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EUROPEAN MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS —

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Under pouring rains, and on a track covered with inches of mud, the European Motor-cross championships disputed in three races yesterday was a really "dirty" thing... For competitors as well as for fans, standing with feet in the mud, and heads ... in the rain.

After a very short distance on the difficult race-track of MONTREUIL for motor-cross competitions, all drivers and machines were mere blocks of mud and had difficulties with their motorcycles... Sometimes arriving on top of a hill, the machine simply refused to go on, and ... rode backward.

The first two parts of the championships were won by SMITH (Great Britain (close-up) and BAETEN (Belgium).

The victory finally in the third part was for the Belgian Ace BAETEN on a SAROLEA, who got the Grand Prix, before the British SMITH on BSA, who was a revelation in this sport. BAETEN was half blinded by mud, and had to wash and be taken care of before he was able to see even his victory...

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