	Penske Racing, Inc.
12	Q 75	Mario Andretti (14)	Essex Penske PC-9	Penske Racing, Inc.
14	Q 29	A. J. Foyt, Jr. (22)	Gilmore Racing Team	A. J. Foyt Enterprise
15	Q 7	Johnny Parsons (6)	Hopkins Special	Lindsey Hopkins
16	30	George Snider (15)	Gilmore Racing Team	A. J. Foyt Enterprise
17	4			Vollstedt Enterprises, Inc.
18	35	Dennis Firestone(X)	Scientific Drilling Controls Special	Jack L. Rhoades A/C Sales, Inc.
19	34	Dana Carter (0)	Scientific Drilling Controls Special	Jack L. Rhoades A/C Sales, Inc.
20	Q 55	Gordon Johncock (15)	North American Van Lines Pacesetter	Patrick Racing Team, Inc.
21	85	Tim Richmond (X)	The UFO -Q95 Starcruiser	Mach I Racing Ent.
22	20			Leader Cards, Inc.
23	Q 88	Jimmy McElreath (14)	McElreath Special	Shirley McElreath
24	20	Sheldon Kinser (5)	Genesee Beer Wagon	Leader Cards, Inc.
25	Q 25	Danny Ongais (3)	Interscope Panasonic	Interscope Racing Corp.
26	Q 60	Dick Ferguson (0)	Aero Electronics/Galles Chev./Cycle & Co. Spl.	Steve & Richard Sanett
28	45	Herm Johnson (X)		Cliff-Menard Racing
29	46	Billy Engelhart (0)		Beaudoin Racing Ent., Inc.
30	21	Phil Threshie (2)	I. A. M. Special	Arizona Racing Assoc, Inc.
31	22	Phil Threshie (2)	I. A. M. Special	Arizona Racing Assoc, Inc.
32	36	Tony Bettenhausen(X)	Vita-Fresh Fruit JuiceSpl.	Walter L. Medlin
34	74		Wysard Motor Co., Spl.	Wysard Motor Co., Inc.
35	Q 17	Spike Gehlhausen(3)	Winton Sales	Fletcher Racing Team
36	41	Mike Mosley (12)	Theodore Racing Eagle	All American Racers, Inc.
37			The Enterprise	Ross D. Davis
38	5	Jerry Karl (4)	Tonco Trailer Co., Spl.	William R. Compton, Sr.
39	6	Jerry Karl (4)	Tonco Trailer Co., Spl.	William R. Compton, Sr.
40	Q 57	Tom Bagley (2)	Kent Oil	Patrick Racing Team, Inc.
41	70	Bill Alsup (0)	Polaroid Time Zero	Alsup Racing Team
42	82	John Wood (X)		Mergard's 20th Cent. Ent. Inc.
43	48	Howdy Holmes (1)	Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix	AMI Racing Div., Inc.
44	48	Greg Leffler (X)	Starcraft R.V.	AMI Racing Div., Inc.
45	47			AMI Racing Div., Inc.
46	47	Gary Bettenhausen(11)		AMI Racing Div., Inc.
47	71	Phil Caliva (X)		Alsup Racing Team
48	40	Mike Mosley (12)	Theodore Racing Eagle	All America Racers, Inc.
49	86	Johnny Rutherford(16)	Pennzoil Chaparral	Chaparral Racing, Ltd.
50	62	Rich Vogler (X)	B.M.F. Ent., Ltd.	Kenneth Mahoney
51	10	Janet Guthrie (3)	Texaco Star	Lindsey Hopkins
52	2		Eagle Magnetic Special	James L. Kallner
53	53	Al Unser (14)		Longhorn Racing, Inc.
54	79		Cryogenic Assoc. Spl.	Stephen W. Baber
55	9	Janet Guthrie (3)	Texaco Star	Lindsey Hopkins
56	42	Jim Hurtubise (10)	Moran Electric Special	Kenny Moran
57	37	Tom Frantz (0)	Kent Oil	Tom Frantz
58	18	Spike Gehlhausen (3)	Winton Sales	Fletcher Racing Team
59	39	Lee Kunzman (4)	George the T-Shirt Man Special	Hoffman Auto Racing
61	72			Penske Racing, Inc.

CAR NO.	GAR NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	ENTRANT
62	33		CARIIS Image	Bob Olmsted
63	72			Penske Racing, Inc.
65	61	Bill Tempero (X)	Wood Power Systems-Spirit of Colorado	Bill Tempero
66	Q 23	Roger Rager (0)	Advance Clean Sweep	Gail & Roger Rager
67	83	Bob Harkey (6)	The Canadian I	Buddy Boys Racing Ent. Ltd.
68	84	Frank Weiss (X)	The Canadian II	Buddy Boys Racing Ent. Ltd.
69	38	Joe Saldana (2)	Hoffman Auto Racing	Hoffman Auto Racing
70	56	Gordon Smiley (X)	Goodyear/Patrick Racing	Patrick Racing Team, Inc.
72	66		National Engineering Co.	National Engineering Co.
73	67		Warner Hodgdon Racing, Inc.	Warner Hodgdon Racing, Inc.
75	44		National Engineering Co.	National Engineering Co.
76	80	Salt Walther (7)	Warner Hodgdon Racing, Inc.	Warner Hodgdon Racing, Inc.
77	81	Salt Walther (7)	O'Hanlon's L'il Cheaper	O'Hanlon's Racing Team
78	16	Ron Shuman (X)	Bryan Ltd.-Jose	Walmotor, Inc.
79	39		Joannides Special	
80	73	Larry Dickson (7)	Bryan Ltd. - Jose	Walmotor, Inc.
82	26	Rick Muther (3)	Joannides Special	
83	31		Stanton Racing Products	Gary Stanton
84	31		Hoffman Auto Racing	Hoffman Auto Racing
81	43	Al Loquasto (2)		RP Racing Ent., Inc.
86	26	Rick Muther (3)		Pacific Coast Racing Team, Inc.
87	12	Pancho Carter (6)	O'Hanlon's L'il Cheaper	Wayne Woodward
88	87		Alex XLNT Foods Spl.	Alex Morales Co., Inc.
89	15	Vern Schuppan (2)	Pennzoil Chaparral-Lola	Chaparral Racing, Ltd.
90	56		Thomas W. Barrett Spl.	Jerry O'Connell
91	64	John Mahler (4)		Patrick Racing Team, Inc.
92	65	John Mahler (4)		Intercomp Racing, Inc.
93	61		Sun System Special	Intercomp Racing, Inc.
94	62	Bill Whittington (X)	Sun System Special	Road Atlanta
95	Q 1	Larry Cannon (3)		Road Atlanta
96	Q 62	Don Whittington (X)	Sun System Special	Cannon Racing Team, Inc.
97	59	Roger Mears (X)	Giuffre Bros. Cranes Inc.	Road Atlanta
98	58		Agajanian-Purcell	Giuffre Bros. Cranes, Inc.
99	8	Hurley Haywood (0)	Sta-On-Guarantee Auto-KISS Radio Special	Agajanian
73	Larry Dickson (7)		Russ Polak Construction	Agajanian-Purcell Racers
85	Tim Richmond (X)		Hawaiian Tropics	Lindsey Hopkins
15	Tom Sneva (6)		Interscope Panasonic	RP Racing Ent., Inc.
24	Danny Ongais (3)			Mach I Racing
52	Al Unser (14)			Jerry O'Connell
	Tony Bettenhausen (X)			Interscope Racing Corp.
24	Danny Ongais (3)			Longhorn Racing, Inc.
				Lindsey Hopkins
				Tony Bettenhausen & Assoc.
				Interscope Racing Corp.

() -- Number of previous races

(X) -- Must take Driver's Test

Q -- Qualified



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 ROOKIE TEST REPORT

Rookie tests in 1980 were conducted in two phases of 20 laps (50 miles) each; the first phase at 160-plus m.p.h. and the second phase at 170 or above. The last ten laps of Phase 2 for drivers taking their first-year test were observed by a crew of veteran drivers. Refresher tests were 20 laps (50 miles) at 170 or above.

TWO PHASE -- FIRST YEAR DRIVERS' ROOKIE TESTS:

1. Bill Tempero, #65 Eagle/Chevy SB: 5/3, 160; 5/4, 170 and OK.
2. Dennis Firestone, #18 Penske/Cosworth: 5/3, 160; 5/5, 170 and OK.
3. Herm Johnson #28 Lightning/Offy: 5/4, 160; 5/5, 170 and OK.
4. Greg Leffler #44 Lola/Chevy V-6: 5/6, 160; 5/7, 170 and OK.
5. Ron Shuman #78 Penske/Cosworth: 5/7, 160; 5/13, 170 and OK.
6. Pete Halsmer #34 Wildcat/DGS: 5/7, 160; 5/8, 170 and OK.
7. Rich Vogler #50 Manta/Offy: 5/9, 160; 5/13, 170 and OK.
8. Gordon Smiley #70 Phoenix/Cosworth: 5/13, 160, 170 and OK.
9. John Wood #42 Eagle/Offy: 5/13, 160; 5/15, 170 and OK.

ONE PHASE REFRESHER TESTS:

1. Tim Richmond #21 Penske/Cosworth: 5/3, 170 and OK.
2. Frank Weiss #68 McLaren/Offy: 5/3, 170 and OK.
3. Phil Caliva #47 McLaren/Offy: 5/5, 170 and OK.
4. Rick Muther #82 Penske/Cosworth: 5/6, 170 and OK.
5. Billy Engelhart #29 McLaren/Cosworth: 5/8, 170 and OK.
6. Don Whittington #96 Penske/Cosworth: 5/8, 170 and OK.
7. Bill Whittington #94 VPJ/Cosworth: 5/12, 170 and OK.
8. Roger Mears #97 King Chevy SB: 5/15, 170 and OK.
9. Tony Bettenhausen #32 Eagle/Offy: 5/15, 170 and OK.

INCOMPLETE TEST:

1. Jan Sneva #77 Penske/Cosworth: 5/13, 10 laps 160.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The following drivers were not required by USAC to take either the full rookie test or a refresher test because of the previous racing experience:

Bill Alsup
 Dana Carter
 Dick Ferguson
 Tom Frantz
 Hurley Haywood
 Roger Rager



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1980 SPIN AND WRECK REPORT

May 5, 1980 -- Monday
1. Time: 2:24 p.m.

Tony Bettenhausen in the #32 Vita-Fresh Fruit Juice Eagle/Offy lost control coming off the short chute into the southeast (#2) turn. Describing a half spin, the car slid 240 feet, hit the outside wall with the left rear, then slid 380 feet to the inside. Car suffered extensive damage to left rear. Driver okay.

May 7, 1980 -- Wednesday
2. Time: 3:53 p.m.

Frank Weiss in the #68 Canadian II McLaren/Offy lost control coming through Turn 4 (Northwest), did one complete spin, sliding 540 feet, hit outside retaining wall with the left front, described a half spin off the wall, slid another 150 feet, got slightly airborne, slid 300 feet across the track and stopped against the inside wall. The car was extensively damaged. The driver had to be freed with aid of the Hurst rescue tool and was taken to Methodist Hospital with a fractured left knee and fractured right ankle. He remained conscious throughout.

3. Time: 4:33 p.m.

Sheldon Kinser in the #24 Genesee Beer Wagon Watson/Cosworth lost control coming off Turn 1 (Southwest), slid 540 feet, executed a half-spin, hit the wall with the left rear, slid another 420 feet to the center of the track. Car received moderate damage to left rear. Driver okay.

4. Time: 5:12 p.m.

Rookie Dennis Firestone in the #18 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth got into the edge of the infield grass in Turn 2 (Southeast), did a half spin, hit the wall with the left side, then slid an additional 65 feet. Car extensively damaged. Driver okay.

May 8, 1980 -- Thursday
5. Time: 5:34 p.m.

Gordon Johncock in the #20 North American Van Lines Wildcat/Cosworth lost control coming off the Southwest (#1) corner, did a half spin, hit the wall with the left side, got slightly airborne, slid sideways 80 feet, then slid backwards along the wall for an additional 440 feet. Car was extensively damaged. Driver was taken to Methodist Hospital with slight fracture of the left ankle.

May 9, 1980 -- Friday
6. Time: 2:54 p.m.

Dana Carter in the #19 Scientific Drilling Controls McLaren/Offy lost control off Turn 1 (Southwest), slid sideways 500 feet. Got car gathered in and stopped 350 feet further down the track. No contact. Driver okay.



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1980 SPIN AND WRECK REPORT (Continued)

May 10, 1980 -- Saturday
7. Time: 10:07 a.m.

Tim Richmond in the #21 UNO-Q95 Star Cruiser Penske/Cosworth lost control in Turn 1 (Southwest), spun once, slid 600 feet and hit the wall with the right side, slid another 375 feet and stopped in the middle of the track. Car extensively damaged. Driver okay.

May 11, 1980 -- Sunday
8. Time: 10:37 a.m.

Dana Carter in the #19 Scientific Drilling Controls McLaren/Offy got low in Turn 2 (Southeast), spun once and hit the wall, traveling 420 feet, with the right front striking the concrete, scraped along the wall 180 feet. Car extensively damaged. Driver okay.

May 13, 1980 -- Tuesday
9. Time: 11:53 a.m.

Jan Sneva in the #77 Walmotor Penske/Cosworth lost control and slid 120 feet into the grass in the Southeast (#2) turn. The car slid 100 feet in the grass and made a half spin, traveling another 180 feet and hitting the outside retaining wall with its left side, stopping 140 feet down the track. Car extensively damaged. Driver okay.

May 14, 1980 -- Wednesday
10. Time: 1:51 p.m.

Tom Sneva in the #9 O'Connell Phoenix/Cosworth right front tire lost air in Turn 1 (Southwest), driving car straight into the wall, 420 feet, slid along the wall 230 feet, then slid across the track 600 feet into the grass. Additional 300 foot slide in the grass. Stopped at entrance of No. 2 turn. Car totalled. Driver lacerations on left shin, stitches applied at track hospital.

May 15, 1980 -- Thursday
11. Time: 3:05 p.m.

Phil Caliva in the #47 Alsop McLaren/Offy got high in Turn 3 (Northeast), spun once, slid 570 feet into the wall with right front, coasted another 1,000 feet to the middle of the fourth turn. Car moderate damage to right front. Driver okay.

May 18, 1980 -- Sunday
12. Time: 1:48 p.m.

Rick Muther in the #82 Pacific Coast Racing Penske/Cosworth lost control in Turn 1 (Southwest), spun once 575 feet, no contact. Driver okay.

13. Time: 3:35 p.m.

Howdy Holmes in the #43 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbiter/Cosworth brushed wall on back straightaway, spun once 650 feet to infield apron in Turn 3. Damage to right rear of car. Driver okay.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1980



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Tim Richmond, who learned to fly airplanes at the age of 14, did some ground-bound flying Saturday as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway opened for the 1980 500-Mile Race period, with appropriate ceremonies.

Richmond, after gliding through his 20-lap refresher test (170 mph & up) in the #21 Mach I Racing Enterprises Penske/Cosworth, got up to 185.491 for the day's fastest lap. The 24-year-old Ashland, (OH,) driver was one of the eight to take advantage of brilliant, sunny weather on the first day of practice. All but two were rookies.

The honor of being first out on the track went to 36-year-old Bill Tempero of Fort Collins, Colo., who was ready and waiting when Chief Steward Tom Binford gave the traditional "The track is open for practice" command at 1 p.m. sharp. He took four slow laps and came in but later completed the 20-lap first phase of his driver's test at 160 mph and got in half of his second phase at 170 and up.

The speed limit for the day started at 170 mph. Binford bumped it up to 180 at 2:25 p.m. and lifted it altogether at 3 p.m., much to the delight of a good opening-day crowd concentrated mainly in the Tower Terrace section behind the pits and the first turn.

Just a tick or two behind Richmond was Jerry Sneva, Rookie-of-the-Year in 1977, at 184.767 in the #7 Hugger's Beverage Holder Lola/Cosworth from Sherman Armstrong's AMI stable.

