



THE WINNER—Johnny Rutherfor waves to those assembled at the Indianaolis Motor Speedway after he was declare the winner of the 1978 Indianaelie 50

mile race on Sunday. Rutherford won the rain-halted race after 102 laps (255 miles). The Borg-Warner trophy, symbol of the Memorial Day Classic, is behind Ruther-

Electronic-Pacer System Receives Raps From Foyt

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —
"Nobody seems to like it vermuch," Frank DeiRoy said of
the electro-pacer system a
Indianapolis Motor Spee
way. "They'll have to take
close look at it before net
year to see if it's really doin
the toh."

It wouldn't disappo too many people if the pac system is gone by next year Indianapolis 500.

DelRoy, U.S. Auto Club Technical Director. "But it's just a theory. It's pretty hard to police properly."

DelRoy was one of the

few people willing to say anything for print—or anything printable—about the system following a major squabble over whether winner Johnny Rutherford cheated on the pacer in Sunday's In-

dianapolis 500.

Rutherford made an off hand remark about not tak ing advantage of the pace system more than anyon else, then defended his actions as "definitely not cheating," as he was accuse by runnerup A.J. Foyt.

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"-Foyt, who was accused of doing the same thing with it pacer last year, and Da Gurney, owner of two cars it he race, protested loud about alleged abuses by Rott erford and others of the system during the rain-shot tened 255-mile race.

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Foyt, who trailed by at lea
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Foyt's padlocked garage.
Gurney claimed hi
driver, Pancho Carter, is
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had been treated at the white
stone structure.
"I would say that we had
more injuries because of the
rain. People are in a big
shurry to get in out of the rain,
so there's a lot of stipping
and falling. Then they try to
get impatient and argumen-

Over 100 Injured Leaving Speedway

tative and then we get them in here." Hanna said.

Because of the overcast skies and cool temperatures, the sunburn and heat prostration usually associated with the annual classic were absent.

"But what we missed in

"But what we missed in terms of heat-related problems, we made up for in actual injuries." Hanna said. Aside from the usual cuts and bruises, patients were treated for broken bones, hyperventilation and two mild heart attacks.

Rutherford Wins 102-Lap, 255 Mile Race At Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — "If you hang around long wrong." enough, things eventually come back your way," said Ruth Johnny Rutherford. But A.J. Foyt must be starting to "You do and a to a said a to a said

anapolis 500 triumph last year, was swept into victory Sunday by the same kind of Midwestern thunderstorm that had left him swimming in second place in 1973.

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And Foyt, a veteran of 19 of these Memorial Day classics, came up short once again in his bid for an unprecedented fourth Indy championship.

minutes before rain swept the sprawling Indianapolis Motor Speedway and turned the Indy 500 into the Indy 435. This time, it was Foyt who choose to pull into the plus at the wrong time. After going nose-to-nose with Rutherford through the 78th lap, he pulled in for a tire change during the

Standing on the pedal all the way, he shawed that margit to only a few seconds. Then the rains carme. And when they did, this Indy 500 was marked down to bargain-basement figure. It was the Indy 102, a 255-lap rac that made it the shortest in the 69-year history this spectach

has been held.

"There's a hell of lot of ways to lose a race," Foyt fumed
as he stomped through the puddles of Gasoline Alley, "and
I've dammed near found just about all of them."

Buthaford advancedated that as the cloude supported in

and darkened the skies, he was determined not to make the same mistake he had made a year ago.

"I saw the rain was coming and decided to hang on at long as I could so I'd be ahead if the race had to be stopped," he said. "I was very conscious of the fact that we were just

an official race. I remembered what I did last year and I gues I sort of said to myself, Not his time."

So Rutherford, who distained a fifth pit stop while Foy took his, held not win by a slim its seconds over A.J. with a average speed of 146.78 miles per hour. Foyt was clocked a barely one-ball a mile per hour slower—and when the official winnings are announced tonight, it will probably leave hir

Foyt said there was more than just bad timing contributing to his defeat. He accused Rutherford of improperly widering his lead during the yellow caution flag that preceeded the

Foyt said he was running second by a couple of second a lot fewer than the final 15-second margin. "Rutherford an lare friends." Foyt said, "but right is right and wrong it

Rutherford, though, wasn't exactly buying Foyt's claim, "You do everything you can to win," he said. "I didn't cheat and A.J. knows it and the timers and scorers agree with

. me." Rutherford, who figures to pick up more than \$200,000 t from the \$1-million purse, said—not all that convincingly—that his rain-sided finish was, "A hollow victory." But he acknowledge(" If think I'm pretty fortunate that the race, was stopped. I think if it had gone on, I could very well have

nost it."

He could have, indeed. When the race was halted, For was able to repair a broken sway bar. And with the track vitually dried out after a wait of better than two hours, Foyt wa

ready for bear.

