

Peter Collins last race5th August 1958

The flag is down. High-powered cars race away in the German Grand Prix. Famous drivers battling for mastery on the Nurburgring Circuit. It's called the track with 175 corners, and on one treacherous corner, death was waiting for British ace Peter Collins.

That tragedy shrouded a great day for British motor-racing. Driving Vanwalls were Stirling Moss No. 7 and Tony Brooks (the eventual winner). Their chief challengers were Ferrari drivers, Peter Collins (in car number two) and his friend ~~inmate~~ Mike Hawthorn.

The four British drivers were leading the world. This race would put them in the first four places ~~in~~ in the world championship table. ~~Peter Collins~~ ^{PETER COLLINS} In that fatal eleventh lap, ~~he~~ ^{he} took a bend a little wide while chasing the leader, Tony Brooks - crashed, and died in hospital.

Close behind him was Mike Hawthorn. "Pete and I raced as a team" said Mike after the race.

Peter and Mike had raced together on ~~many~~ every major circuit.

Mike's final tribute was "As a driver, Peter was definitely the best"

During the 1956 season, Collins won the Rhens Grand Prix and finished runner-up to World Champion Fangio. ~~Secondly,~~ AND DEATH CAME WITH

JUST Recently, he won the British Grand Prix at Silverstone. A tragic race ~~GLORY~~ ^{GLORY} ~~AT~~ ^{AT} ~~2nd~~ ^{2nd} driver ~~called~~ ^{called} for the ~~man~~ who was christened "the gay cavalier of the track"