

# ANDRETTI TRIUMPHS AT INDY

## Gurney Takes Another 2nd

By Ray Marquette  
USAC Editor

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 30 — Mario Andretti drove a "second-place man's race" today and walked away with his first 500-mile race to the vast delight of a crowd of nearly 275,000 sun-baked watchers.

Finishing the 3.11:14.71 grind with nearly a three-lap lead over Dan Gurney, the little Italian-born American had a difficult time convincing himself that he finally snared the one prize in American racing that had eluded him in four previous efforts.

Andretti's win also gave car owner and sponsor, Andy Granatelli, the elusive Indianapolis victory, for which the STP president has been striving as a driver, sponsor and car owner since 1946.

For the final 10 laps, Granatelli

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Mario Andretti is all smiles as he is surrounded by well wishers during traditional Victory Lane ceremonies at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, May 30. Andretti took his STP Hawk-Ford to a record-shattering win in the Memorial Day classic. Car owner, Andy Granatelli, equally jubilant over his first Indy win, stands behind Andretti. (Jack Brady photo)

## Sam Posey's Mustang Wins Lime Rock T-A

By Bill Shermer

LIME ROCK, Conn., May 30 — Sam Posey, driving a Shelby Team-prepared Boss Mustang, galloped to victory in the Memorial Day Trans-American Sedan Championship event at Lime Rock Park here today.

Posey completed the 143-lap

race around Lime Rock's 1.53-mile course in 2:30:22, averaging 87.27mph for the win worth \$18,500.

The race was a Mustang show with the Ford ponies finishing first, second and fourth. The runnerup spot was taken by Swede Savage, piloting a Bud Moore-prepared Mustang while John Cannon placed another Moore machine in fourth.

The Mustang sweep was interrupted by the Penske-Sunoco Camaro driven to third by Bob Johnson.

The Connecticut win today gives Ford its second consecutive victory in this year's TransAm series, now only two races old.

The Mustang Posey drove to victory is the car usually assigned to Peter Revson, who qualified for today's Indianapolis 500-mile U.S. Auto Club race. Savage was driving the Mustang with which Parnelli Jones, another Indy attendant, won the May 10 TransAm opener at Michigan International Raceway.

Tony Adamowicz, on leave from

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## Godsall Claim Attacks SCCA

TORONTO, June 1 — In a letter directed to James E. Kaser, Director of Professional Racing for the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), Terry Godsall today announced the sale of his equity in T/G Racing, the Pontiac Firebird Trans-American Sedan series effort, to his partner, Californian Jerry Titus.

Godsall stated in the letter,

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Sam Posey charges his Carroll Shelby-prepared Mustang at Lime Rock Park ahead of the Fred Opert/Paul Sanford Porsche to collect his first TransAm win at the race held Memorial Day. (Pete Luongo photo)

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## McLaren Dominates Mosport CanAm

By Jack Brady  
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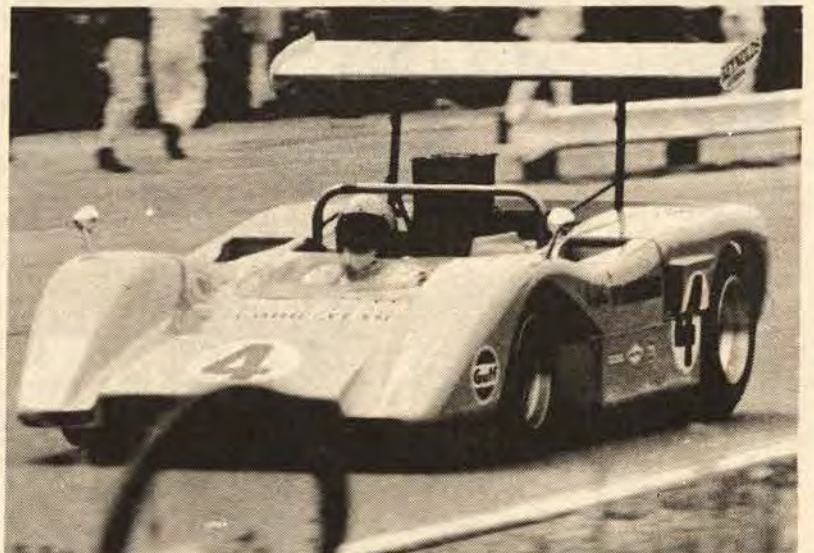
ORANO, Ont., June 1 — Toppling the existing lap record by 1.2 seconds, New Zealander Bruce McLaren won the Mosport Canadian-American Challenge Cup race for the Labatts Blue Trophy at a sizzling average of 111.25mph here today.

