

Celebrating the Golden Jubilee occasion, fifty-one drivers competed in the R.A.C. Tourist Trophy Motor Race, on the Dundrod circuit, near Belfast. But for three drivers - the road was signposted with tragedy. Right from the start, Stirling Moss No. 10 (~~drove~~) took the lead. ~~was~~ Protected by wide ditches, race fans watched ~~the~~ a thrilling duel

~~between the Mercedes and the Jaguar~~  
as a lone works Jaguar, (driven by Mike Hawthorne) met the challenge of the Mercedes team....

Then - early in the second lap - came disaster. An injured marshal is carried across the course for attention, and a burnt-out car ~~marks~~ marks the spot where seven cars piled up - the worst British racing disaster for years...

While the race continued, the tragic story slowly unfolded. How one car ~~had~~ crashed and burst into flames - and following cars <sup>had</sup> plunged headlong into the roaring holocaust.

~~Meanwhile, in the 630 mile race -~~ the Mercedes team <sup>was on consolidation</sup> ~~consolidated~~ their ~~race~~ position. ~~in the 630 mile event.~~

Here - Stirling Moss comes in for repairs - (a rear tyre had thrown a tread). The wheel is changed in seconds....and the co-driver, John Fitch takes over - while Moss snatches a rest, before the final battle for supremacy.

Meanwhile, on a track made treacherous by rain - another crash had claimed a third victim....

Finally, with Hawthorne retiring through engine-trouble, Stirling Moss triumphed - at an average speed of 88.32 miles per hour.

The young speed king had celebrated his 26th birthday by gaining his third T.T. triumph - an all-time record.