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Grand Prix of Germany in Berlin

The Grand Prix on the famous Avus-Track near the Berlin Radio Tower was the most important sports-event which took place after the war in Berlin.

65,000 racing fans watched the formula I cars compete for the Grand Prix of Germany. The international ace-drivers went over the 8,5 kms track for two trial runs before the actual race began. It was half-an hour later due to rainfall.

A two minutes' silence was observed in honor of the French driver Jean Behra who had been killed in the Saturday's race for sports cars.

60 laps or 498kms had to be covered. The participants had been warned to keep to the lower security girdle of the Northern bend. But the speeding was so enormous - the laps of 8 kms were covered in less than 2 minutes - that the warning was not heeded. Jean Behra (Nr12) struck a pole and was instantly killed. (Our coverage includes Behra during a test-lap)

Stirling Moss (No.7) did not make more than the second lap due to engine trouble! There was an embittered fight for the leading position between the three Ferraris with Brooks (No.4), Hill (No.5) Gurney (No.6) and the Cooper-car of Gregory (no.3) from USA. Gregory was faster in the straights but the Ferraris managed the bends better.

In the 7th lap Hans Hermann touched a straw-bale at the Southern bend. The car overturned several times. But happily Hermann scrambled out of the Car and was only badly bruised. The car began to burn.

During the first 10 laps Brooks led the field followed by Gregory on a Cooper - Gurney on Ferrari - Hill on Ferrari and Brabham - world champion candidate No 1 on Cooper.

After 24 laps Gregory's Cooper was finished.

In the 18th lap Brooks made a new record 2:04,5 (239,9km/hour)

After 30 rounds Brooks was leading with an average of 227,6 km/hrs. 200 metres back was Gurney. Half a lap back Hill. It was a Ferrari day.

- Result:
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| 1. Tony Brooks | (United Kingdom) | |
| 2. Dan Gurney | (USA) | all on Ferrari (Italy) |
| 3. Phil Hill | (USA) | |