

TOUR DE FRANCE

As the world's most gruelling cycle race nears the end of its 2,900 miles course, it's Fausto Coppi, 1949 winner, about to pass Buchennet of France and win the 20th stage, to pick up about £100. This is Bobet. Next day, the field heads for Aix-les-Bains. Twenty-three entrants from seven nations started for the £15,000 prize, but some fell by the wayside. Twice a winner is Bartali of Italy - a veteran now, but going well.

Two minutes ahead of the field, Gauthier of France battles with Pozzi of Italy as they climb for the Col de Porte. Pozzi falters and Gauthier takes the lead.

But here comes Ruiz of Spain to storm past Gauthier and win the day's prize.

But Koblet of Switzerland is well ahead on aggregate time, and wearing the yellow sweater of leadership, he goes on to win the Tour.