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Aintree: The top-speed chase is on. The leading qualifiers on their 500 c.c. machines roar away - in pursuit of the Junior and Lightweight riders - in the Aintree Century - a handicap race over 102 miles.

But the odds are against the "Senior" ~~specialists~~ ^{class riders...}. They can't make use of their extra speed on the treacherous rain-swept track.

There goes John Surtees (No. 24) ^{Winner} ~~winning~~ of the Senior Event - he's riding as fast as he dares, to try and complete the double. Geoff Duke, No. 36, (six times World Champion), is another scratch rider... Lightweight champion Cecil Sandford was leading all the way until he ran out of petrol - half a lap from home.

~~Specialists~~

On his ~~Augusta~~ - Surtees just couldn't beat the rain and the handicap.

Surtees

~~He~~ finished second to Tommy Robb of Belfast, ~~who averaged 69.12 miles~~

~~Specialists~~

But ^{he} ~~Surtees~~ still won two trophies (for the Senior Event and the fastest lap) ~~even if he wasn't home and dry.~~