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ROUND BRITAIN CYCLE RACE

Away from the heart of London, sweep 59 crack British and Continental racing cyclists competing in the annual Daily Express Tour of Britain. 1,624 miles lie ahead of them - and its going to be a fight every inch of the road. The first day's tussle takes them as far as Great Yarmouth, 124 miles away.

On the finishing stretch, the Italian team takes command, and Bruno Monti, a barnum from Rome receives the yellow jersey as winner on the first stage.

The next day, the riders set a cracking pace right from the word "go" as they head away on the road to Leicester. All along the route, crowds spur on the ten British teams as they try to snatch the lead from the field. Last year's winner, Ken Russell keeps close behind Bruno Monti. Now, as they come up towards Peterborough, a small group breaks away from the main pack.

Marcello Cielli puts up a great fight for Italy as the riders near the line in Peterborough. But its another Italian, Luciano Ciancola who's home first. Who'll take the biggest prize of them all is still anyone's guess - they've a long, long way to go yet.