His teammate, Howdy Holmes, the 1979 Rookie-of-the-Year, was the second driver on the track in his #43 Orbitor II/Cosworth from the March factory in England. Holmes encountered some oiling problems which shut down the track briefly. Armstrong said they were caused by a line coming off.

Spike Gehlhausen also got into the 180 bracket with a 182.002 circuit in the #35 Fletcher/Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth.

Frank Weiss completed his refresher test in the #68 Boys Racing Canadian I McLaren/Offy. Dennis Firestone, defending USAC Mini-Indy champion, completed the first phase of his driver's test and got started on the second.

Bill Alsup, who made several valiant attempts to make the 1979 race field but failed, got in some warm-up time in the #41 Alsup Racing Team Penske/Cosworth.

Participating in the traditional track-opening ceremonies, beginning at Noon after the Mayor's Breakfast, were: new IMS President John R. Cooper; Mrs. Mary Hulman, chairman of the board; her daughter Mari Hulman George; Mayor William H. Hudnut III; defending champion Rick Mears; current "defending Rookie" Holmes; "500" Festival Queen Joan Elizabeth Pearson and members of her court; 1950 "500" winner Johnnie Parsons (Sr.) and officials of the Pontiac Division of General Motors, whose Trans-Am Pace Car Parsons will drive on May 25. As of the 6 p.m. closing, 38 cars had arrived at the track and 33 drivers -- just a full starting field -- had passed physical exams.

The 40-lap Hulman Classic Sprint Race at Terre Haute today was won by Eddie Leavitt, with Steve Chassey second, Pancho Carter third, and Sheldon Kinser fourth. Johnny Parsons, Larry Gates and Larry Rice were battling for the lead when they tangled, dropping Parsons and Rice far back. Gates retired from the race shortly afterward.

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True Value... more than just a name, it's our way of doing business in over 5,000 stores in all 50 states. The second day of practice for the 1980 Indianapolis 500-Mile Race had two "fastest travelers" -- an official and an unofficial leader. Officially, the speediest of the sun-baked afternoon was Spike Gehlhausen, who nailed up a 189.235 clocking in an early-afternoon run in the #35 Fletcher Racing/Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth, clocked on the electric eye.

But the unofficial top speed was 190.2, turned in by Tom Bagley in the #70 Patrick Racing Wildcat/Cosworth just before the 6 p.m. closing. Bagley made his run while the electric eye was being used to time rookie tests, but Chief Mechanic George Bignotti got him on the hand watches in the 190 bracket on two laps, and several other clockers confirmed it.

The speeds of Gehlhausen and Bagley were in the general neighborhood that some people are predicting for the front row when qualifying begins Saturday (May 10).

Spike said that he was "just trying to shake everybody up a little." "There's plenty still left in the car," he added.

Third high on the speed parade was Rookie Tim Richmond at 186.916 in the #21 Mach I Racing Enterprises Penske/Cosworth.

Bill Tempero (pronounced like temper-oh, with the accent on the first syllable) got his second consecutive first when he became the initial driver to complete a full 40-lap driver's test. Tempero does all his own engine work on the stock-block 355 Chevy power plant of his Wood Power Systems-Spirit of Colorado Eagle. He is aided by a volunteer crew from his home state with only Chief Mechanic Don Adair on the payroll. On Saturday, Tempero was the first man out onto the track.

Also in the 180 bracket was Jerry Sneva at 182.334 in the #7 Hugger Beverage Holders Lola/Cosworth.

Rookie Herm Johnson in the Menard Racing Lightning/Offy completed the first (160 mph) phase of his driver's test and got in 7 laps of the second (170) phase.

Dennis Firestone, 1979 USAC Mini-Indy champion, completed the first phase of his test in the #18 Rhoades Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth.

Al Unser, a three-time 500 winner, was out for the first time in his new #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth, warming it up and got up to about the 170 mark. Other veterans on the track included Billy Vukovich in the #2 Hubler Chevrolet/WFMS Watson/Offy; Gordon Johncock in the #20 North American Van Lines Patrick Wildcat/Cosworth; Howdy Holmes in the #43 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth; and Larry (Boom Boom) Cannon in the #95 Cannon Racing Wildcat DGS.

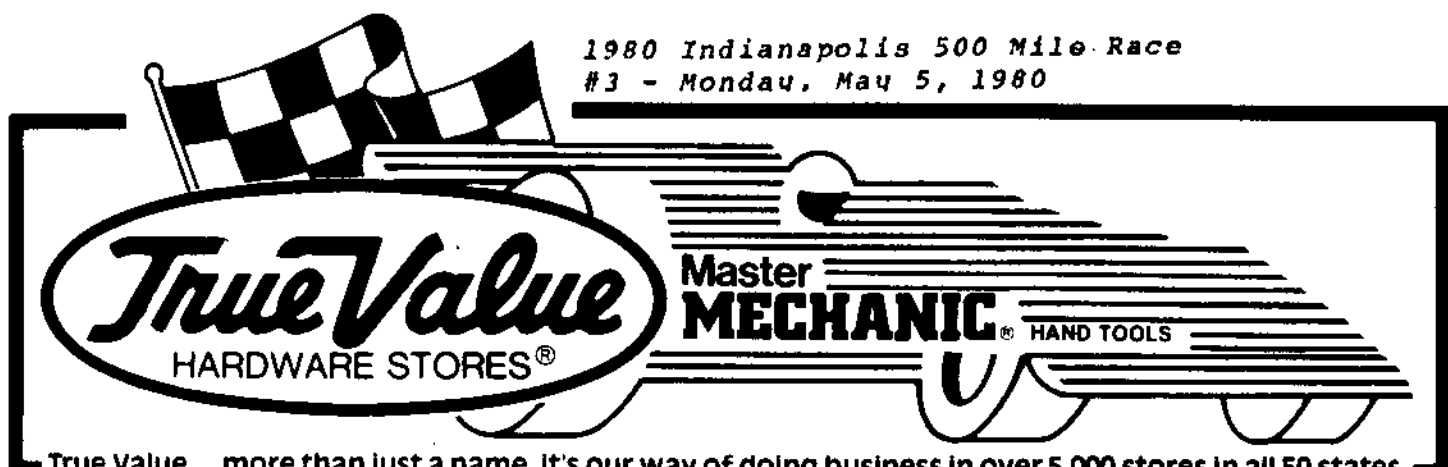
Other rookies on the track were Ron (the Flying Shoe) Shuman in the #78 Stanton Racing Products Penske/Cosworth, Pete Halsmer in the #34 Wysard Motors Wildcat/SGD; Tom Frantz in the #57 Frantz Auto Body McLaren Cosworth; and Bill Alsup in the #41 Alsup Racing Team Penske/Cosworth. At the 6 p.m. closing time, there were 52 cars at the track; 43 drivers had passed physical exams and 34 cars had passed USAC's initial tech inspection. Results of the USAC Sprint race at Terre Haute today were: 1st, Steve Chassey; 2nd, Larry Rice; 3rd, Sheldon Kinser; 4th, Larry Dickson; and 5th, Johnny Parsons. A new practice days procedure pertaining to yellow light periods was in force for the first time. During routine caution periods, such as tow-ins of stranded cars, a revolving light at the head of pit road will inform drivers that they may remain on the track at reduced speeds. In the past, they were required to leave the track.

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1980 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race
#3 - Monday, May 5, 1980



True Value... more than just a name, it's our way of doing business in over 5,000 stores in all 50 states. Tony Lee Bettenhausen, the Citicorp USAC National Championship Rookie-of-the-Year for 1979, earned a less desirable distinction Monday when he became the first driver of the decade to kiss the concrete of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Preparing to start on the first phase of his driver's test in the #32 Vita-Fresh Fruit Juice Eagle/Offy owned by Walter Medlin, the 28-year-old Speedway (Ind.) driver lost control coming off the south short chute into the southeast (#2) turn at 2:24 p.m. Describing a half-spin, the car slid 240 feet before hitting the outside wall with its left rear quarter; then slid 380 feet away from the wall to the inside of the track.

Bettenhausen, who is named after his late father, Tony Bettenhausen, who was killed in a 1961 Speedway practice accident, and 1951 race winner Lee Willard, also deceased, was treated at the infield hospital and released. The car didn't fare that well, suffering extensive damage to its left-rear-

Johnny Rutherford was the day's other big news-maker -- and only meal winner. Driving the "Yellow Submarine", the #4 Pennzoil Chaparral/Cosworth owned by Jim Hall, Rutherford gained speed throughout the day and turned a lap at 192.472 just before the track closed at 6 p.m. That made "J.R." (the Fort Worth nice guy, not the dastardly Dallas Villain) the first driver of the eighties to get into the 190's.

That gave him a bulge of just about 3 miles an hour over the next fastest traveler of the 1980 practice period, Spike Gehlhausen, who turned a 189.314 today in his #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth. It also won him a pair of free dinners at the Classic Motel, which is sponsoring this year's fastest-lap-of-the-day giveaway.

Rutherford and Gehlhausen had been trading the fast speed honors back and forth during the day but Johnny's late run left the pack behind "in the dust" just about as much as he had in the Championship Racing League opener at Ontario, Cal., when he out-qualified everyone by 3 mph and won the race with ease.

The run also reinforced the favorite's role into which J.R. has been cast by almost everyone with any knowledge of the racing business.

Another speed runner today was little Howdy Holmes, whose stature makes him look like he should be at the Kentucky Derby aboard a horse instead of at Indianapolis aboard horsepower. In his "backup" #45 Armstrong Mould Bola/Cosworth, Holmes got up to 187.305 mph. Tim Richmond, who aspires to succeed Holmes as the Speedway Rookie-of-the-Year, continued his fine progress, turning a best lap of 186.528 today.

Rookie Bill Alsup also had reason for smiles after running 181.305 in the #41 Alsup Racing Team Penske/Cosworth; as did Pancho Carter, who hit 181.050 in the #10 Alex XLNT Foods Lightning/Cosworth. Three USAC Mini-Indy graduates completed tests. Dennis Firestone finished his second phase, got the needed okay and then ran 180.325 in the #18 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth. Herm Johnson also finished and got an okay in the #28 Cliff Menard Racing Lightning/Offy. And Phil Caliva finished his refresher in the #47 Alsup Racing McLaren/Offy. Former winners on the track today besides Rutherford were Al Unser, who got 180.3 out of the #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth, and Bobby Unser, shaking down the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth. There were 24 cars on the track.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#4 - TUESDAY, MAY 6, 1980



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Johnny Rutherford continued to lead the speed parade but two former 500-Mile Race winners zoomed within fairly close range of his "Yellow Submarine" on their first day on the track and a darkhorse challenger continued to be impressive, as a busy day saw 34 cars take to the track.

Lone Star J.R. had the top speed of 191.449 on another ideal day that brought a fine turnout of fans at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He was driving the #4 Pennzoil Chaparral/Cosworth from Jim Hall's stable.

But defending champion Rick Mears and 1969 winner and 1978 World Grand Prix Champion Mario Andretti both zoomed to within challenging range of Rutherford, on the same day they made their 1980 track debuts.

Mears got 189.713 out of the #1 Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth and Andretti, his teammate, hit 188.600 in the #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth. Sandwiched between them on the totem pole of speed was surprising Spike Gehlhausen at 188.758 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth.

Tom Bagley, who earlier in the practice period had a 190.2 on hand-held watches, checked in with 187.343 on the electric eye today. He was driving the #70 Patrick Racing Wildcat/Cosworth.

There was a drop-off from there to 184.351, the speed posted by Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr. in the #10 Alex XLNT Foods Penske/Cosworth. His half-brother, Johnny Parsons, was just a tick behind at 183.599 in the #15 Hopkins Lightning/Cosworth. Another former winner, three-time victor Al Unser, got to 183.083, his top so far, in the #5 Longhorn Racing Longhorn/Cosworth.

Brother Bobby Unser, still another former winner (1968-75), joined Al in that bracket with a 183.083 clocking just before blowing an engine in his #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth.

Grouped in the 182 bracket were Danny Ongais, on his first day on the track, at 182.482 in the #25 Interscope Panasonic Penske/Cosworth; Rookie Dennis Firestone, 182.408 in the #18 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth; Howdy Holmes, 182.334 in the #43 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth, and 1973 winner Gordon Johncock, at 182.297 in the #20 North American Van Lines Wildcat/Cosworth.

A record seven former winners were on the track during the day, the final one being A.J. Foyt, who "shook down" his #14 Gilmore Racing Parnelli/Cosworth at a top speed of about 175. Foyt got a big cheer from his fans when he went out on the track at 3:24 p.m. One fan was heard to shout, "Let's get Number Five this year, A.J."

Others above the 180 mark were Rookie Dick Ferguson, 181.087 in the #26 Aero Electronics Penske/Cosworth; Rookie Bill Alsup, 180.361 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth, and Janet Guthrie, 180.361 in the #55 Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth.

Rick Muther finished a refresher test and got an okay in the #82 Pacific Coast Racing Team Penske/Cosworth. Greg Leffler finished the first phase of a driver's test and got in seven good laps of his second phase.

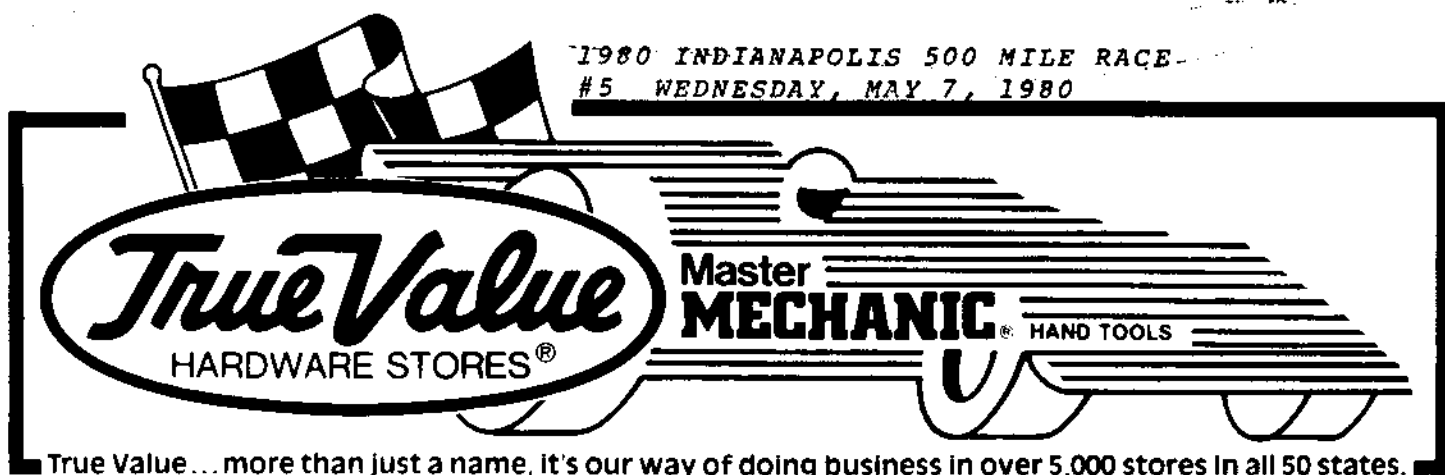
At the 6 p.m. closing time, there were 59 cars at the track, 48 had passed initial technical inspection; 58 drivers had passed physical exams and 39 different drivers had been on the track. Al Unser did some consultation driving for Ron Shuman in the #78 Stanton Penske/Cosworth.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#5 WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1980



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It was wall-smackers day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with two rookies, Frank Weiss and Dennis Firestone, and one veteran, Sheldon Kinser, all testing the concrete on a day with gusty winds.

Weiss, a 35-year-old Canadian who now makes his home in Indianapolis, was the only one of the three hurt. He was taken to Methodist Hospital with a fractured left knee and fractured right ankle after crashing at 3:53 p.m. in the #68 Canadian II McLaren/Offy. Observers reported that he was low coming through Turn 4 (Northwest) when he lost control, did one complete spin, sliding 540 feet, hit the outside retaining wall with the left front, described a half-spin off the wall, sliding another 150 feet, got slightly airborne, slid 300 feet across the track and stopped against the inside wall.

