

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

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Northumberland: All set for the fifth stage of the "Daily Express" Tour of Britain Cycle Race - fifty riders leave Whitley Bay - heading for the Border - and Glasgow... Already, the wheelers have covered over four hundred miles since the race began at Great Yarmouth.

Fifteen miles out - Johnny Welch and Henri Guldemont of Belgium broke from the pack - and the British rider was first to cross the border.

Two minutes behind the leaders - the pack climbed the 1300 foot height - Carter Bar - to cross into Scotland.

First through Melrose was Ian Steel - who took the lead during this stage when he won the first "Tour of Britain" three years ago.

Soon after - the pack closed up - and in one bunch - the riders sped on - each trying to break away - and gain precious seconds on the overall leaders - Tamburlini and Mercier of France.

Through Symington - the last feeding-point - Arnaldo Faccioli, the sole ~~remains~~ remaining Italian left in the race - led the field.

Just over thirty miles to go now - in this 158 mile stage - the second longest in the race.

Large crowds watched the riders speed through Lanark - with a group of five - leading the pack.

On into Glasgow - and again, the pack had nearly caught up. Finally, in a spirited dash for the finishing line - Dennis Talbot got home by two lengths from Roland Bezamat of France, With Bob Maitland third, and ~~Faccioli~~ fourth.

And behind - thirty-four riders ~~in a bunch~~ clocked equal time for fifth place....

So Dennis Talbot greets those nine-hundred miles ahead - with a victory smile...