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MANX GRAND PRIX

At Douglas, Isle of Man, crowds of motor-cycle enthusiasts gather to watch sixty seven crack riders compete in the Manx Junior Grand Prix.. and there's the first away. The riders move off at fifteen second intervals. Here's R.E. Smith, on a Velocette. One of the much fancied Norton riders is D.Christian.

G.Cestain, on a Norton, takes the Quarter Bridge bend. Close behind comes "Alexander,J" (as he calls himself), on an A.J.S. The 226 mile course quickly claims a casualty. Alistair King crashes with his machine on fire. By a miracle he escapes with fairly minor injuries, though it means a few days in hospital for this Glasgow lad. Meanwhile the battle goes on.

The Nortons are already setting a cracking pace out in front of the field. Here's Christian again.

Powell, another Norton rider, is one of the many newcomers in the race. Now the riders begin to really pile on the pace for there's not much farther to go. But its going to be victory for the Nortons, and F.M.Fox is the man who flashes across the line to take first place at an average speed of 84.73 miles per hour. Up goes the laurel wreath of victory. D.Christian, a very gallant second, is first to congratulate Frank Fox, the 28-year old Junior Grand Prix Champion.