The Hurst rescue tool was used to get Weiss out of the car. He was taken to the infield hospital and then flown by helicopter to Methodist, where he was reported doing well. There was extensive damage to what had been a beautiful black-and-gold race car. Weiss had been timed at 176.5 mph just before the crash.

Kinser, a 37-year-old Bloomington (Ind.) driver who won the USAC Sprint championship in 1977, escaped injury in a 4:33 p.m. crash in the first turn and south short chute. Observers said he lost control of the #24 Genesee Beer Wagon coming out of the #1 (Southwest turn), slid 540 feet, executed a half-spin, hit the wall with the left rear, slid an additional 420 feet to the center of the track and stopped. Kinser was checked at the infield hospital and released. The car had moderate damage to the left rear quarter.

Firestone, 35-year-old Los Angeles driver who was USAC Mini-Indy champion in 1979, had his trouble in Turn #2 (Southeast) at 5:12 p.m. Observers said he got into the edge of the infield grass there, lost control, did one-half spin and hit the wall with the left side, bounced off and slid an additional 65 feet, stopping in mid-track. Firestone was checked at the infield hospital and released. The car, the #18 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth, was damaged extensively.

Johnny Rutherford turned in the second-fastest speed of the practice period so far -- in his second car. Lone Star J.R. got 191.489 out of the Chaparral/Cosworth that carries 4T on its side but is listed as #49 in the program. The crew plans to run it only if Rutherford should experience trouble with his #4 Pennzoil car. Joining him in the "190 Club" was 1968-75 winner Bobby Unser with 190.034 in the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth. Tom Bagley, who had been time? unofficially on a previous day at 190, got an electric-eye time of 189.314 today in the #70 Patrick Racing Wildcat/Cosworth. Rookie Tim Richmond continued to rank head-and-shoulders above the rest of the first-year class in the #21 UMO-095 Starcruiser, which has picked up sponsorship, with a lap at 188.482. Mario Andretti, the 1969 winner and 1978 World Grand Prix champion, got 187.852 in the #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth and Howdy Holmes also was in that neighborhood at 187.539 in the #43 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth.

Other speeds included: Pancho Carter, 185.147; Rick Mears, 185.109; Danny Ongais, 184.843; Gordon Johncock, 184.762; Al Unser, 183.337; Janet Guthrie, 183.113; Jerry Sneva, 181.745; Dick Ferguson, 181.561. Greg Leffler finished his driver's test and got an okay. Pete Halsmer completed the 160 phase. There were 39 cars on the track today. At closing time there were 62 cars at the track, 48 passed initial tech inspection, and 58 drivers completed physicals.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#6 - THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1980



True Value... more than just a name, it's our way of doing business in over 5,000 stores in all 50 states. Gordon Johncock, 1973 Indianapolis 500 winner, and Mario Andretti, the 1969 champion, made the major news at the Speedway today -- in opposite directions.

Johncock suffered an apparent fracture of the left ankle when his #20 North American Van Lines Wildcat/Cosworth hit the wall coming out of Turn #1 at 5:34 p.m. and shut down the track for the day. After just turning a lap at 186.877, Johncock lost control coming out of the Southwest corner, did a half-spin, hit the wall with the left side, got slightly airborne, slid sideways 80 feet and then slid backwards along the wall for an additional 440 feet. Johncock was taken to the infield hospital with an air cast on his left leg and then transferred to Methodist Hospital. The car was damaged extensively. Johncock had an earlier lap in the same car at 187.1.

Andretti, who started dead last in the 1978 500-Mile Race and missed last year's speed classic entirely, stamped himself as a good bet for a front-row spot this year with a 190.880 lap in his beautiful silver-blue-and-red #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth.

That put him within striking distance of the odds-on favorite for the pole, Johnny Rutherford, who was the fastest runner of the day for the fourth consecutive time with a speed of 191.898 in his primary #4 Pennzoil Chaparral Cosworth.

There was a wide grin on the face of the popular little Italian who won the 1969 500 and who gained the World Grand Prix championship in 1978. Since that time, his luck has been exceedingly sour. He missed Indianapolis for the first time since his rookie year of 1965 when a conflict with the GP schedule kept him from running here. In 1978, he had been forced to start at the back of the pack because "designated qualifier" Mike Hiss put the car in the race for him. Andretti placed 12th in that one, after making an early surge which was negated by a bad pit stop.

Mario's teammate, Bobby Unser also looks like a good front-row bet after turning in a 189.155 clocking today in the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth.

A.J. Foyt moved out of his #14 Parnelli/Foyt and got 187.071 out of his "backup" #14T (#16 in the program) Parnelli/Cosworth. The 186 bracket was well-populated, with track record holder Tom Sneva getting to 186.838 in his #9 O'Connell Phoenix/Cosworth; Pancho Carter hitting 186.645 in the #10 Alex XLNT Foods Penske/Cosworth; Tom Bagley getting 186.335 out of the #70 Patrick Racing Wildcat/Cosworth, and Danny Ongais up to 186.104 in the #25 Interscope Panasonic Penske/Cosworth. Rick Mears, defending champion, hit 185.5 in his #1 Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth. Janet Guthrie also had reason for happiness as she reached 184.665 in the #55 Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth. Three-time winner Al Unser, who has been struggling upward, reached 184.124 in the #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth.

At least three stock-block-engine cars look like they probably are capable of making the race. Jerry Karl got to 183.225 today in his #38 Tonco Trailer McLaren/Chevy, joining Roger Rager, who had run 183.337 in his #66 Advance Clean Sweep Wildcat/Chevy and Mike Mosley, who had hit 182.405 in the #48 Theodore Racing Eagle/Chevy.

Billy Engelhart passed his refresher test and quickly got in a 180.259 lap in his #29 Beaudoin Racing Enterprises McLaren/Cosworth. Don Whittington passed his refresher test in the #96 Sun System Penske/Cosworth and Pete Halsmer finished his driver's test in the #34 Wysard Motors Wildcat/DGS and got approval. There were 36 cars on the track today.



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With barely a half-hour of practice time left in the final day before qualifying, Tim Richmond stamped himself as a legitimate candidate to be the first freshman to win the Indianapolis 500 Pole since 1950.

Richmond sizzled the Speedway at 193.507 miles per hour in the UNO-Q95 Star-cruiser to post the fastest practice speed of the 1980 practice period so far.

Not since Walt Faulkner experienced a stuck throttle and took advantage of it to win the Pole 30 years ago has a rookie started in the No. 1 spot in a 500. Faulkner's speed in a Grant Piston Special, owned by J.C. Agajanian, was 134.343. But the handsome, mustachioed 24-year-old resident of Ashland, Oh. looks like he has a definite chance at the brass ring after topping the day's -- and the month's -- previous top speed of 193.009 which had been posted earlier in the day by Johnny Rutherford.

That speed posed a mighty weighty decision for Lone Star J.R. and the Pennzoil Chaparral team of Jim Hall because it was done in what is supposed to be Rutherford's backup machine, the #4T Cosworth-powered machine which is listed in the program as #49. His best yesterday in his primary #4, also a Chaparral/Cosworth, was 190.355. He had run earlier in the week in that car at 192.472.

The team was huddled in the garage poring over the problem as time drew near for the numbers to be drawn which will determine the qualifying order for Saturday.

A.J. Foyt, the only four-time winner of the 500, made it clear that he isn't willing to concede the pole to anyone, when he got up to 192.555 in his #14 Parnelli/Cosworth. And Spike Gehlhausen continued to show he is a front-row contender with a 191.939 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth.

Roger Penske had reason for smiles as all three cars on his team were running in the 190 bracket during the day. Defending 500 champion Rick Mears got 191.737 out of his Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth. Mario Andretti, the 1969 winner, was close behind at 191.652 in the #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth, and Bobby Unser was at 190.476 in the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth. Sandwiched between Andretti and Bobby was Danny Ongais, who found much-needed speed and reached 190.921 in the #25 Interscope Panasonic Penske/Cosworth.

There were 47 cars on the track in the busiest day of practice so far, with much of the top speed including Richmond's and Foyt's coming in the final "happy hour." Also moving up strong was three-time winner Al Unser, who got 188.125 out of the #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth. Tom Sneva, no stranger to the pole himself, was at 187.539 in the #9 O'Connell/Phoenix/Cosworth. And, 52-year-old Jim McElreath, who was the oldest man ever to run in the 500 last year, got to 187.149 in only his second day of work with the #23 McElreath Eagle/Offy.

The qualifying draw, made at 6:30 p.m. today after the track closed:

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|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. #24 Kinser | 13. #19 D. Carter | 25. #79 Saldana | 37. #46 G. Bettenhausen |
| 2. # 1 Mears | 14. #35 Gehlhausen | 26. #41 Alsup R | 38. #70 No Driver |
| 3. #69 Saldana | 15. #55 Guthrie | 27. #12 Andretti | 39. #76 Walther |
| 4. # 3 Bigelow | 16. #10TP. Carter | 28. #45 No Driver | 40. #49 Rutherford |
| 5. # 8 Simon | 17. #14 Foyt (Foyt) | 29. #23 McElreath | 41. #99 Haywood R |
| 6. #29 Engelhart R | 18. #96 D. Whit'on R | 30. #15 Parsons | 42. #11 B. Unser |
| 7. #43 Holmes | 19. # 5 A. Unser | 31. #40 Bagley | 43. #14TFoyt (Cosworth) |
| 8. # 4 Rutherford | 20. #95 Cannon | 32. #94 B. Whit'on R | 44. #44 Leffler R |
| 9. #26 Ferguson | 21. #34 Halsmer R | 33. #82 Muther | 45. #10 P. Carter |
| 10. #38 Karl | 22. #47 Caliva | 34. #20 Johncock | 46. #66 Rager R |
| 11. #455 | 23. # 2 I. Sneva | 35. #11 | 47. #1 |
| 12. #25 | 24. # 2 Vukovich | 36. # 7 J. Sneva | 48. #28 |
| | | | 49. #81 Loquasto |

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Ladies and gentlemen of the news media:

Welcome to qualifications for the 64th Indianapolis 500-Mile Race. Through courtesy of True Value Hardware Stores 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.

At 10:30 a.m., the temperature was 66 degrees and the wind was blowing from the south at 12-22 miles per hour. Forecast is for increasing cloudiness this afternoon, with a maximum temperature of 73 degrees and a 30 per cent chance of late-afternoon showers.

PRACTICE PERIOD (9 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.)

- 9:00 a.m. -- GREEN - Track Open for Practice.
- 9:06 a.m. -- YELLOW (flag waving) - Tow-In for #92 (John Mahler).
- 9:11 a.m. -- GREEN
- 9:17 a.m. -- YELLOW - Car #55 (Janet Guthrie) lost left front wheel exiting Turn-2 (SE). No Spin. No contact. Driver OK.
- 9:25 a.m. -- GREEN
- 9:36 a.m. -- YELLOW - Hose clamp lying in groove.
- 9:39 a.m. -- GREEN
- 10:07 a.m. -- YELLOW. Car #21 (Tim Richmond) lost control in Turn-1 (SW) spun once, slid 600 feet and hit wall with right side of car, slid another 375 feet and stopped in mid-track. Moderate damage to car. Driver checked at infield hospital and released, uninjured. (Richmond was timed previous lap at 190.358 mph.)
- 10:27 a.m. -- Open for running under YELLOW (flag waving)
- 10:30 a.m. -- GREEN
- 10:32 a.m. -- YELLOW - End of practice period

Top Unofficial Practice Times TODAY on electric eye.

191.245 - #12 Andretti	188.245 - # 9 T. Sneva
190.961 - #14 Foyt	188.009 - #10 P. Carter
190.355 - #21 Richmond	187.696 - #15 Parsons
189.235 - #11 B. Unser	187.032 - #49 (4T) Rutherford

QUALIFYING:

11:05 a.m. -- #1 RICK MEARS, 28, Bakersfield, CA. '79 winner
Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth

QA - 1	1 -- 48.45 -- 185.759	<u>Q - 1</u>
	2 -- 48.13 -- 186.994	
	3 -- 47.77 -- 188.403	
	4 -- 47.66 -- 188.838	
	T -- 3:12.01 - 187.490	



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11:12 a.m. -- #69 JOE SALDANA, 35, Brownsburg, IN
Hoffman Auto Racing Penske/Cosworth

Took 3 warmup laps, came in without taking green

11:17 a.m. -- # 3 TOM BIGELOW, 40, Whitewater, Wis.
Armstrong Mould Inc. Orbitor/Cosworth

Took 3 warmup laps, came in without taking green

11:24 a.m. -- # 8 DICK SIMON, 46, San Juan Capistrano, CA.
Silhouette Health Spas/Regal 8 Inns Vollstedt/Offy

Took 3 warmup laps, came in without taking green

11:29 a.m. -- #43 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, MI.
Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth

QA - 2	1 -- 50.71 -- 177.480	UA - 1
	2 -- 48.78 -- 184.502	
	3 -- 48.83 -- 183.936	
	4 -- YELLOW BY CREW	

11:37 a.m. -- #26 DICK FERGUSON, 30, Los Angeles, CA. - ROOKIE
Aero Electronics Penske/Cosworth

QA - 3	1 -- 49.11 -- 183.262	Q - 2
	2 -- 49.32 -- 182.482 (Tapped Wall in North Short Chute)	
	3 -- 49.17 -- 183.038	
	4 -- 49.25 -- 182.741	
	T -- 3:16.85 - 182.880	

11:48 a.m. -- #38 JERRY KARL, 39, Manchester, PA.
Tonco Trailer McLaren/Chevy SB

Took 3 warmup laps, came in without taking green

11:50 a.m. -- #25 DANNY ONGAIS, 37, Costa Mesa, CA.
Interscope Panasonic Farnelli/Cosworth

Took 2 warmup laps, blew engine, came in

11:59 a.m. -- #35 SPIKE GEHLHAUSEN, 25, Speedway, IN
Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth

QA - 4	1 -- 47.65 -- 188.877	Q - 3
	2 -- 47.34 -- 190.114	
	3 -- 47.78 -- 188.363	
	4 -- 48.37 -- 186.066	
	T -- 3:11.14 - 188.344	

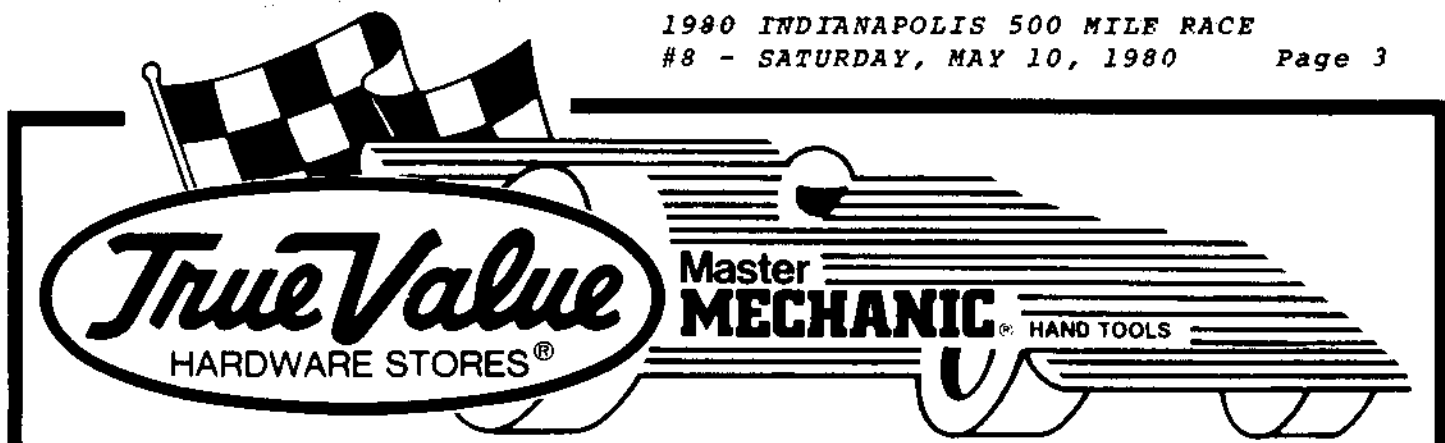
#55 JANET GUTHRIE, 42, Miami, FL.
Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth

