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Grand Prix Meeting at Silverstone

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The crowded British Grand Prix Meeting at Silverstone - sponsored by the Daily Express. Searching for thrills, our cameraman ^{Took off} ~~dropped in~~ by helicopter, and found them in the International Sports Car Race...

It's A thirty-five lap ~~race~~ ^{event - with} ~~there's~~ prestige and ready export markets (including America) for the winning car - so competition is fierce.

~~The Jaguars won at Le Mans; but this time,~~ ^{but} The Aston Martins scoop the dollar jack-pot - Reg Parnell winning, at an average speed of 89.41 miles per hour. PRINCE BIRA OF SIAM IS

~~Famous drivers~~ in the Grand Prix line-up. ~~Prince Bira of Siam,~~ Italy's Alberto Ascari - the reigning world champion driver. And Britain's Mike Hawthorne, lying second in this year's championship table.

All set for the race - with the Italian Works teams - (the Ferraris and Maseratis heading) the line-up, ~~the status of their superior practice times~~ as they get away.

Ahead lie 260 gruelling miles - as Ascari, ~~in his Ferrari,~~ leaps to the front. ^{in his Ferrari} ~~in his Ferrari~~ BUT

Anxious moments ⁷ a marker barrel is knocked on to the track. ~~Then~~ Coming out of Woodcote Corner, Mike Hawthorne goes into a nasty skid. But his brilliant driving averts a nasty accident.

Striving to make up the loss of valuable seconds - Hawthorne (in his Ferrari, No. 8) goes after the leader - team-mate Ascari.

So - throughout the race - the Italian cars battled for supremacy. ~~the Maserati, driven by Gonzalez splattered oil on the track - cutting down speeds. Yet still Ascari set up a new lap record for Formula Two cars with 95.79 miles per hour. Then Gonzalez equalled it a few laps later.~~

~~THE~~ cracking pace and frequent pit stops proved too much for British cars. The loss of two minutes means that you're a lap behind in this race.

The Young Scottish driver, No 15 Ian Stewart ^(IN HIS CONNAUGHT) gets going again ~~fast~~ ~~fast~~

~~lying second~~ ^{LYING SECOND} Fangio of Argentina (driving a Maserati) laps Peter Collins in an H.W.M. But he's still almost a minute behind Ascari, who's still leading the field.

And here he comes - Alberto Ascari - completing a British Grand Prix Double (He won last year), and a hat-trick of victories for the Ferrari team.

~~Ascari~~ Ascari - the World Champion - retains the laurels of victory.