

ROUND-BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

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Southsea's just ahead now and that's as far as they'll go today. Fourteen are in a tight bunch as they come up to the line, but it's London's Johnny Brackstone who gets his tyre over first to win the first stage of the race.

Three days later, and they're ready at Cardiff for the fourth leg. Ken Russell, who's clocked the best overall time, wears the yellow jersey today. The riders have 190 miles to go to Aberystwyth and Ken Russell's already back in the lead as they climb Caerphilly Mountain.

They're spreading out a bit as they near - or - what's the name of it? - ah, that's the place. Prizes are offered for the first man up to the top of really big hills. Brecon Beacon's ahead so the riders are pulling out all the stops. But the flag goes out to Jones of Great Britain as he reaches the summit.

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