But as Rutherford later put it, "Sometimes the bear eats
you and sometimes you eat the bear. I feel kind of sorry for
A. I. but I lock forward to giving a charge to win it now.

d year."

It's been nine years since Foyt got the last of his three rictories. Since then an awful lot of things have gone wrong at this and historical.

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This year's rainout, by far the shortest Indy ever run, was the third to be hit by a Midwestern storm in four years. In 1873, a race marred by statilities and delayer for two days by rain, the classic ended in the previous low of 333%-miles. That race was won by Gerdon Johnooch, who finished third this time around. Last year's 435-miler belongetto Bebby Unser, who this time came in 10th among the 72 cars still running at

That group of 27 was one of the few things that went right.

It was the largest field ever to be running at the end of the race since the previous high of 26 in 1911, the year the 500 as held for the first time.

crashes, this one was virtually accident-free. The only blemish came very early when Roger McGluskey nicked a wall, skidded to the infield and stepped unburt from his battered machine.

The only other dropouts were reckie Spike Gehlhausen,

Billy Vukovich, David Hobbs, Dick Simon and Gary Bettenhausen, all with mechanical problems.

Following Johncock among the top finishers were Wally Dallenbach, Pancho Carter, Tom Sneva, Al Unser, Mario

The race drew an estimated 400,000 fans, a crowd which police and Speedway officials called the largest in Indy history. It wasn't the wildest show ever put on, but as Rutherford put it:

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d "If they didn't like this race, they don't know what racin

Pearson Work 600 Winner,

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AF

— David Pearson, winner
the \$249,155 World 600 stor
car race, ate some crow Su
day after Janet Gulbrie fi
ished 15th in the grueling 60
mile race which attracted
record 100,000 spectators.

"trank sealprised erybody," said the smiling Mercury driver who had just beaten Richard Petty's Dodge as the 17th annual race ended under caution. Pearson said Tuesday he didn't think she would make

the 40-car field.

Miss Guthrie, who started
27th, finished 21 laps behind
Pearson and completed 379
of the 400-lap event to win
\$3,555 at the 1.5-mile Charlotte

Motor Speedway.

Reporters in the press
box also voted her winner of
the Curtis Turner Memorial

g Driver Achievement Award.

"I felt like she wouldn't last 600 miles. She suprised me the way she was driving a lik week," Pearson said of the 38-year-old New York physists; who falled to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 a week at ago because of engine prob-

lems.
Early leader Cale Yar borough finished third in a Chevrolet, one lap behind Pearson and Petty. Bobb; and the Chevrolet of Benn; Parsons was fifth, two lap Parsons was fifth, two lap

do"I. knew I could go all the way somewhere after two and a half to three hours," said Miss Guhrie, praising Ralph Moody, who prepared her Chevrolet, Cale Yarberough, Donnie Allison and other drivers who helped her during the week.

The race, slowed to an average speed of 137.352 milesper hour by seven caution flags, lasted four hours, 22 minutes and six seconds.

"My strategy was to run as hard as I could as traffic permitted, and I think I did that fairly well," she said, adding that the 190-degree temperature of the track didn't bother her very much. Admitting it wasn't

Admitting it wasn't "very diplomatic," she said she would have rather been in the Indy 500 because of the prestige. She said she had no plans to run another Grand National race, but would like

Pearson almost didn't make it to victory lane because of a wild, three-car crash with two laps to go. He was heading for an apparent win over Petty, leading by a

comfortable 6.9 seconds.

But the Chevrolets of
James Hylton and Grant
Adcox and the Ford of Dick.
Brooks got tangled up coming out of the fourth turn just
in front of Pearson.

"First thing that popped into my mind was Daytons (when Pearson and Petty wrecked near the finish line), Pearson said."! did know that we had a couple of laps to go and I really didn't know which way the cars were going. I saw an opening shot in the areas in the

Pearson, who led 230 laps, said, "I will have to say that lady driver got in my

Miss Guthrie said she
knew she got caught in traffic on a few occasions. "I'm
sorry about that, but I think
Laffite basically I drove a fairly
ding up clear race."



Lauda Grand Prix Champ for the a few story about

MONTE CARLO, At the co (AP) — World cham he of Austria could be deferrar's monopoly trol or Formula I ra Sunday with a start-to-fi domination of the 34th M co Grand Prix.

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It was Ferrari's sixth vitory in six races this yar Lauda has won five of ther and seems to have a ne world champtonship easil within his reach.

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just five laps from the flag. He officially finished 14th. Other victims of the tight circuit were Sweden's Ronnie Peterson, who slid and crashed on oil in his March after lying a solid scond to Lauda for the first 26 laps, and France's Jacques, Laflie, in a Ligier, who sopin out

With Lauda far ahead, at tention focused on the strug gle between Regarzoni an the Tyrrells. The Swiss dog gedly chased Depaller, sufering from rear suspensio trouble, for almost half thrace distance before finally the substantial forms from the casino.

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