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Pat Moss does it! 27th January 1959

After four days and three nights on the road - a Citroen speeds down into Monte Carlo. It's tired crew were the winners of the world's toughest rally.

The 2,000 mile drive was over and, once again, Prince Rainier and Princess Grace came to present the coveted trophies. This year, it proved almost a home team victory. French cars filled the first four places.

A British car, however, with ~~the fair sex~~ women at the wheel had a ~~fair~~ share of the honours. Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom, the European Rally champions, won the Ladies' Cup - driving an Austin A.40..

A ~~proud~~ big moment for two ~~plucky~~ determined girls who finished 20th out of the 322 starters. Well, it's one more trophy for the mantelpiece in the Moss family home at Tring. ~~Ent~~ It prompts a thought. Do Pat and Stirling clean up the ~~opposition~~ silver as well as the opposition?

This year, the great rally was overshadowed by the tragic death of Mike Hawthorn. In Monte Carlo, rally drivers of many nations ~~attended a Memorial Service for the world champion of the wheel...Mike Hawthorn.~~

attended a Memorial Service...paying their own special tribute to ~~a world~~ the champion ~~of the wheel...Mike Hawthorn~~ of them all.