Less than a second behind after 80 laps was teammate Denis Hulme in a second McLaren M8B in this first race of the 1969 11-race series.

The only other car finishing on the same lap was Englishman John Surtees, running under Texan Jim Hall's colors. Surtees' new McLaren M12, delivered in Texas less than a week before the CanAm opener, was typical of several of the series' top contenders.

Potentially he is fast enough to compete with the older McLaren design but too new to be without teething problems.

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Bruce McLaren, to the surprise of very few, won the Canadian-American Challenge Cup series opener at Mosport, June 1, leading teammate Denis Hulme and John Surtees' Jim Hall-entered McLaren to the finish.

## LATE NEWS

● The STP Racing Team may enter the Plymouth-powered "Super Wedge" for Art Pollard at the June 15 Langhorne USAC Championship car race. Further testing will be done on the car to determine its competitiveness.

● According to a NASCAR spokesman, Cale Yarborough and Richard Petty were cleared to drive for Ford in the Lime Rock TransAm race one day prior to the event. NASCAR president, Bill France, had originally refused to allow the drivers to compete in the SCCA Memorial Day race.

● The Roger Penske Racing Team has started work on the Lola 163 slated for this year's Canadian-American Challenge Cup series. A company spokesman, however, said the car has a 50-50 chance of being ready for the Watkins Glen race on July 12.

● The Revmaster off-road racing team has been disbanded pending development of a new model.

● Following a victory in the London-Sydney Marathon, Rootes has closed its competition department until later in the year.

● The southern California chapter of the Formula Racing Assn. is facing bankruptcy. Sponsors of a recent race, the chapter has been left with a sizable debt.

### GT6 PLUS TRIUMPHS MAKE IT TWO IN A ROW

Sunday, June 1

Lake Charles, La. — Carl Swanson, of Hawthorne, Calif., picked up his 5th E production national win of the year behind the wheel of a Kastner-prepared factory Triumph GT6 Plus. Finishing second in E production and third overall in a Roy Jones-entered GT6 Plus was Dave Dooley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Taking first in F production and second overall in the combined E and F production contest was Swanson's teammate, Lee Mueller of Lynwood, California. Mueller, driving a Spitfire Mk3, trailed Swanson across the finish line nose to tail.

Donneybrooke, Minn. — Ron Oliver of Raytown, Mo., driving a TR4, captured the D production checkered flag.



More on:

# 'Substitute Sam' Grabs Memorial Day Win Anyway

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the Continental Championship series, took the under-2-liter crown after a race-long battle with Gaston Andrey's Alfa Romeo. Adamowicz won the TransAm at Lime Rock a year ago in another Porsche and captured the 1968 small-bore TransAm Championship.

## MUSICAL DRIVERS

Because of Indianapolis, there was a game of musical drivers' seats here today. With regular Ford Pilots Jones, Revson and George Follmer involved in brickyard activity, changes were necessary. The program listed Richard Petty and Cale Yarborough as drivers of the two Bud Moore cars. But because of a decision made about 1000 miles south of here, it didn't turn out that way. The official story at the track was that Petty and Yarborough simply were withdrawn from competition. That's a surface

story to say the least. Trackside talk had it that Bill France told the two NASCAR stars that if they drove in today's TransAm, they'd be out of the Grand National game for keeps.

Also among the missing from the usual TransAm company was defending champion Mark Donohue and Penske-Sunoco team driver Ron Bucknum. The two Penske Camaros were driven by Ed Leslie and Johnson. Leslie took to the pits and didn't come back out a third of the way into the two-and-a-half hour race.

The regular Javelin and Firebird crews were on hand for the race but a variety of reasons kept them out of contention.

## SAM ON POLE

Posey was on the pole with a 59.30 qualifying lap. Posey lives in Sharon, Conn., just a few miles away from Lime Rock and has had

many hours of practice at this circuit.

Next to Posey on the grid was Horst Kwech in the other Shelby-prepared Boss Mustang. His qualifying time was 1:00.16. After the two Mustangs came Jerry Titus' Pontiac Firebird with a time of 1:00.19 and Johnson's Camaro with a qualifying time of 1:00.21.