QA - 5	1 -- 48.89 -- 184.087	UA - 2
	2 -- 48.73 -- 184.691	
	3 -- 48.88 -- 184.124	
	4 -- YELLOW BY CREW	



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12:19 p.m. -- #5 AL UNSER, 40, Albuquerque, NM - 1970-71-78 winner
Dairy Queen Longhorn Racing Longhorn/Cosworth

QA - 6	1 -- 48.13 -- 186.994	<u>Q - 4</u>
	2 -- 48.20 -- 186.722	
	3 -- 48.36 -- 186.104	
	4 -- 48.40 -- 185.950	
	<u>T -- 3:13.09 - 186.442</u>	

12:28 p.m. -- #95 LARRY CANNON, 43, Danville, IL.
Cannon Racing Wildcat/DGS

QA - 7	1 -- 48.74 -- 184.653	<u>Q - 5</u>
	2 -- 49.14 -- 183.150	
	3 -- 49.11 -- 183.262	
	4 -- 49.46 -- 181.965	
	<u>T -- 3:18.45 - 183.252</u>	

12:38 p.m. -- #9 TOM SNEVA, 31, Spokane, Wash.
O'Connell Racing Phoenix/Cosworth

QA - 8	1 -- 48.21 -- 186.683	<u>Q - 6</u>
	2 -- 48.37 -- 186.066	
	3 -- 48.86 -- 184.200	
	4 -- 48.85 -- 184.237	
	<u>T -- 3:14.29 - 185.790</u>	

12:45 p.m. -- #12 MARIO ANDRETTI, 40, Nazareth, PA - '69 winner
Essex Penske/Cosworth

QA - 9	1 -- 46.93 -- 191.775	<u>Q - 7</u>
	2 -- 47.17 -- 190.799	
	3 -- 47.23 -- 190.557	
	4 -- 47.14 -- 190.921	
	<u>T -- 3:08.47 -- 191.012</u>	

12:53 p.m. -- #23 JIM MCELREATH, 52, Arlington, TX
McElreath Racing Penske/Cosworth

QA - 10	1 -- 47.99 -- 187.539	<u>Q - 8</u>
	2 -- 48.14 -- 186.955	
	3 -- 48.47 -- 185.682	
	4 -- 48.69 -- 184.843	
	<u>T -- 3:13.29 - 186.249</u>	

1:03 p.m. -- #15 JOHNNY PARSONS, 35, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
Hopkins Lightning /Cosworth

Was warming up when YELLOW was turned on for rain.
Track closed temporarily



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1:19 p.m. -- #15 JOHNNY PARSONS, 35, Indianapolis, IN Q - 9
 Hopkins Lightning/Cosworth

QA - 11
 1 -- 47.90 -- 187.891
 2 -- 48.03 -- 187.383
 3 -- 48.14 -- 186.955
 4 -- 48.02 -- 187.422
 T -- 3:12.09 - 187.412

1:25 p.m. -- #82 RICK MUTHER, 44, South Laguna, CA
 Pacific Coast Racing Penske/Cosworth

Took 3 warmup laps, came in

1:40 p.m. -- #20 TOM BAGLEY, 40, Centre Hall, PA.
 North American Van Lines Wildcat/Cosworth

QA - 12 Q - 10
 1 -- 48.50 -- 185.567
 2 -- 48.45 -- 185.759
 3 -- 48.51 -- 185.529
 4 -- 48.71 -- 184.767
 T -- 3:14.17 - 185.405

1:53 p.m. -- #7 JERRY SNEVA, 30, Spokane, WA. Q - 11
 Hugger Beverage Holder Lola/Cosworth

QA - 13
 1 -- 47.57 -- 189.195
 2 -- 47.69 -- 188.719
 3 -- 47.96 -- 187.656
 4 -- 48.42 -- 185.874
 T - 3:11.64 -- 187.852

#76 SALT WALTHER, 32, Beverly Hills, CA
 Walmotor Penske/Cosworth

Took warmup laps and came in

2:08 p.m. -- #4 JOHNNY WITHERFORD, 42, Fort Worth, TX.
 Pennzoil Chaparral Chaparral/Cosworth

QA - 14 Q - 12
 1 -- 46.80 -- 192.308
 2 -- 46.82 -- 192.226
 3 -- 46.73 -- 192.596
 4 -- 46.90 -- 191.898
 T -- 3:07.25 - 192.256

2:16 p.m. -- #11 BOBBY UNSER, 46, Albuquerque, NM
 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth

QA - 15 Q - 13
 1 -- 47.15 -- 190.880
 2 -- 47.38 -- 189.954
 3 -- 47.39 -- 189.913
 4 -- 47.56 -- 189.235
 T -- 3:09.48 - 189.994

2:24 p.m. -- #14 A. J. FOYT, 45, Houston, TX.
 Gilmore Racing Team Parnelli/Foyt

Took 2 warmup laps, came in.



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2:30 p.m. -- #76 SALT WALTHER, 32, Beverly Hills, CA (Correct entry previous sheet, Foyt did take green, but did come in after one lap.) UA - 3
Walmotor Penske/Cosworth
Took 3 warmup laps, came in

2:36 p.m. -- #10 PANTO CARTER, 29, Brownsburg, IN
Alex XLNT Foods Penske/Cosworth

QA - 17
1 -- 48.21 -- 186.683 Q - 14
2 -- 48.27 -- 186.451
3 -- 48.34 -- 186.181
4 -- 48.23 -- 186.606
T -- 3:13.05 - 186.480

CORRECTION: ENGINE ON JOHNNY PARSONS #15 SHOULD BE OFFY. LIGHTNING CHASSIS IS CORRECT.

2:42 p.m. -- #66 ROGER RAGER, 31, Mound, MN. ROOKIE
Advance Clean Sweep Wildcat/Chevy SB

QA - 18
1 -- 47.91 -- 187.852 Q - 15
2 -- 48.35 -- 186.143
3 -- 48.30 -- 186.335
4 -- 48.60 -- 185.185
T -- 3:13.16 - 186.374

FIELD AVERAGE: 187.082

2:52 p.m. -- #69 JOE SALDANA, 35, Brownsburg, IN
Hoffman Auto Racing Penske/Cosworth

QA - 19
1 - 48.90 -- 184.049 UA - 4
2 - 49.08 -- 183.374
3 - 49.18 -- 183.001
4 YELLOW BY CREW

3:00 p.m. -- #8 DICK SIMON, 46, San Juan Capistrano, CA
Silhouette Health Spas/Regal 8 Inns Vollstedt/Offy

QA - 20
1 -- 48.89 -- 184.087 UA - 5
2 -- 48.82 -- 184.351
3 -- YELLOW BY CREW

3:18 p.m. -- #94 DON WHITTINGTON, 34, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
Sun Systems Penske/Cosworth

Took 3 warmup laps, came in

3:29 Track Open for Practice.

3:37 Yellow Light #92 Mahler spraying fluid on track.

3:50 p.m. -- #45 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Armstrong Mould Lola/Cosworth

QA - 21
1 -- 50.33 -- 178.920 UA - 6
2 -- 50.42 -- 178.501
3 -- Came In

3:54 Track Open for Practice.



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4:14 p.m. -#14 A. J. FOYT, 45, Houston, TX '61, '64, '67, '77 winner

Gilmore Racing Team Parnelli/Cosworth

1 -- 48.19 -- 186.761 2nd ATTEMPT
2 -- YELLOW RAIN ATTEMPT DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST HIM

NOTE: Arrangements have been made between Mach I Racing and Roger Penske for acquiring a new PC-7 tub, identical to the one which was crashed by driver Tim Richmond during Saturday morning's practice session. The new tub is expected to arrive by truck to the Speedway from Reading, PA. sometime late Sunday afternoon. Mach I Crew Chief John Barnes expects to have Richmond and his UNO-Q95 Starcruiser back on the track by midweek.

4:33 p.m. -- A sudden hailstorm hit the track lasting about two minutes.

5:59 p.m. -#14 A. J. FOYT, 45, Houston, TX '61, '64, '67, '77 winner

Gilmore Racing Team Parnelli/Cosworth

QA - 22(A) 1 -- 48.16 -- 186.877 2nd ATTEMPT Q - 16
2 -- 48.53 -- 185.452
3 -- 48.55 -- 185.376
4 -- 48.83 -- 184.313
T -- 2:14.07 - 185.500



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			<u>ROW 1</u>		
1	4	Johnny Rutherford	Chaparral/Cosworth	3:07.25	192.256
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			<u>ROW 2</u>		
4	35	Spike Gehlhausen	Penske/Cosworth	3:11.14	188.344
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			<u>ROW 3</u>		
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12	14	A.J. Foyt	Parnelli/Cosworth	3:14.07	185.500
			<u>ROW 5</u>		
13	20	Tom Bagley	Wildcat/Cosworth	3:14.17	185.405
14	9	Tom Sneva	Phoenix/Cosworth	3:14.29	185.290
15	95	Larry Cannon	Wildcat/SGD	3:16.45	183.252
			<u>ROW 6</u>		
16	26	Dick Ferguson (R)	Penske/Cosworth	3:16.85	182.880

Field Average 186.983 for 16 cars.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#9 MAY 11, 1980 SUNDAY



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

The only serious incident of the practice period involved Dana Carter, a rookie, driving the #19 Scientific Drilling Controls. Observers said he got low in Turn-2 (SE), spun once and hit the wall, traveling 420 feet, with the right front striking the concrete, scraped along the wall 180 feet. Extensive damage to right side of car. Carter was checked at the infield hospital and released.

Unofficial practice speeds: #25 (Danny Ongais) - 188-plus
#40T (Gordon Johncock) - 185-plus
#15T (Hurley Haywood) - 184-plus
#81 (Al Loquasto) - 171-plus

16 cars on track during practice.

12:05 p.m. -- #25 DANNY ONGAIS, 37, Costa Mesa, CA.
Interscope Panasonic Parnelli/Cosworth

QA - 23	1 -- 47.93 -- 187.774	<u>Q - 17</u>
	2 -- 48.18 -- 186.800	
	3 -- 48.28 -- 186.413	
	4 -- 48.53 -- 185.452	
	T -- 3:12.92 - 186.606	

Field Average for 17 cars 186.960

Track open for practice 12:12 p.m.

12:32 p.m. track open for Qualifications.

12:42 p.m. -- #15T HURLEY HAYWOOD, 32, Jacksonville, FL.
Hopkins Lightning/Chevy

QA - 24	1 -- 48.43 -- 185.835	ROOKIE	<u>UA - 7</u>
	2 -- 48.56 -- 185.338		
	3 -- 49.07 -- 183.411		
	4 -- <u>YELLOW BY CREW</u>		

Track open for practice or qualifications 12:43.

CLARIFICATION: Charles E. LaRoe, Patrick Petroleum Company representative, would like the news media to know the full story of why driver Tom Bagley declined to have his official qualifying picture taken Saturday in the #20 car. LaRoe explained that Bagley was not upset with his speed when he pulled into the photo area. The reason was that his car on the Patrick team is sponsored by North American Van Lines. The drivers had switched cars because the team did not feel that Johncock, who suffered a fractured ankle in a crash Thursday, was yet ready to qualify. So, the team wanted to wait for the official picture-taking until there is time to switch paint jobs on #20 from Johncock's blue-white and red to the blue and yellow utilized by Kent Oil. LaRoe also said that Chief Mechanic George Bignotti will file a request to change the number on the car qualified by Bagley from #20 to #40, allowing Johncock to retain the #20 he campaigned at Indianapolis from 1973 to 1978.



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1:45 p.m. -- #40 GORDON JOHNCOCK, 43, Coldwater, Michigan '73 winner
Kent Oil Penske/Cosworth

QA - 25	1 -- 48.28 -- 186.413	<u>Q - 18</u>
	2 -- 48.32 -- 186.258	
	3 -- 48.38 -- 186.027	
	4 -- 48.49 -- 185.605	
	T--3:13.47 -- 186.075	

1:49 p.m. -- Track open for practice or qualifications.

UPDATE AND RE-CLARIFICATION OF PREVIOUS CLARIFICATION AT BOTTOM OF PRECEDING SHEET:

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4:58 p.m. -- Track open for qualifications.

5:00 p.m. -- #96 DON WHITTINGTON, 34, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
Sun Systems Penske/Cosworth

QA - 26	1 -- 48.71 -- 184.767	ROOKIE	<u>Q - 19</u>
	2 -- 48.85 -- 184.237		
	3 -- 49.25 -- 182.741		
	4 -- 48.92 -- 183.974		
	T-3:15.73 -- 183.927		

5:09 p.m. -- #43 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, MI.
Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth

QA - 27	1 -- 48.74 -- 184.653	2nd ATTEMPT	<u>UA - 8</u>
	2 Came In		

5:12 p.m. -- Track open for practice.

#43 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, MI.
Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth

Warmed up and came in. No attempt.

5:37 p.m. -- Track open for practice.

#92 JOHN MAHLER, 43, Newport Beach, CA.
Intercomp Racing Penske/Offy

Took 3 warmup laps and came in.

#69 JOE SALDANA, 35,
Brownsburg, IN
Warmed up but did not take green. No attempt.



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<u>ROW 7</u>					
19	96	Don Whittington (R)	Penske/Cosworth	3:15.73	183.927

Field Average for 19 cars 186.752



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#10 - MONDAY, MAY 12, 1980



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Four of the six cars starting in the first two rows of the 64th annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race were on the track for post-qualifying test runs Monday during the brief 2 hours and 34 minutes the track was open between drying from a morning thundershower and getting wet down again by afternoon rains.

Bobby Unser, who will be starting on the outside of the front row for the fifth time in his career and in a front-rank spot for a record eighth time, got in a 191.002 lap in the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth.

His teammate, Mario Andretti, who will start in the middle of the front row, got 188.719 in the #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth, and the third member of the team, defending champion Rick Mears, who will start outside the second wave, hit 187.539 in the #1 Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth.

Spike Gehlhausen, the Hoosier hot-shot who surprised a lot of people by qualifying for the inside of Row 2, was sandwiched between Bobby U. and Mario at 188.838 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth.

There were only eight cars on the track during the day. The other four all were non-qualified machines. Bill Whittington, who will attempt to join his brother John in the starting field, completed a refresher test and got the official okay from USAC. He was driving the #94 Sun System Parnelli/Cosworth. Also out for practice were rookies Rich Vogler in the #50 B.M.F. Enterprises Ltd. Antares/Offy, and Ron Shuman in the #78 Racing Products Penske/Cosworth, and veteran Joe Saldana, in #69 Hoffman Penske/Cos.

