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T.T. Race Thrills

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In the Isle of Man, seventy-seven ace riders faced the testing circuit, in the Senior T.T. Race - getting away at ten second intervals. And there's World Champion Geoff Duke - racing away on his Italian Gilera to shatter the lap record from a standing start.

Australian ace Ken Navanagh, riding a Moto Guzzi, ^K...and Irish star, Reg Armstrong ^(No 38) were soon hotly-pursuing the World champion. But Duke stayed out in front and set up a new lap record of ~~2~~ 99.97 miles per hour. A fraction under the first 100 m.p.h. ^{LAP} in T.T. History.

After lying third, Bill Lomas (winner of the Lightweight and Junior events) dropped back with engine trouble.

Backed up by his team-mate, Reg Armstrong, (in second place) Geoff raced on to shatter the old lap figures five times. He covered the 264-mile course in under two-and-threequarter hours - his third race victory.

~~Then heart felt relief mingled with congratulations for Speed King Geoff Duke and his team-mate Reg Armstrong, in the first Italian Senior T.T. triumph.~~
Congratulations to Geoff

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