## KWECH OFF FIRST

When the flag dropped on the rolling start, Kwech pulled out for an immediate lead. Second was Posey, and that's the way it stayed for the first 20 minutes of the race. Kwech and Posey were followed by Ron Grable's Team Javelin and Savage in the Moore Mustang. Then Kwech pulled his kangaroo-marked car into the pits for a long stop. From the actions of the Shelby crew it was apparent the car was suffering brake problems. Kwech roared back out again only to return to become a spectator for the rest of the race. He was only able to complete 19 laps because of what was diagnosed as master cylinder failure.

## SLOW VOLVO

It didn't take long for the big Detroit iron to catch up and start lapping the back of the field. Robert Huber's Volvo, getting into the race when one of the qualifiers couldn't make it to the grid, was lapped after five trips around Lime Rock's short and tight circuit.

Titus, one of the pre-race favorites, suffered mechanical problems fifteen minutes into the race while running fifth. Fifteen minutes later, the cream-colored Firebird was in 20th place. Titus stayed in the race, let everyone pass him, finally retiring on the 56th lap.

## GRABLE OVERCOME

Team Javelin's troubles began when John Martin's Ron Kaplan-prepared mount broke an axle and came wobbling down the



Sam Posey, left, overall Lime Rock TransAm winner, and Tony Adamowicz, under-2-liter winner, share the victory circle.



Everybody's busy at this Sam Posey pit stop in the Carroll Shelby-entered Mustang. (Pete Luongo photos)

pit lane. With Martin out, Grable was left to carry the American Motors colors. At about the halfway mark, Grable pitted and was helped from the red, white and blue racer suffering from heat

prostration and fume inhalation. The American Motors crew didn't think their day was over. Martin scrambled into his helmet and was climbing into Grable's car (Continued on page 28)



Horst Kwech's Mustang (2) dropped out with brake failure at the 19-lap mark after qualifying second fastest. Here he leads the neck-and-neck under-2-liter battle between Tony Adamowicz, Porsche (21), and Gaston Andrey, Alfa Romeo (25). (Steve Annis photo)

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## LIME ROCK TRANS-AM GRID

No. 1-Sam Posey Mustang 59.30, 92.884mph (G)	No. 2-Horst Kwech Mustang 1:00.16, 91.555mph (G)
37-Jerry Titus Firebird 1:00.19, 91.508mph (G)	6-Bob Johnson Camaro 1:00.21, 91.480mph (G)
15-Swede Savage Mustang 1:00.69, 90.756mph (F)	9-Ed Leslie Camaro 1:01.04, 90.234mph (G)
41-Don Yenke Camaro 1:01.21, 89.982mph (G)	3-Ron Grable Javelin 1:01.26, 89.910mph (G)
16-John Cannon Mustang 1:01.41, 89.690mph (F)	29-Milt Minter Firebird 1:01.86, 89.039mph (G)
92-Rusty Jowett Camaro 1:02.11, 88.679mph (G)	4-John Martin Javelin 1:02.61, 87.970mph (G)
85-Dick Lang Camaro 1:03.00, 87.426mph (G)	32-Rick McDaniel Firebird 1:03.26, 87.066mph (G)
10-Ron Hunter Javelin 1:03.52, 86.709mph (G)	11-Larry Bock Camaro 1:04.26, 85.712mph (G)
93-Serge Adam Camaro 1:04.29, 85.673mph (G)	72-Brad Dunn Firebird 1:04.34, 85.604mph (G)
55-Ted Roberts Javelin 1:04.53, 85.352mph (G)	62-Richard Brown Firebird 1:04.36, 85.579mph (F)
25-Gaston Andrey Alfa Romeo 1:04.68, 85.154mph (F)	22-Jim Netterstrom Porsche 1:05.20, 84.478mph (G)
86-Peter Harrison Porsche 1:05.47, 84.128mph (F)	21-Tony Adamowicz Porsche 1:05.80, 83.707mph (G)
52-Bob Bailly/Jim Locke Porsche 1:06.30, 83.074mph (G)	14-Bert Everett Porsche 1:06.63, 82.663mph (G)
59-Peter Gregg Porsche 1:06.91, 82.318mph (F)	17-Russ Norburn Porsche 1:07.53, 81.562mph (F)
73-Fred Opert/Paul Sanford Porsche 1:07.54, 81.551mph (D)	19-Robert Huber Volvo 1:09.30, 79.477mph (F)
F-Firestone	G-Goodyear
	D-Dunlop



Ed Leslie in the regular Mark Donohue Camaro pits for a tire. At a later stop at the 60-lap mark, the drive shaft snapped ending half of the Penske entry. (Guy Amundsen photo)





