

SICILY AUTORACE

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More than hundred competitors gather in the sunny Sicily for the 16th tour of Sicily .

They start on night.

First of all, Castelletti (n. 331) springs out on Ferrari. followed by Taruffi (n.335) on Maserati, the latest is British Collins on Ferrari.

These will be the leaders of the tremendous race.

Castelletti is ahead, at high speed, but after Enna because of engine trouble, he has to give up.

Then Taruffi leads ahead, and Collins is the second: it is likewise he could not over-pass. But after Peleritani hills, the technicians ~~warn Taruffi~~ of Maserati warn Taruffi to not force, and the Roman pilot slackens the running, though the time record is well kept.

On the contrary Collins is advised to force the race and in the last few hours any expectation falls.

Taruffi believes racing toward the victory, and by Palermo nobody tells him Collins has won. Whereas the Roman pilot expected to be the winner, much disappointed indeed is classified the second.

Collins is not yet aware, on his arrival, that he has just won for 53" odds of Taruffi, in the 1080 kilometer-autorace with 11.000 curves.