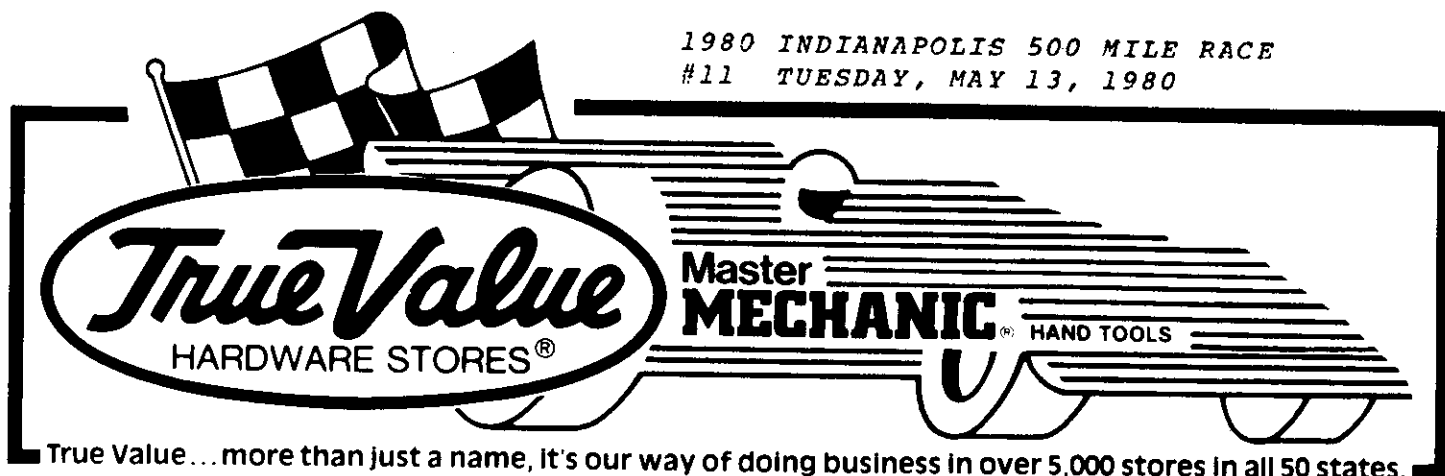
The track opened an hour and 11 minutes late at 12:11 p.m. and was shut down again about 2:45 p.m. when the rains fell as rookie Roger Mears, brother of Rick, was being taken around the track under the yellow in a pace car in a familiarization run. The rains kept falling and when it became obvious there was not sufficient time for the track to dry, Chief Steward Tom Binford shut it down for the day at 3:55 p.m.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE
#11 TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1980



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It was a "good news, bad news" day for rookie tests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today.

With the deadline for the end of such tests -- 6 p.m. Wednesday -- drawing near there was understandable anxiety to get the required test lap at 160 and 170 miles an hour out of the way.

The good news came from Gordon Smiley, Rich Vogler and Ron Shuman, all of whom completed rookie driver's tests and got the okay from veteran drivers.

The bad news was from Jan Sneva, third of the Spokane (Wash.) brothers. Jan crunched the #77 Walmotor Penske/Cosworth to the extent that no attempt will be made to fix it in time for qualification.

Sneva lost control and slid 120 feet into the grass on the southeast (#2) turn. The car slid 100 feet in the grass and made a half-spin, traveling another 180 feet and struck the outside retaining wall with its left side, then stopped 140 feet farther down the track, with severe damage to its left side.

Smiley's was probably the outstanding job of the day and ranked with the best of the month for rookie. Driving the Patrick team's Phoenix/Cosworth which will be run as #70, Smiley zipped through the entire 40 laps in his first day out on the track. A road-racing graduate, Smiley is a four-time champion in the SCCA ranks and has been a professional driver for six years. He was the only American besides Mario Andretti to compete in Formula I racing in 1979. He won the Aurora Championship race last Oct. 7. Smiley has an unusual explanation of how he obtained cars. "I just walked up to people cold in bars, asking for rides," he said, "I worked at it 30 days before I could get my first race."

Vogler, USAC's 1978 National Midget champion and a leading contender in USAC Sprints this year, finished his test in the #50 BFM Enterprise Manta/Offy.

Ron Shuman of Mesa, Ariz., the only driver ever to win the "Triple Crown of the outlaws," also got approval from the "Jury" after completing his test in the #78 Stanton Racing Products Penske/Cosworth. John Wood, a road racing product, finished the first phase of the test in the #42 Mergard's 20th Century Ent. Eagle/Offy.

There was good news, too, from the camp of Tim Richmond. The 24-year-old rookie from Ashland, Oh., who has the Speedway's top unofficial time of 193.507 this year, said the crew plans to have his #21 UNO-Q95 Starcruiser back on the track either late Wednesday or early Thursday. It will have a new Penske PC7 tub, replacing the one he crashed in Turn-1 (Southwest) last Saturday morning in practice, but will have the same Cosworth engine, Richmond said. Veteran Bob Harkey got out for the first time in the #67 Canadian I Rascar/Offy and got to 171 in three laps before oiling problems sent the car back to the barn. A large number of drivers were running in the high 170's on a very windy day. They include Dick Simon at 179.928 in the #8 Vollstedt/Offy; Jerry Karl, 179-plus in the #38 McLaren/Chevy SB; Tom Bigelow, 177.8 in the #3 Lola/Cosworth; Phil Caliva, 177.936 in the #47 Chaparral/Cosworth; Greg Leffler, 177-plus in the #44 Lola/Chevy SB, and Jim McElreath, who has already qualified another car, test-hopping the #97 King/Chevy SB. Among qualified car-driver combinations, Rick Mears did 185.644 in the #1 Penske/Cosworth; Tom Sneva had 185.261 in the #9 Phoenix/Cosworth and Jerry Sneva, 181.635 in the #7 Lola/Cosworth.



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Twelve drivers who have yet to make the starting field for the 64th annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race moved over the 180 mark at the Speedway on a day that also saw Tom Sneva move into the wall and Jud Phillips move into a quandary.

For the second straight day, a Sneva hit the wall. Tuesday, it was rookie Jan. Today, it was veteran Tom, the man who holds the track records for both one and four laps. The #9 Jerry O'Connell Phoenix/Cosworth, which Tom had qualified at 185.290 was a total loss. And that posed a "what to do" problem for Phillips, chief mechanic on the team.

USAC officials explained he has three options: (1) attempt to fix the wrecked car and start in its already-earned 14th position; (2) substitute the already-entered and USAC-inspected backup car for the wrecked car and move to the rear of the field, with Tom starting 33rd; or (3) withdraw the wrecked car and qualify the backup machine, which could mean it could start as high as 19th -- or might not make the field at all.

Observers said Sneva apparently ran over an object on the track with his right front tire at 1:51 p.m. in the first (SW) turn. The car headed straight for the wall, traveling 420 feet before hitting the concrete. It slid along the wall 230 feet, then headed across the track 600 feet for the grass, where it stopped. Tom escaped with lacerations to his left shin, which were stitched up by Dr. Tom Hanna, Speedway medical director. But the car was a total loss, appearing beyond repair, unless rebuilt from the ground up.

Rick Mears had the day's top speed at 187.988 in the #1 Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth, but Dick Simon was not far behind at 186-flat in the #8 Silhouette Health Spas-Regal 8 Inns Vollstedt/Offy, which set the pace for the non-qualified echelon.

Rookie Pete Halsmer and Billy Engelhart were next with Halsmer at 184.011 in the #34 Wysard Motors Wildcat/DGS, and Engelhart at 183.824 in the #29 Beaudoin Racing McLaren/Cosworth.

Speed came to the Armstrong Mould Racing Team in bunches on the day after owner Sherman Armstrong became a grandfather for the first time. Greg Leffler got 182.852 out of the #44 Lola/Chevy Stock Block; Gary Bettenhausen was at 182.815 in the #46 Wildcat/DGS; Tom Bigelow hit 182.556 in the #3 Lola/Cosworth; Howdy Holmes got 182.408 in the #43 Orbitor/Cosworth. Also moving up over the 180 mark were: Herm Johnson, 181.452; Cliff-Menard Lightning/Offy; Sheldon Kinser, 181.378, Genesee Beer Wagon Watson/Cosworth; Salt Walther, 180.180, #76 Walmotor Penske/Cosworth. Close to that mark were Janet Guthrie, 179.892, #55 Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth; Joe Saldana, 179.892, #69 Hoffman Racing Penske/Cosworth; Bill Whittington, 179.820, #94 Sun System Parnelli/Cosworth; Rich Vogler, 179-plus, #50 BPM Ent. Manta/Offy; Bob Harkey, 178-plus, #67 Canadian I Rascar/Chevy; Vern Schuppan, 177.130, #89 O'Connell McLaren/Cosworth (the Sneva backup car).

Roger Mears, brother of defending champion Rick, got in 18 laps of his refresher test, with a high of 179 in the #97 Guiffre Brothers/Agajanian King/Chevy SB, before blowing an engine. Tim Richmond said he definitely will have the #21 UNO-Q95 Starcruiser back on the track Thursday morning. He crashed it in Turn 1 (SW) last Saturday morning. Pole winner Johnny Rutherford spoke to the Detroit (Mi.) Press Club today and said he plans to be back out on the track Friday in his #4 Pennzoil Chaparral/Cosworth. Vice-presidents of both the Pontiac and Chevrolet Divisions of General Motors attended the gathering, a rarity.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE
#13 - THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1980



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Rookies Gordon Smiley, Tim Richmond and Phil Caliva and veteran Tom Sneva were the major newsmakers on a near-ideal day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Only two days after passing his driver's test, road-racing graduate Smiley climbed to 187.891 in the #40T (#70 on the program) Phoenix/Cosworth. He appears to be a certain qualifier on Saturday, barring mishaps, as does Tim Richmond, who got to 186.877 today in his first day out on the track following a quick rebuild from the ground up on his #21 UNO-095 Starcruiser.

Caliva was less fortunate. After getting up to 182.186 on the previous lap, Caliva got high in Turn #3 (Northeast) spinning once, slid 570 feet into the wall with the right front of his #47 Nicolosi's Italian Restaurant Chaparral/Cosworth, and then coasted around another 1,000 feet to the pit entrance. Caliva was unhurt, but there was moderate damage to the right front of his car.

Sneva, who hit the wall on Wednesday, totaling his #9 O'Connell Phoenix/Cosworth, announced that his team has made a deal for him to run the #81 McLaren/Cosworth, which was formerly the O'Hanlon's Lil Cheaper Special, on race day, starting in 33rd and last position, with approval of USAC. He said the car will carry the #81. It is the machine which Johnny Rutherford drove here last year. Sneva said the O'Connell team arranged to lease the O'Hanlon car because "O'Connell is out of cars and O'Hanlon is out of engines." Al Loquasto voluntarily yielded the "ride" in the car, with the understanding he will have his first choice of O'Hanlon equipment the rest of the year.

Al Unser, three-time 500 winner, who is already qualified, posted the day's fastest overall speed while testing his #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth.

Vern Schuppan, driving the second car in the O'Connell stable, the #89 Thomas W. Barrett McLaren/Cosworth, posted a 187.774 speed after a minimum of practice in the machine.

Johnny Parsons turned in a 187.071 clocking in the #15 Hopkins Lightning/Offy laydown. The only other qualified car out on the track besides those of Unser and Parsons was the #96 Sun System Parnelli/Cosworth of Don Whittington, and no quick times were reported for him.

Joe Saldana was another driver moving up in speed, to 185.071 in the #69 Hoffman Auto Racing Penske/Cosworth. Progress also was shown by rookie Bill Alsup with 184.275 in the #41 Polaroid Time Zero Penske/Cosworth.

Salt Walther got to 183.561 in the #76 Bryan Ltd.-Joannides Penske/Cosworth. Greg Leffler, a rookie, got to 183.411 in the #44 Armstrong Mould Lola/Cosworth. His teammate, Tom Bigelow, was at 182.519 in the #3 Armstrong Mould Lola/Cosworth. In the 181 bracket were: rookies Pete Halsmer in the #34 Wysard Motors Wildcat/DGS; and Rich Vogler, in the #50 BMF Manta/Offy, and veterans Janet Guthrie in the #55 Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth; Bill Vukovich in the #2 Hubler Chev./WFMS Watson/Offy and Rick Muther in the #82 Pacific Coast Racing Penske/Cosworth. John Wood in the #42 Mergard's Eagle/Offy finished his rookie driver's test and got an okay. Both Tony Bettenhausen in the #32 Vita-Fresh Eagle/Offy and Roger Mears in the #97 Guiffree/Agajanian King/Chevy finished refreshers. Geoff Ferris, designer of the Penske PC-9 was announced as winner of the Society of Automotive Engineers 1980 design award.



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Rain cut the final day of scheduled 1980 pre-race practice time to only one hour and six minutes Friday, just long enough for Billy Engelhart to win a couple of free dinners and Spike Gehlhausen to record the fastest practice time of cars already qualified. Chief Steward Tom Binford announced the track closed for the day at 3:35 p.m. Twenty drivers of non-qualified machines managed to get out on the Speedway during the curtailed period with Engelhart turning in quick time of 183.936 in the #29 Beaudoin Racing Enterprises McLaren/Cosworth. He hopes to qualify for his first 500 this weekend --weather permitting. Billy's speed won the pair of dinners at the Classic Motor Inn restaurant awarded each day to the fastest driver, who has yet to qualify.

Gehlhausen got 184.843 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske/Cosworth, top speed listed for the three qualified cars on the track; no electric-eye speeds were reported on the #5 Dairy Queen Longhorn/Cosworth of three-time winner Al Unser or the #96 Sun System Parnelli/Cosworth of Don Whittington.

Veteran George Snider, in his second day out in A.J. Foyt's backup car, the #16 Gilmore Racing Parnelli/Cosworth, reached 182.556 and -- like Engelhart -- appeared ready to qualify if the weatherman smiles. Forecast for the weekend was adverse, a fact which USAC recognized by announcing late this afternoon what the procedure will be in case rain washes out the entire coming weekend of scheduled qualifying time, or the field is not filled by 6 p.m. Sunday. Binford said that (1) if the field is filled with 33 cars as of 6 p.m. Sunday, the qualifying period will not be extended; (2) if the field is not filled at that time, all cars which have qualified will be locked in and cannot be "bumped" in an extra qualifying period which would be scheduled on Monday, or as soon as weather conditions are suitable. In event an extra qualifying period is necessary, every car which has established a position in the qualifying line will receive one attempt to qualify and must be ready when its turn comes. Bill Whittington, Don's brother, had 182.297 in #94 Parnelli/Cosworth. Also, veteran Bill Vukovich in the #2 Hubler Chevrolet-WFMS Watson/Cosworth at 182.039. Dick Simon, who had previously been as high as 186, got in a 181.378 lap today in his #8 Silhouette Health Spas/Regal 8 Inns/Vollstedt/Offy before the rains came at 12:06 p.m. Phil Caliva, who crashed coming off of Turn-3 (NE) on Thursday, was back out for practice in his #47 Nicolosi's Italian Restaurant Chaparral/Cosworth, after USAC checked out the repaired machine. Tim Richmond had the #21 UNO-095 Starcruiser out warming up when the precipitation hit. Johnny Parsons was riding in the #55 Texaco Star Lightning/Cosworth assigned to his teammate, Janet Guthrie.