Race-winning Sam Posey prepares to push his Mustang (1) past Richard Brown's smoking Firebird (62) on his way to win the TransAm sedan race at Lime Rock Park, Conn., May 30. Posey averaged 87mph in winning the 218-mile race. Brown managed to nurse his way home to 18th place. (Steve Annis photo)



Tony Adamowicz won the under-2-liter section and was seventh overall at the Lime Rock TransAm in a Porsche (21). Here he leads Paul Sanford's Porsche and Gaston Andrey's Alfa Romeo. Andrey was second under-2-liter and eighth overall. (Guy Amundsen photo)

## More on: Adamowicz Nips Andrey At Lime Rock

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when an SCCA official explained TransAm rules do not allow car switching. Grable re-entered the race after a long rest to finish last at the checkered.

It couldn't be called Camaro's day either. Sixty laps into the race the two Penske cars were running second and third. Then Leslie pitted for a scheduled fuel stop only to have a drive shaft snap leaving the pit lane. Quick pit action by the Penske crew helped keep Johnson in contention. He finished a lap behind the two Mustangs but three laps ahead of the number four finisher, Cannon.

### ALFA-PORSCHE BATTLE

Only two cars were ever in contention for the under-2-liter victory. The Adamowicz Porsche was running just behind Andrey's Alfa for the first half of the race after the German car held the lead for the first 15 minutes. Then Adamowicz powered his way past the Alfa and went on to win. Andrey stayed on the same lap as Adamowicz, with all the other small-bore cars finishing at least two laps behind.

TRANS-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP RACE, LIME ROCK PARK, LIME ROCK, CONN., MAY 30

FINISHERS: 1 - Sam Posey, 1969 Mustang, 143 laps or 218.79 miles in 2:30:22.4 for an average speed of 87.27mph, \$2500; 2 - Swede Savage, '69 Mustang, 143 laps, \$1700; 3 - Bob Johnson, '69 Camaro, 142, \$1300; 4 - John Cannon, '69 Mustang, 139, \$900; 5 - Milt Minter, '68 Firebird, 138, \$650; 6 - Rusty Jowett, '68 Camaro, 137, \$500; 7 - Tony Adamowicz, Porsche, 136 (1-U2L), \$1300; 8 - Gaston Andrey, Alfa Romeo, 136 (2-U2L), \$800; 9 - Ron Hunter, '68 Javelin, 135, \$400; 10 - Bert Everett, Porsche, 134 (3-U2L), \$700; 11 - Peter Harrison, Porsche, 134 (4-U2L), \$600; 12 - Bob Bailey/Jim Locke, Porsche, 133 (5-U2L), \$500; 13 - Jim Netterstrom, Porsche, 132 (6-U2L), \$400; 14 - Larry Bock, Camaro, 131, \$350; 15 - Peter Gregg, Porsche, 131 (7-U2L), \$300; 16 - Serge Adam, Camaro, 129, \$300; 17 - Rick McDaniel, '68 Firebird, 127, \$250; 18 - Richard Brown, Firebird, 124, \$200; 19 - Fred Opert/Paul Sanford, Porsche, 124 (8-U2L), \$200; 20 - Ron Grable, '69 Javelin, 116, \$200.

DNF: 21 - Don Yenko, Camaro, 88, split oil pan; 22 - Robert Huber, Volvo, 69, engine failure; 23 - Dick Lang, Camaro, 61, black flagged, couldn't restart; 24 - Ted Roberts, Javelin, 58, engine failure; 25 - Jerry Titus, Firebird, 56, engine failure; 26 - John Martin, Javelin, 54, broken axle; 27 - Ed Leslie, Camaro, 48, broken drive shaft; 28 - Russ Norburn, Porsche, 39, unknown; 29 - Brad Dunn, Firebird, 29, unknown; 30 - Horst Kwech, Mustang, 19, brake failure.



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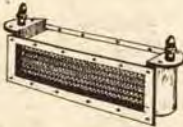
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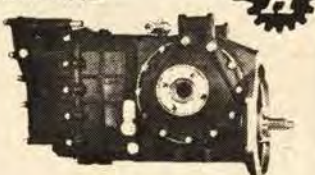
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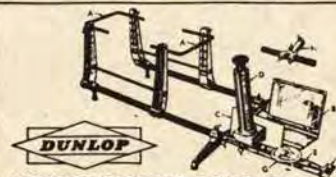


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