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DUKE MISSES GRAND PRIX

They're all ready for the start of the Manx Senior Grand Prix over 226½ miles of hard going with a gale blowing. The Reverend Robert Reid is there to start them but world champion Geoff Duke is a couple of miles away getting ready to marry the starter's daughter. And there they go!

As they round Quarter Bend, let's go and see what's happening to the fastest man on two wheels ever at St. George's Church.

And here comes the Duke - the world's champion racing motor-cyclist. Of course, he's well used to crowds - but he'd feel much more at home in his racing togs - but no bride would stand for that on her great day. And here she comes, escorted by her brother, lovely Pat Reid, hoping father managed to get back from the start in time for the service.

The crowd waits patiently outside, and then suddenly, there's The Duke with his smiling Duchess, and in the background, the roar of the racers - among them the Duke's pal and workmate, Dave Bennett. But Mr. and Mrs. Duke couldn't care less!

Meantime, the race is nearly over. Any moment now we're expecting the winner. And here he comes over the line - Duke's pal Dave Bennett, smashing the champion's record! On his wedding day, too! What a pal! Makes a nice picture. Let's get a close-up. Well, what do you know, the Duke was the winner after all.