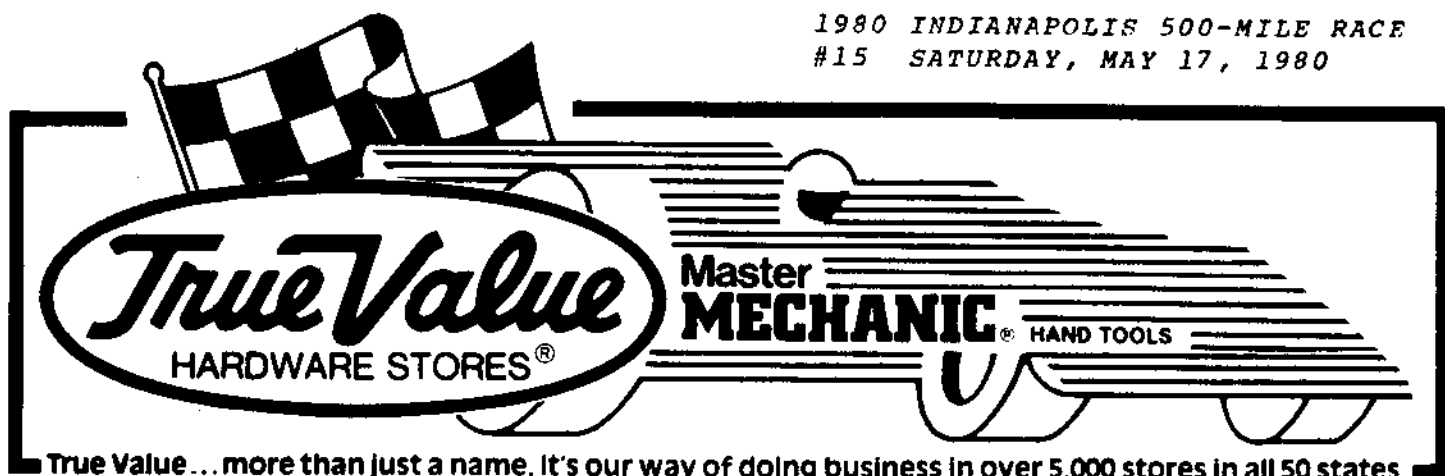
Other non-qualified drivers out for practice were #24 Sheldon Kinser; #28 Herm Johnson; #38 Jerry Karl; #40 Gordon Smiley; #43 Howdy Holmes; #46 Gary Bettenhausen; #59 Lee Kunzman; #65 Bill Tempero; #67 Bob Harkey; #69 Joe Saldana; #76 Salt Walther, and #82 Rick Muther. Following is the order of cars lined up for this weekend's qualifying: #45 Howdy Holmes; #8 Dick Simon; #47 Phil Caliva; #41 Bill Alsup; -----; #2 Bill Vukovich; #82 Rick Muther; #24 Sheldon Kinser; #99 Haywood; #38 Jerry Karl; #55 Janet Guthrie; #92T Muther; #69 Joe Saldana; #32 Tony Bettenhausen; #48 Mike Mosley; #59 Lee Kunzman; #42 John Wood; #34 Pete Halsmer; #21 Tim Richmond; #28 Herm Johnson; #3T Tom Bigelow; #89 Vern Schuppan; #76 Salt Walther; #78 Ron Shuman; #70 Gordon Smiley; #37 John Martin; #97 Roger Mears; #29 Billy Engelhart; #94 Bill Whittington; #18 Dennis Firestone; #46 Gary Bettenhausen; #99T Hurley Hayward; #43 Howdy Holmes; #16 George Snider; #44 Greg Leffler; #67 Bob Harkey; #50 Rich Vogler; #79 No Driver; #65 Bill Tempero.



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1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE
#15 SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1980



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The scheduled third day of qualifying for the 64th Indianapolis 500 was completely rained out today, causing increased nervousness in the garages of 38 cars awaiting qualification attempts. The track was closed officially at 4 p.m., and Speedway President John R. Cooper announced that Saturday ticket stubs would be honored on Sunday.

A late weather forecast for Sunday was grounds for some optimism: a 30 per cent chance of rain in the morning, clearing and sunny in the afternoon. Temperatures in the mid-70s and winds 10 to 15 miles per hour are expected.

Just about the only spark of news for the day was provided by Roger Rager, the Mound, MN, driver of the only stock-block-powered car among the 19 machines already qualified. In a mid-afternoon press conference, Rager said he believes Johnny Rutherford could have qualified his Pennzoil Chaparral at over 200 m.p.h. by using the same Chevy engine that powered Rager's #66 Advance Clean Sweep/Carpenter School Bus Co. Special.

Rager's Chevy, with a block that had 70,000 miles on it and formerly was housed in a school bus, is putting out considerably more horsepower than the Cosworth, which provides the power for 16 of the 19 opening-weekend qualifiers.

Rager said he felt that if the boost pressure limits for turbocharged engines are increased, the limits for cubic-inch displacement of stock-block engines also should be increased -- from the present 355 to something over 400 c.i.

USAC released the complete text of a bulletin which outlined the procedures which will be followed in remaining qualification sessions. The bulletin states that if the field is filled by 6 p.m. Sunday, no additional qualification period will be needed and that "The 'guarantee' of an attempt lapsed on Saturday, May 10, when there was no car in the qualifying line and practice was permitted."

However, if the field is not full by closing time on Sunday, and if there are potential qualifiers still in the line, an additional qualification period will be added on Monday. "All eligible cars in the line at 6 p.m. (Sunday) will be given one opportunity to qualify for the remaining positions behind the previous periods' qualifiers. Cars already qualified as of 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, cannot be bumped."

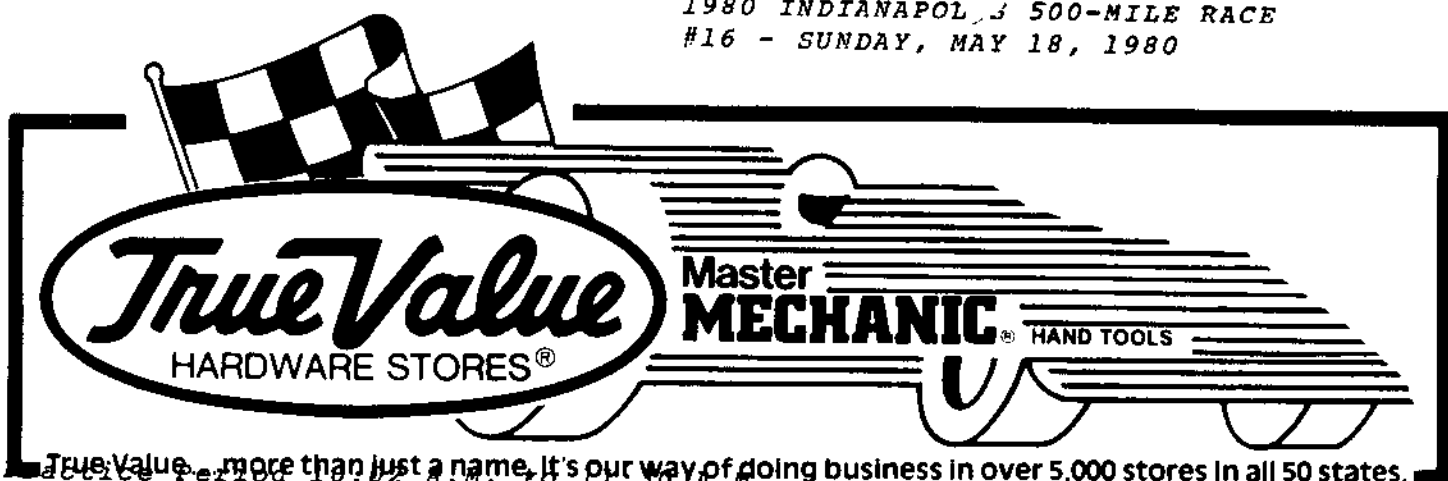
Several cars which have not yet received final stickers -- most notably the stock-block-powered car to be driven by Phil Threshie -- will be hoping for some dry weather on Sunday so that they can get enough practice to qualify for a sticker that would allow them to make a qualification attempt. The USAC bulletin states that "No final tech stickers will be given, nor will any additional cars be allowed to join the qualifying line, after 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18."

In another matter, a mistaken assumption apparently has been made with regard to the position in the field of two-time pole winner Tom Sneva, who qualified his #9 O'Connell Phoenix/Cosworth 14th on opening day, then later wrecked it in practice. Binford said no official action concerning a replacement car would be taken until after qualifications are complete, as is stipulated in the 1980 USAC Competition Rules.



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10:02 A.M. -- Track open, running under yellow.

10:05 A.M. -- Green

There were several minor incidents but nothing of a serious nature

10:18 A.M. -- Yellow, bird on track

10:22 A.M. -- Yellow, part off of car #7 (J. Sneva) reported on track.

10:35 A.M. -- #50 Rich Vogler needed tow-in from backstretch because of clutch problem.

11:19 A.M. -- Tow-in for #44 Greg Leffler

Unofficial Practice Speeds: 184.843 #21 Tim Richmond
183.636 #70 Gordon Smiley
183.411 #48 Mike Mosley

Four cars made their first appearance of the month on the track: #30, Phil Threshie; #75, Bill Puterbaugh; #86, Al Loquasto; #92, John Mahler. Forty-six (46) cars were on the track, more than 40 at one time.

12:00 P.M. -- Track open for practice and qualification.

12:03 P.M. -- #45 TOM BIGELOW, 40, Whitewater, Wis.
Armstrong Mould Lola/Cosworth

QA - 28	1 -- 49.08 -- 183.374		Q - 20
	2 -- 49.30 -- 182.556	2nd Attempt for Car.	
	3 -- 49.42 -- 182.113		
	4 -- 49.41 -- 182.149		
	<u>T -- 3:17.21 - 182.547</u>		

12:12 P.M. -- #8 DICK SIMON, 46, San Juan Capistrano, CA.
Silhouette Health Spas/Regal 8 Inns Vollstedt/Offy

QA - 29	1 -- 49.08 -- 183.374		Q - 21
	2 -- 49.00 -- 183.673	2nd Attempt	
	3 -- 49.23 -- 182.815		
	4 -- 49.64 -- 181.305		
	<u>T -- 3:16.95 - 182.788</u>		

12:21 P.M. -- #47 PHIL CALIVA, 35, Hermosa Beach, CA. Rookie
Alsop Racing McLaren/Offy Nicolosi's Italian Restaurant

Warmed up and was called in with yellow after two laps (car reported spraying fluid)
Went back out again.

12:23 P.M.			
QA - 30	1 -- 50.10 -- 179.964		Q - 22
	2 -- 50.32 -- 178.855		
	3 -- 50.44 -- 178.430		
	4 -- 50.49 -- 178.253		
	<u>T -- 3:21.26 - 178.873</u>		



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12:30 P.M. -- #41 **BILL ALSUP**, 41, Woodstock, Vt.
 Alsup Racing Penske/Cosworth Polaroid Times Zero

QA - 31	1 -- 49.54 -- 181.671	Rookie	Q - 23
	2 -- 49.40 -- 182.186		
	3 -- 49.48 -- 181.892		
	4 -- 49.47 -- 181.928		
	<u>T -- 3:17.89 -- 181.919</u>		

12:39 P.M. -- #2 **BILL VUKOVICH**, 36, Coarsegold, CA.
 Hubler Chev./WFMS Watson/Offy

QA - 32	1 -- 49.16 -- 183.076		Q - 24
	2 -- 49.10 -- 183.299		
	3 -- 49.31 -- 182.519		
	4 -- 49.43 -- 182.076		
	<u>T -- 3:17.00 -- 182.741</u>		

12:46 P.M. -- #82 **RICK MUTHER**, 44, South Laguna, CA.
 Pacific Coast Racing Penske/Cosworth

QA - 33	1 -- 48.77 -- 184.540		UA - 9
	2 -- 48.75 -- 184.615		
	3 -- Spun out of Turn 1		

12:59 P.M. -- #24 **SHELDON KINSER**, 37, Bloomington, IN.
 Genesee Beer Wagon Watson/Cosworth

QA - 34	1 -- 49.50 -- 181.818		Q - 25
	2 -- 49.51 -- 181.781		
	3 -- 49.78 -- 180.796		
	4 -- 49.89 -- 180.397		
	<u>T -- 3:18.68 -- 181.196</u>		

1:07 P.M. -- #99 **HURLEY HAYWOOD**, 32, Jacksonville, FL.
 (15T) Hopkins Lightning/Chevy Turbo-6 Sta-On Guarantee Auto
 Kiss 99

QA - 35	1 -- 48.79 -- 184.464	Rookie	Q - 26
	2 -- 48.81 -- 184.388		
	3 -- 49.27 -- 182.667		
	4 -- 49.25 -- 182.741		
	<u>T -- 3:16.12 -- 183.561</u>		

1:16 P.M. -- #38 **JERRY KARL**, 39, Manchester, PA.
 Tonco Trailer McLaren/Chevy SB
 Karl

QA - 36	1 -- 49.10 -- 183.299		Q - 27
	2 -- 48.96 -- 183.824		
	3 -- 49.05 -- 183.486		
	4 -- 49.60 -- 181.452		
	<u>T -- 3:16.71 -- 183.011</u>		

1:24 P.M. -- #92 **JOHN MAHLER**, 43, Newport Beach, CA.
 Intercomp Racing Finley/Offy

QA - 37	1 -- 50.75 -- 177.340		UA - 10
	2 -- 51.22 -- 175.713		
	3 -- Came In		



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1:30 P.M. -- #32 TONY LEE BETTENHAUSEN, 28, Speedway, IN
 Vita-Fresh Fruit Juice Eagle/Offy

QA - 38	1 -- 50.90 -- 176.817	Rookie	Q - 28
	2 -- 50.96 -- 176.609		
	3 -- 51.07 -- 176.229		
	4 -- 51.14 -- 175.987		
	<u>T -- 3:24.07 - 176.410</u>		

1:40 P.M. -- #48 MIKE MOSLEY, 33, Fallbrook, CA.
 Theodore Racing Eagle/Chevy SB

QA - 39	1 -- 49.02 -- 183.599	Q - 29
	2 -- 49.04 -- 183.524	
	3 -- 49.01 -- 183.636	
	4 -- 49.17 -- 183.038	
	<u>T -- 3:16.24 - 183.449</u>	

1:53 P.M. -- #59 LEE KUNZMAN, 35, Barrington, IL.
 George-the-T-Shirt Man Lightning/Offy

QA - 40	1 -- 50.33 -- 178.820	UA - 11
	2 -- 51.31 -- 175.404	
	3 -- Came In	

2:05 P.M. -- #34 PETE HALSMER, 36, Huntington Beach, CA.
 Wysard Motors Wildcat/DGS

QA - 41	1 -- 49.36 -- 182.334	Rookie	Q - 30
	2 -- 49.79 -- 180.759		
	3 -- 49.75 -- 180.905		
	4 -- 49.61 -- 181.415		
	<u>T -- 3:18.51 - 181.351</u>		

2:13 P.M. -- #21 TIM RICHMOND, 24, Ashland, OH.
 UNO-Q95 Starcruiser Penske/Cosworth

QA - 42	1 -- 47.75 -- 188.482	Q - 31
	2 -- 47.64 -- 188.917	
	3 -- 47.92 -- 187.813	Rookie
	4 -- 47.84 -- 188.127	
	<u>T -- 3:11.15 - 188.334</u>	

2:22 P.M. -- #28 HERM JOHNSON, 27, Eau Claire, Wis.
 Cliff-Menard Racing Lightning/Offy

Stalled on warmup lap had to be towed in from backstretch

2:29 P.M. -- #76 SALT WALTHER, 32, Beverly Hills, CA.
 Bryant/Joannides Penske/Cosworth

QA - 43	1 -- 49.41 -- 182.149	Q - 32
	2 -- 49.57 -- 181.561	
	3 -- 49.51 -- 181.781	
	4 -- 49.61 -- 181.415	
	<u>T -- 3:18.10 - 181.726</u>	



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2:39 P.M. -- #70 GORDON SMILEY, 31, Garland, Tex.
 Patrick Racing Penske/Cosworth

QA - 44	1 -- 47.94 -- 187.735	Rookie	Q - 33
	2 -- 48.21 -- 186.683		
	3 -- 48.31 -- 186.297		
	4 -- 48.21 -- 186.683		
	T -- 3:12.67 -- 186.848		

FIELD FILLED AT 2:40 P.M.

