

Cycle Tour of Britain commences--

Sept 8th. '53.

Starting from the cockpit in Hyde Park, 59 international cross-country wheelers set off on the Daily Express 1624-mile racing tour of Britain.

And soon they're well away- heading for Great Yarmouth

~~Passing through ...~~

Nearing Thetford- there's a chance to pick up light refreshments. First day's winner ^{WAS} Italy's Bruno Monti- who covered the 124 miles from London- in just over five hours.

The next day- they're on the road again, making for Peterboro', ~~and ...~~

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~~...~~, it's Luciano Ciancola- up in first place. Before leaving Yarmouth, this young Italian- who was just behind his team-mate Monti on the first day- injured his arm in a fall.

Leaving Peterboro' behind, the roadsters have a time-trial over another 39 miles to Leicester- with riders starting off alone at minute intervals. Belgium won this time-trial, but the long race round ~~Britain~~ Britain continues.

Meanwhile- at Olympic Way, Wembley, boy scouts are running off superfluous steam in heats for the National Championship Finals of the Coronation Soap-Box Derby- the greatest sporting event in the Scouts' ~~...~~ calendar.

AS THEY BURN UP THE TRACK, A

sudden flare-up at a nearby tyre dump caused a temporary break- while scouts ~~...~~ performed their good deed of the day- helping the Fire Brigade remove ~~...~~ TYRES from the danger zone.

But it's time for a re-tread to the racing track- as sixty Soap-Box cars- made by the scouts themselves- at a cost of less than £5- ~~...~~ battle for honours in the Finals.

And it's "Black Witch II"- belonging to the 86th Salford Troup- which wins the senior race- for the second time running.

Then, ~~...~~ hero of all youthful drivers- Mike Hawthorn- after presenting the prizes, gave the boys a lasting memento ~~...~~ of a great sporting occasion.