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RHEIMS TWELVE HOURS INTERNATIONAL
AND GRAND PRIX

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Britain's Peter Collins in a Ferrari won the 42nd French Grand Prix in Rheims, and an undisputed lead in this year's race for the world driving championship in a thrilling neck-and-neck finish with Italy's Eugenio Castellotti.

Castellotti straked his red Ferrari (N°12) across the finish line a bare five seconds behind Collins. Third was Jean BEHRA, of France in a Maserati (N°4).

World champion, Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina was fourth also in a Ferrari (N°10). He led for two thirds of the race, but lost out when his car needed a brief pit stop on the 40th lap of the 61-lap race. In fifth place was Britain's Stirling Moss in a Maserati (N°2).

Of the 19 cars that entered the race, only 11 finished. One of those forced out early with mechanical trouble was the first-post-war Bugatti, driven by Maurice Trintignant (N°28); it was never a serious contender and dropped out after 18 laps.

The officials credited Collins with a blistering average speed of 122.2 miles per hour for making the 314.5 mile race in 02:34:23.4. Collins shattered the 1954 record which Fangio set in a Mercedes with the speed of 115.8 miles per hour.

In a preliminary race three record breaking JAGUARS (Nr.23 driven by Flochart- B-Sanderson, N° 24 driven by J.M.Hawthorn-Paul Frere, N° 25 driven by J.D.Hamilton-Bueb) fought a battle to sweep the top places in the Rheims 12-Hour international sports car race.

The winning car was driven by Duncan Hamilton and Ivor Bueb of England (N°25).

List of cars in the GRAND PRIX :

Car N°2	-Sterling Moss, Ferrari Maserati	Nr.24, Mike Hawthorn, Vanwall
" 4	-Jean Behra, Maserati	Nr.26 Colin Chapman, Vanwall
" 6	-Piero Taruffi, Maserati	N°28 M.Trintignant, Bugatti
" 8	-Cesare Perdisa, Maserati	N°30 R.Manson, Gordini
" 10	-Juan Manuel Fangio, Ferrari	N°32 Nanoda Silva, Gordini
" 12	- Eugenio Castellotti, Ferrari	N°34 Elie Bayol, Gordini
" 14	- Peter COLLINS, Ferrari	N°36 L.Rosier, Maserati
" 16	-Alfonso de Portago, Ferrari	N°38 L.Villoresi, Maserati
" 22	-Harro Schell, Vanwall	N°40 Francisco Gadia, "
		N°42 André Simon, Maserati