2:47 P.M. -- #37 JOHN MARTIN, 41, Irvine, CA.
 The Enterprise Wildcat/DGS

QA - 45	1 -- 49.11 -- 183.262		Q - 34
	2 -- 49.17 -- 183.038	BUMPED T. BETTENHAUSEN #32	
	3 -- 49.58 -- 181.525		
	4 -- 49.99 -- 180.036		
	T -- 3:17.85 -- 181.956		

2:54 P.M. -- #97 ROGER MEARS, 33, Bakersfield, CA.
 Guiffre Bros. Cranes King/Chevy SB

QA - 46	1 -- 50.61 -- 177.830		UA - 12
	2 -- 50.21 -- 179.247	Rookie	
	3 -- 50.40 -- 178.501		
	4 -- Yellow by crew		

3:00 P.M. -- #29 BILLY ENGELHART, 38, Madison, Wis.
 Beaudoin Racing McLaren/Cosworth

QA - 47	1 -- 49.00 -- 183.673	Rookie	Q - 35
	2 -- 48.86 -- 184.200		
	3 -- 48.82 -- 184.351	BUMPED #47 CALIVA	
	4 -- 48.72 -- 184.729		
	T -- 3:15.40 -- 184.237		

3:12 P.M. -- #94 BILL WHITTINGTON, 30, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
 Sun Systems Parnelli/Cosworth

QA - 48	1 -- 49.00 -- 183.673	Rookie	Q - 36
	2 -- 48.98 -- 183.748	BUMPED #24 SHELDON KINSER	
	3 -- 49.09 -- 183.337		
	4 -- 49.37 -- 182.297		
	T -- 3:16.44 -- 183.262		

3:18 P.M. -- #18 DENNIS FIRESTONE, 35, Gardena, CA.
 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth

QA - 49	1 -- 48.99 -- 183.711	Rookie	Q - 37
	2 -- 48.93 -- 183.936	BUMPED #34 HALSMER	
	3 -- 49.00 -- 183.673		
	4 -- 49.05 -- 183.486		
	T -- 3:15.97 -- 183.702		



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3:28 P.M. -- #46 GARY BETTENHAUSEN, 38, Monrovia, IN.
 Armstrong Mould, Inc. Wildcat/DGS

QA - 50	1 -- 49.15 -- 183.113	BUMPED #76 WALTHER	Q - 38
	2 -- 49.25 -- 182.741		
	3 -- 49.27 -- 182.667		
	4 -- 49.63 -- 181.342		
	<u>T -- 3:12.30 - 182.463</u>		

3:40 P.M. -- #43 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, MI.
 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth

Hit wall in Turn 3 on warmup lap:

FIELD AVERAGE 185.407.

3:47 P.M. -- #16 GEORGE SNIDER, 39, Houston, TX.
 Gilmore Racing Parnelli/Cosworth

QA - 51	1 -- 48.41 -- 185.912		Q - 39
	2 -- 48.53 -- 185.452	BUMPED #41 ALSUP	
	3 -- 48.57 -- 185.300		
	4 -- 48.68 -- 184.881		
	<u>T -- 3:14.19 - 185.385</u>		

3:54 P.M. -- #44 GREG LEFFLER, 28, Winchester, IN.
 Armstrong Mould Lola Cosworth

QA - 52	1 -- 49.04 -- 183.524		Q - 40
	2 -- 48.94 -- 183.899	BUMPED #37 MARTIN	
	3 -- 49.05 -- 183.486		
	4 -- 48.89 -- 184.087		
	<u>T -- 3:15.92 - 183.748</u>		

4:02 P.M. -- #67 BOB HARKEY, 49, Indianapolis, IN.
 Canadian I Rascar/Chevy

QA - 53	1 -- 51.57 -- 174.520		UA - 13
	2 -- 51.95 -- 173.244		
	3 -- Came In		

4:08 P.M. -- #65 BILL TEMPERO, 36, Fort Collins, CO.
 Wood Power Systems-Spirit of Colorado Eagle/Chevy

QA - 54	1 -- Pulled off Turn 2		UA - 14
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4:16 P.M. #43 HOWDY HOLMES, 30, Ann Arbor, MI.
 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix Orbitor/Cosworth

Warmed up and came in.

#78 RON SHUMAN, 27, Mesa, AZ.
 Stanton Racing Products Penske/Cosworth

Getting ready to go out when rain started

4:20 P.M. -- YELLOW FOR RAIN



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UNOFFICIAL STARTING LINEUP

POS.	CAR NO.	DRIVER	CHASSIS/ENGINE	TIME	SPEED
<u>ROW 1</u>					
1	4	Johnny Rutherford	Chaparral/Cosworth	3:07.25	192.256
2	12	Mario Andretti	Penske/Cosworth	3:08.47	191.012
3	11	Bobby Unser	Penske/Cosworth	3:09.48	189.994
<u>ROW 2</u>					
4	35	Spike Gehlhausen	Penske/Cosworth	3:11.14	188.344
5	7	Jerry Sneva	Lola/Cosworth	3:11.64	187.852
6	1	Rick Mears	Penske/Cosworth	3:12.01	187.490
<u>ROW 3</u>					
7	15	Johnny Parsons	Lightning/Offy	3:12.09	187.412
8	10	Pancho Carter	Penske/Cosworth	3:13.05	186.480
9	5	Al Unser	Longhorn/Cosworth	3:13.09	186.442
<u>ROW 4</u>					
10	66	Roger Rager (R)	Wildcat/Chevy SB	3:13.16	186.374
11	23	Jim McElreath	Penske/Cosworth	3:13.29	186.249
12	14	A.J. Foyt	Parnelli/Cosworth	3:14.07	185.500
<u>ROW 5</u>					
13	40	Tom Bagley	Wildcat/Cosworth	3:14.17	185.405
14	95	Larry Cannon	Wildcat/SGD	3:16.49	183.222
15	26	Dick Ferguson (R)	Penske/Cosworth	3:16.85	182.880
<u>ROW 6</u>					
16	25	Danny Ongais	Parnelli/Cosworth	3:12.92	186.606
17	20	Gordon Johncock	Penske/Cosworth	3:13.47	186.075
18	86	Don Whittington (R)	Penske/Cosworth	3:15.73	183.927
<u>ROW 7</u>					
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Mario Andretti served notice during today's "carburetion tests" that he isn't about to let pole-sitter Johnny Rutherford run away from him in Sunday's 64th annual Indianapolis 500-Mile Race.

Andretti had the day's top speed on the electric eye of 189.954 in his beautiful silver, red and blue #12 Essex Penske/Cosworth. That was slightly better than the top speed of 189.474 recorded by Rutherford in the gleaming day-glo yellow #4 Pennzoil Chaparral/Cosworth.

Big surprise of the day was the performance of Mike Mosley in Dan Gurney's #48 Theodore Racing Eagle/Chevrolet stock-block. The electric eye caught Mosley at a maximum of 186.297 but Gurney said the crew watches caught him in the 188 bracket.

Bad news was provided by Tom Bagley, who tagged the wall at 12:27 p.m., in Turn #3 (NE). Bagley lost control of the #40 Kent Oil Wildcat/Cosworth, slid 460 feet, doing 1½ spins, hit the wall with the front of the car, and slid sideways along the wall 360 feet. There was slight damage to the tub and the suspension on the side that hit the wall was wiped out, but it appeared the car can be repaired in time for the race. Bagley was checked at the infield hospital and released. Bagley had a 186.181 clocking before his accident.

Defending champion Rick Mears turned in a 188.009 speed in the #1 Gould Charge Penske/Cosworth. Bobby Unser, the Penske teammate of Andretti and Mears, recorded a 184.011 in the #11 Norton Spirit Penske/Cosworth.

Fourth quickest speed of the day was turned in by Spike Gehlhausen, who will start inside the second row, with 187.149 in the #35 Winton Sales Penske Cosworth.

Rookie sensation Tim Richmond had 184.919 in the #21 UNO-095 Starcruiser. Jerry Sneva was at 183.824 in the #7 Hugger's Beverage Holders Lola/Cosworth. Johnny Parsons got 182.964 in the #15 Hopkins Lightning/Offy.

Gordon Johncock, running with a cast on his fractured ankle, got 182.297 in the #20 North American Van Lines Pacesetter Penske/Cosworth. Duane (Pancho) Carter Jr. hit 182.223 in the #10 Alex XLNT Foods Penske/Cosworth. A.J. Foyt the only four-time winner, was clocked at 182.072 in the #14 Gilmore Racing Parnelli/Cosworth and didn't appear very happy about it. His teammate, George Snider, in the #16 Gilmore Racing Parnelli/Cosworth, got 181.561. Also in the 181 bracket were Rookie Roger Rager at 181.928 in the #66 Advance Clean Sweep Wildcat/Chevy stock-block. Rookie Billy Engelhart at 181.525 in the #29 Master Lock McLaren/Cosworth, which has picked up a sponsor, and Danny Ongais at 181.159 in the #25 Interscope Panasonic Parnelli/Cosworth. In the 180 bracket were Rookie Dennis Firestone at 180.723 in the #18 Scientific Drilling Controls Penske/Cosworth; three-time winner Al Unser, 180.108 in the #5 Longhorn Racing Longhorn/Cosworth; and Rookie Gordon Smiley, 180.000 in the #70 Valvoline/Patrick Phoenix/Cosworth. Thirty-one of the 33 cars in the starting field were on the track during the tests, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 1:11 p.m., with numerous interruptions by minor yellow lights, plus Bagley's crash and a blown engine suffered by Billy Vukovich's #2 Hubler/WFMS Watson/Offy when the car jumped out of gear at the start/finish line. Cars not on the track were Jerry Karl's #38 Tonco Trailer McLaren-Karl/Chevy and the #94 Sun System Parnelli/Cosworth of Bill Whittington. Karl said his team "just got the engine in too late." He was on the apron when tests shut down. "We ran our race engine on the dyno in Detroit and didn't get done until 4 a.m. today," he said, "and I got back here at 6:30 a.m." We just ran out of time." The Whittington team had water pump problems.

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STARTING ORDER AND QUALIFICATION AVERAGES FOR THE 33 QUALIFIED CARS
AND DRIVERS IN THE 1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

CAR NO.	DRIVER	CAR NAME	QUAL. SPEED
<u>FIRST ROW</u>			
4x	Johnny Rutherford, Ft. Worth, TX	CC-Pennzoil Chaparral	192.256
12x	Mario Andretti, Nazareth, PA	PC-Essex Penske PC-9	191.012
11x	Bobby Unser, Albuquerque, NM	PC-Norton Spirit Penske PC-9	189.994
<u>SECOND ROW</u>			
35	Spike Gehlhausen, Speedway, IN	PC-Winton Sales	188.344
7	Jerry Sneva, Spokane, WA	LC-Hugger's Beverage Holders Spl	187.852
1x	Rick Mears, Bakersfield, CA	PC-The Gould Charge Penske PC-9	187.490
<u>THIRD ROW</u>			
15	Johnny Parsons, Indianapolis, IN	LiO-Hopkins Special	187.412
10	Pancho Carter, Brownsburg, IN	PC-Alex KIMT Foods Special	186.480
5x	Al Unser, Albuquerque, NM	LrC-Longhorn Racing	186.442
<u>FOURTH ROW</u>			
66R	Roger Rager, Mound, MN	WCSB-Advance Clean Sweep/ Carpenter School Bus Spl.	186.374
23	Jim McElreath, Arlington, TX	PC-McElreath Special	186.249
14x	A. J. Foyt, Jr., Houston, TX	ParC-Gilmore Racing Team	185.500
<u>FIFTH ROW</u>			
40	Tom Bagley, Centre Hall, PA	WC-Kent Oil	185.405
95	Larry Cannon, Danville, IL	WSGD	183.252
26R	Dick Ferguson, Los Angeles, CA	PC-Amsoil Special	182.880
<u>SIXTH ROW</u>			
25	Danny Ongais, Costa Mesa, CA	ParC-Interscope Panasonic	186.606
20x	Gordon Johncock, Coldwater, MI	PC-N. Am. Van Lines Pacesetter	186.075
96R	Don Whittington, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	PC-Sun System Special	183.927
<u>SEVENTH ROW</u>			
21R	Tim Richmond, Ashland, OH	PC-The UNO-Q95 Starcruiser	188.334
70R	Gordon Smiley, Garland, TX	PhC-Valvoline-Patrick Rac. Team	186.848
16	George Snider, Houston, TX	ParC-Gilmore Racing Team	185.385
<u>EIGHTH ROW</u>			
29R	Billy Engelhart, Madison, WI	MC-Beaudoin Racing Enterprises	184.237
44R	Greg Leffler, Winchester, IN	LC-Starcraft R.V.	183.748
18R	Dennis Firestone, Gardens, CA	PC-Scientific Drilling Controls Special	183.702
<u>NINTH ROW</u>			
99R	Hurley Haywood, Jacksonville, FL	LiCh-Sta-On/Guarantee Auto/ KISS Radio Special	183.561
48	Mike Mosley, Fallbrook, CA	ECh-Theodore Racing Eagle	183.449
94R	Bill Whittington, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	ParC-Sun System Special	183.262
<u>TENTH ROW</u>			
38	Jerry Karl, Manchester, PA	McKCh-Tonco Trailer Co. Spl.	183.011
8	Dick Simon, San Juan Capistrano, CA	VO-Vermont American/Silhouette Health Spas/Regal 8 Inn	182.788
2	Bill Vukovich, Coarsegold, CA	WaO-Hubler Chevrolet WEMS Spl.	182.741
<u>ELEVENTH ROW</u>			
43	Tom Bigelow, Whitewater, WI	LC-Armstrong Mould, Inc./ Jiffy Mix	182.547
46	Gary Bettenhausen, Monrovia, IN	WSGD-Armstrong Mould, Inc.	182.463
9	Tom Sneva, Spokane, WA	MC-Bonjour Action Jeans	185.290

KEY

x-Former Indianapolis Winner	CC-Chaparral/Cosworth	WSGD-Wildcat/SGD
R-In Race for first time	PC-Penske/Cosworth	PhC-Phoenix/Cosworth
	LC-Lola/Cosworth	MC-McLaren/Cosworth
33 Car Field Qual. Ave. 185.570	LiO-Lightning/Offy	LiCh-Lightning/Chevy
	LrC-Longhorn/Cosworth	EC-Eagle/Chevy
Last Year's Ave. Speed 186.737	WCSB-Wildcat/Chevy SB	McKCh-McLaren-Karl/Chevy
	ParC-Parnelli/Cosworth	VO-Vollstedt/Offy
	WC-Wildcat/Cosworth	WaO-Watson/Offy



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<u>ROW 1</u>				
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12	xMario Andretti PC	3:08.47	191.012	Essex Penske PC9
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<u>ROW 3</u>				
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10	Pancho Carter PC	3:13.05	186.480	Alex XLNT Foods Special
5	xAl Unser LongC	3:13.09	186.442	Longhorn Racing
<u>ROW 4</u>				
66	R Roger Rager WCh	3:13.16	186.374	Advance Clean Sweep/School Bus
23	Jim McElreath PC	3:13.29	186.249	McElreath Special
14	xA.J. Foyt ParC	3:14.07	185.500	Gilmore for Congress
<u>ROW 5</u>				
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95	Larry Cannon WSGD	3:16.45	183.252	KRACO Car Stereos
26	R Dick Ferguson PC	3:16.85	182.880	AMS/OIL Special
<u>ROW 6</u>				
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20	xGordon Johncock PC	3:13.47	186.075	North American Van Lines/Good-
96	R Don Whittington PC	3:15.73	183.927	Sun System year
<u>ROW 7</u>				
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70	R Gordon Smiley PhC	3:12.67	186.848	Valvoline/Diamond Head Ranch
16	George Snider ParC	3:14.19	185.385	Gilmore Racing Team
<u>ROW 8</u>				
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18	R Dennis Firestone PC	3:15.97	183.702	Scientific Drilling Controls
<u>ROW 9</u>				
99	R Hurley Haywood LiCh	3:16.12	183.561	Guarantee Auto/KISS 99/Sta-On
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94	R Bill Whittington ParC	3:16.44	183.262	Road Atlanta
<u>ROW 10</u>				
38	Jerry Karl MKCh	3:16.71	183.011	Tonco Trailer Co.
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Overall Qualifying Average - 185.570 mph. Last Year's Average Speed - 186.737.



