

Syracuse Sweepstake 50
Saturday September 18, 1920
New York State Fairgrounds
1 Mile Dirt Oval

Finish	Driver	No.	Entrant	Chassis	Engine	Laps	notes
1	Ralph DePalma	2	Ballot Special	Ballot	Ballot	50	40:49.68, NR
2	Jimmy Murphy	12	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	49	41:39.37, 1 ½ miles behind, lapped on the 35 th lap
3	Ira Vail	7	Frontenac Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	48	42:11.62, 2 ½ miles behind, lapped on the 20 th lap
4	Bennett Hill	3	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	46	4 ½ miles behind , lapped on the 12 th lap
5	Gaston Chevrolet	5	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	44	31 st lap experienced engine and tire problems, losing 6 laps
6	Eddie O'Donnell	9	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	27	28 th lap blew tire swerved backward into fence at the half mile post

Syracuse 20 Miles

Finish	Driver	No.	Entrant	Chassis	Engine	Laps	notes
1	Ralph DePalma	2	Ballot Special	Ballot	Ballot	20	16:8.98 NR
2	Eddie O'Donnell	9	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	20	
3	Gaston Chevrolet	5	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	20	
4	Ira Vail	7	Frontenac Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	20	
5	Jimmy Murphy	12	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	20	
6	Bennett Hill	3	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	8	Out on lap 8 with engine problems

Syracuse 10 Miles

Finish	Driver	No.	Entrant	Chassis	Engine	Laps	notes
1	Ralph DePalma	2	Ballot Special	Ballot	Ballot	10	7:47 NR
2	Gaston Chevrolet	5	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	10	7:49, 50 yards behind
3	Ira Vail	7	Frontenac Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	10	85 yards behind
4	Jimmy Murphy	12	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg		
5	Eddie O'Donnell	9	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg		
6	Bennett Hill	3	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	6	Out on 7 th lap with engine problems

Early entrants were Gaston Chevrolet, Ralph Mulford, Ralph DePalma, Bennett Hill, Eddie O'Donnell and Jimmy Murphy.

The Thursday September 16, 1920 Los Angeles Post reported that "Ralph Mulford marries Grace Fisher of Utica, NY, married in Utica. They start for California on their honeymoon on Sunday."

In practice DePalma clocked in with a time of 48 seconds followed by Chevrolet, Vail, O'Donnell, Murphy and Hill (who experienced engine issues).

Fred Dusenber was at the track with retired speedster Louis Chevrolet.

The Sunday September 19, 1920 Los Angeles Times reported that "Tommy Milton arrived in Los Angeles on Thursday and announced yesterday he is departing Duesenberg, and will drive Cliff Durant's Chevrolet Duesenberg in the future.

Sources: 1920 Syracuse race program, 9/14 and 9/18/1920 Syracuse Journal, 9/17 and 9/18/1920 Syracuse Herald, 9/19/1920 New York Times, 9/19/1920 Syracuse Herald, 1941 Syracuse race program.

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