

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

Finish	Start	Driver	No.	Entrant	Chassis	Engine	Laps	notes
1	1	Ralph DePalma	2	Ballot Special	Ballot	Ballot	50	40:49.68, NR
2	3	Jimmy Murphy	12	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	49	41:39.37, 1 ½ miles behind
3	6	Ira Vail	7	Frontenac Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	48	42:11.62, 2 ½ miles behind
4	5	Bennett Hill	3	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	46	4 ½ miles behind
5	2	Gaston Chevrolet	5	Monroe Special	Frontenac	Frontenac	44	24 th lap experienced engine problems losing 6 laps
6	4	Eddie O'Donnell	9	Duesenberg Special	Duesenberg	Duesenberg	27	28 th lap blew tire swerved backward into fence on the BS

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Finish	Start	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	

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Finish	Start	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

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." Friday 9/17/1920 DePalma clocked in with a time of 47.2-5, Chevrolet 50 seconds, Murphy 50 seconds, O'Donnell 51 seconds. Gaston practiced in Mulford's car. Sources: 1920 Syracuse program, September 19, 1920 Syracuse Herald, 1945 Syracuse program, 9/19/1920 New York Times, 9/18/1920 Syracuse Journal.

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