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<u>CAR NO.</u>	<u>START POS.</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>CHASSIS/ENGINE</u>
1	6	Rick Mears	Penske/Cosworth
2	30	Bill Vukovich	Watson/Offy
4	1	Johnny Rutherford	Chaparral/Cosworth
5	9	Al Unser	Longhorn/Cosworth
7	5	Jerry Sneva	Lola/Cosworth
8	29	Dick Simon	Vollstedt/Offy
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21	19	Tim Richmond (R)	Penske/Cosworth
23	11	Jim McElreath	Penske/Cosworth
25	16	Danny Ongais	Parnelli/Cosworth
26	15	Dick Ferguson (R)	Penske/Cosworth
29	22	Billy Engelhart (R)	McLaren/Cosworth
35	4	Spike Geilhausen	Penske/Cosworth
38	28	Jerry Karl	McLaren-Karl/Chevy
40	13	Tom Bagley	Wildcat/Cosworth
43	31	Tom Bigelow	Lola/Cosworth
44	23	Greg Leffler (R)	Lola/Cosworth
46	32	Gary Bettenhausen	Wildcat/SGD
48	26	Mike Mosley	Eagle/Chevy
66	10	Roger Rager (R)	Wildcat/Chevy
70	20	Gordon Smiley (R)	Phoenix/Cosworth
94	27	Bill Whittington (R)	Parnelli/Cosworth
95	14	Larry Cannon	Wildcat/SGD
96	18	Don Whittington (R)	Penske/Cosworth
99	25	Hurley Haywood (R)	Lightning/Chevy



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CHIEF MECHANICS AND GARAGE NUMBERS

Car	Garage	Chief Mechanic
4	86	Steve Robey
12	75	Bob Sprow
11	76	Laurie Gerrish
35	17	Derek Mower
7	49	Paul Leffler
1	77	Darrell Soppe
15	7	Mike Devin
10	11	Johnny Capels
5	52	George Huening
66	23	Bob Henderson
23	88	Jim McElreath
14	29	Jack Starne
40	57	George Bignotti
95	1	Phil Thrasher
26	60	Jerry Eisert
25	25	Phil Casey
20	55	George Bignotti
96	62	Graeme Bartils
21	85	John Barnes
70	56	George Bignotti
16	30	Jack Starne
29	46	Danny Jones
44	48	Paul Leffler
18	35	Wilbur Bunce
99	8	Mike Devin
48	40	Wayne Leary
94	62	Graeme Bartils
38	5	Lew Parks
8	3	Chad Rogers
2	19	A.J. Watson
43	51	Paul Leffler
46	47	Paul Leffler
9	14	Jud Phillips



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PIT ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Pit</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Car Name</u>
1			
2			
3	18	Dennis Firestone	Scientific Drilling Controls
4	21	Tim Richmond	UNO-Q95 Star Cruiser
5	5	Al Unser	Longhorn Racing
6	4	Johnny Rutherford	Pennzoil Chaparral
GASOLINE ALLEY			
7	35	Spike Gehlhausen	Winton Sales
8	66	Roger Rager	Advance Clean Sweep/Carpenter School
9	9	Tom Sneva	Bonjour Action Jeans Bus
10	25	Danny Ongais	Interscope Panasonic
11		ABC	
12	12	Mario Andretti	Essex Penske PC9
13	1	Rick Mears	The Gould Charge Penske PC9
14	11	Bobby Unser	Norton Spirit Penske PC9
USAC STARTING LINE -- FIRE EQUIPMENT			
16	10	Pancho Carter	Alex XLNT Foods Special
17	23	Jim McElreath	McElreath Spl.
18	20	Gordon Johncock	North American Van Lines/Goodyear
19	40	Tom Bagley	Kent Oil Spl.
20	70	Gordon Smiley	Valvoline/Diamond Head Ranch
21	99	Hurley Haywood	Guarantee Auto/KISS 99/Sta-On
22	15	Johnny Parsons	Lindsey Hopkins Spl.
23	14	A.J. Foyt, Jr.	Gilmore for Congress
24	16	George Snider	Gilmore Racing Team
25	29	Billy Engelhart	Beaudoin Racing Ent.
26	46	Gary Bettenhausen	Armstrong Mould
27	44	Greg Leffler	Starcraft R.V.
28	7	Jerry Sneva	Hugger's Beverage Holders
29	43	Tom Bigelow	Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix
OPENING			
30	94	Bill Whittington	Road Atlanta
31	96	Don Whittington	Sun System
32	48	Mike Mosley	Theodore Racing
33	95	Larry Cannon	Kraco Car Stereos
34	8	Dick Simon	Vermont American/Silhouette/Regal 8
35	2	Bill Vukovich	Hubler Chevrolet/WFMS Spl. Inn
36	38	Jerry Karl	Tonco Trailer Co.
37	26	Dick Ferguson	AMS/OIL Special
38-47 OPEN			
48 -- EMERGENCY CREW			



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FINAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
1980 INDIANAPOLIS 500-MILE RACE

FIN POS.	ST POS.	DRIVER	CAR NAME/NO.	LAPS	RUNNING/ REASON OUT
1	1	Johnny Rutherford	#4 Pennzoil Chaparral	200	Running
2	33	Tom Sneva	9 Bon Jour Action Jeans	200	Running
3	32	Gary Bettenhausen	46 Armstrong Mould	200	Running
4	17	Gordon Johncock	20 North American V.L.	200	Running
5	6	Rick Mears	1 Gould Charge	199	Running
6	8	Pancho Carter	10 Alex XLNT Foods	199*	Running
7	16	Danny Ongais	25 Interscope Panasonic	199	Running
8	31	Tom Bigelow	43 Armstrong Mould/Jiffy Mix	198	Running
9	19	Tim Richmond (R)	21 UNO-Q95 Starcruiser	197	Running
10	23	Greg Leffler (R)	44 Starcraft R.V.	197	Running
11	22	Billy Engelhart (R)	29 Master Lock	193	Running
12	30	Billy Vukovich	2 Hubler Chevy/WFMS	192	Running
13	18	Don Whittington (R)	96 Sun System	178	Running
14	12	A. J. Foyt	14 Gilmore Racing	173	Valve
15	21	George Snider	16 Gilmore Racing	169	Engine
16	24	Dennis Firestone (R)	18 Scientific Drilling Con.	137	Transmission
17	5	Jerry Sneva	7 Hugger Beverage Holder	130	Accident
18	3	Bobby Unser	11 Norton Spirit	126	Ignition Coil
19	25	Hurley Haywood (R)	99 Guarantee Auto/Kiss 99	126	Turbocharger
20	2	Mario Andretti	12 Essex	71	Engine
21	28	Jerry Karl	38 Tonco Trailer	64	Clutch
22	29	Dick Simon	8 Vermont Am./Silhouette	58	Lost Wheel
23	10	Roger Rager (R)	66 Advance Clean Sweep/Carpt.	55	Accident
24	11	Jim McElreath	23 McElreath	54	Accident
25	20	Gordon Smiley (R)	70 Valvoline/Diamondhead Ran.	47	Turbocharger
26	7	Johnny Parsons	15 Hopkins	44	Piston
27	9	Al Unser	5 Dairy Queen	33	Dropped Cyl.
28	13	Tom Bagley	40 Kent Oil	29	Pump Drive
29	4	Spike Gehlhausen	35 Winton Sales	20	Accident
30	27	Bill Whittington (R)	94 Sun System	9	Accident
31	15	Dick Ferguson (R)	26 AMS/OIL Special	9	Accident
32	26	Mike Mosley	48 Theodore Racing	5	Gasket
33	14	Larry Cannon	95 KRACO Sound Systems	2	Camshaft

TIME OF RACE: 3:29:59.56

SPEED OF RACE: 142.862 mph

INTERVAL OF VICTORY: 29.89 Seconds (Car 4 over Car 9)

* Penalized one lap for passing pace car under yellow.



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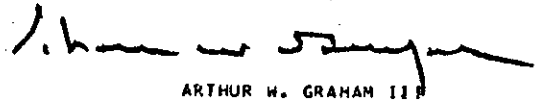
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INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY
INTERNATIONAL SHELFPSTAKES
FINAL STANDINGS

FINAL POSIT	LAPS COMP	CAR NO.	TOTAL TIME HR MN SECS	RACE AVG MPH	CAR NAME	ENTRANT	DRIVER
1	200	4	3 29 59.56	142.862	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	CHAPARRAL RACING, LTD.	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD
2	200	9	3 30 29.48	142.524	BOJOLR ACTION JEANS	JERRY O'CONNELL	TOM SNEVA
3	200	46	3 30 32.90	142.435	ARMSTRONG MOULD, INC.	AMI RACING DIV., INC.	GARY BETTENHAUSEN
4	200	20	3 30 33.17	142.402	N. AMER. VAN LINES PACESETTER	PATRICK RACING TEAM, INC.	GORDON JOHNCOCK
5	199	1	3 30 26.86	141.840	THE GOLD CHARGE PENSKE PC-9	PENSKE RACING, INC.	RICK HEARS
6	199*	10	3 30 28.93	141.817	ALEX XLNT FOCOS SPECIAL	ALEX MORALES CO., INC.	PANCHO CARTER
7	199	25	3 30 35.08	141.739	INTERSCOPE PANASONIC	INTERSCOPE RACING CORP.	DANNY ENGELS
8	198	43	3 30 41.89	140.960	ARMSTRONG MOULD, INC./JIFFY MIX	AMI RACING DIV., INC.	TOM BIGELOW
9	197	21	3 29 21.16	141.149	THE UNC-C95 STARCROISER	MACH 1 RACING ENT.	TIP RICHMOND
10	197	44	3 30 09.33	140.610	STARCRAFT R.V.	AMI RACING DIV., INC.	GREG LEFFLER
11	193	29	3 30 22.21	137.615	MASTER LOCK SPL.	BEAUDOIN RACING ENT., INC.	BILLY ENGELHART
12	192	2	3 30 16.62	136.962	HUBLER CHEVRONLET WFMS SPL	LEADER CARDS, INC.	BILL VUKOVICH
13	178	96	3 30 19.05	126.951	SUN SYSTEM SPECIAL	ROAD ATLANTA	DON WHITTINGTON
14	173	14	3 14 02.94	133.729	GILMORE RACING TEAM	A.J. FOYT ENTERPRISE	A.J. FOYT, JR.
15	169	16	3 07 17.26	135.353	GILMORE RACING TEAM	A.J. FOYT ENTERPRISE	GEORGE SNICER
16	137	18	2 40 04.90	128.372	SCIENTIFIC DRILL. CONTROLS SPL	JACK L. RHOADES A/C SALES, INC.	DEANIS FIRESTONE
17	130	7	2 23 39.23	135.743	HUGGER'S BEVERAGE CLOERS SPL.	AMI RACING DIV., INC.	JERRY SNEVA
18	127	99	3 09 22.86	100.591	STA-ON GLAZE/GUAR AUTO/KISS 99	LINDSEY HOPKINS	MURLEY HAYWOOD
19	126	11	2 15 46.17	135.223	NORTON SPIRIT PENSKE PC-9	PENSKE RACING, INC.	BOBBY UNSER
20	71	12	1 25 21.71	124.763	ESSEX PENSKE PC-9	PENSKE RACING, INC.	MARIC ANCRETTI
21	64	38	1 22 14.32	116.733	TGNCO TRAILER CO. SPL.	WILLIAM R. COMPTON, SR.	JERRY KARI
22	58	8	2 05 11.87	69.490	VERMONT AMER/SILHOUETTE/REGALO	VOLLSTEDT ENTERPRISES, INC.	DICK SIMON
23	55	66	1 05 54.59	125.171	ADV CL SWEEP/CARPENTER BUS SPL	GAIL & ROGER RAGER	ROGER RAGER
24	54	23	1 05 53.11	122.941	MCELREATH SPECIAL	SHIRLEY MCELREATH	JIMMY MCELREATH
25	47	70	1 00 20.49	116.835	VALVCLINE/DIAMOND HEAD RANCH	PATRICK RACING TEAM, INC.	GORDON SMILEY
26	44	15	1 00 06.59	109.799	WYNN'S SPECIAL	LINDSEY HOPKINS	JOHNNY PARSONS
27	33	5	47 18.95	104.616	LONGHORN RACING	LONGHORN RACING, INC.	AL UNSER
28	29	40	47 25.97	91.709	KENT CIL	PATRICK RACING TEAM, INC.	TOP BAGLEY
29	20	35	27 46.13	108.035	WINTON SALES	FLETCHER RACING TEAM	SPIKE GEFHAUSEN
30	9	94	9 21.27	144.316	SUN SYSTEM SPECIAL	ROAD ATLANTA	BILL WHITTINGTON
31	9	26	9 22.19	144.079	AMSOIL SPECIAL	STEVE & RICHARD SANETT	DICK FERGUSON
32	5	48	1 47 46.47	6.959	THEODOPE RACING EAGLE	ALL AMERICA RACERS, INC.	MIKE MCSLEY
33	2	95	18 38.43	16.054	KRACC CAR STEREO	CANNON RACING TEAM, INC.	LARRY CANNON

* NOTE: CAR #10 IS PENALIZED ONE LAP FOR PASSING THE PACE CAR UNDER YELLOW DURING LAP 58.

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LAP PRIZE LIST - FIRST PLACE

TOOK LEAD ON LAP	NO. OF LAPS LEAD	CAR NO.	CAR NAME	DRIVER	EARNINGS
1	15	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 3,000.00
16	2	66	ADV CL SWEEP/CARPENTER BUS SPL	ROGER RAGER	\$ 400.00
18	1	16	GILMORE RACING TEAM	GEORGE SNIDER	\$ 200.00
19	6	20	N. AMER. VAN LINES PACESETTER	GORDON JOHNCOCK	\$ 1,200.00
25	6	11	NORTON SPIRIT PENSKE PC-9	BOBBY UNSER	\$ 1,200.00
31	5	20	N. AMER. VAN LINES PACESETTER	GORDON JOHNCOCK	\$ 1,000.00
36	4	10	ALEX XLNT FOODS SPECIAL	PANCHO CARTER	\$ 800.00
40	7	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 1,400.00
47	10	12	ESSEX PENSKE PC-9	MARIO ANDRETTI	\$ 2,000.00
57	1	10	ALEX XLNT FOODS SPECIAL	PANCHO CARTER	\$ 200.00
58	15	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 3,000.00
73	1	21	THE UND-095 STARCUISE	TIM RICHMOND	\$ 200.00
74	11	9	BONJOUR ACTION JEANS	TOM SNEVA	\$ 2,200.00
85	19	11	NORTON SPIRIT PENSKE PC-9	BOBBY UNSER	\$ 3,600.00
104	10	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 2,000.00
114	3	1	THE GOULD CHARGE PENSKE PC-9	RICK MEARS	\$ 600.00
117	1	11	NORTON SPIRIT PENSKE PC-9	BOBBY UNSER	\$ 200.00
118	25	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 5,000.00
143	5	9	BONJOUR ACTION JEANS	TOM SNEVA	\$ 1,000.00
148	24	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 4,800.00
172	7	1	THE GOULD CHARGE PENSKE PC-9	RICK MEARS	\$ 1,400.00
179	22	4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	\$ 40,000.00

***** PRELIMINARY LAP FIGURES *****

LAP NO.	CAR NO.	LAP TIME HR MN SECOND	SPEED
1	4	49.65	181.269
2	4	1 37.63	184.370
4	4	3 16.76	182.964

***** FASTEST LEADING LAP *****

LAP NO.	CAR NO.	LAP TIME HR MN SECOND	SPEED
149	4	47.35	190.074

***** FASTEST LAP OF RACE *****

LAP NO.	CAR NO.	LAP TIME HR MN SECOND	SPEED
149	4	47.35	190.074

LAP PRIZE LIST - SUMMARY

CAR	CAR NAME	DRIVER	PLACES	LAPS	EARNINGS
4	PENNZOIL CHAPARRAL	JOHNNY RUTHERFORD	1ST	118	29,600.00
11	NORTON SPIRIT PENSKE PC-9	BOBBY UNSER	1ST	26	5,200.00
9	BONJOUR ACTION JEANS	TOM SNEVA	1ST	16	3,200.00
20	N. AMER. VAN LINES PACESETTER	GORDON JOHNCOCK	1ST	11	2,200.00
1	THE GOULD CHARGE PENSKE PC-9	RICK MEARS	1ST	10	2,000.00
12	ESSEX PENSKE PC-9	MARIO ANDRETTI	1ST	10	2,000.00
10	ALEX XLNT FOODS SPECIAL	PANCHO CARTER	1ST	5	1,000.00
66	ADV CL SWEEP/CARPENTER BUS SPL	ROGER RAGER	1ST	2	400.00
21	THE UNO-Q95 STARCHUISER	TIM RICHMOND	1ST	1	200.00
16	GILMORE RACING TEAM	GEORGE SNIDER	1ST	1	200.00