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German Grand Prix 1957

Nürburgring

Juan Manuel Fangio (Argentine) won the German Grand Prix 1957 on the famous Nürburgring track on a Maserati. This gives Fangio his fifth world-title. He won the classical Nürburgring for the fourth time in succession.

100.000 fans watched the 22 laps on the 22,8 km track 501,820 kms.

The results:

1. Juan Manuel Fangio

(Argentine), Maserati: 3 : 30 : 38,3
= 142,9 kms/hour

2. Mike Hawthorn (United Kingdom),

Ferrari: 3 : 30 : 41,9 = 142,8

3. Peter Collins (United Kingdom)

Ferrari: 3 : 31 : 13,9 = 142,5

4. Luigi Musso (Italy)

Ferrari: 3 : 34 : 13,9 = 140,5

5. Stirling Moss (United Kingdom)

Vanwall: 3 : 35 : 15,8 = 139,0

6. Jean Behra (France)

Maserati: 3 : 35 : 16,8 = 139,0

The race:

The 46 year-old Argentine ace won the race in true worldchampion form against international competition.

15 cars of Formula I (up to 2,5 litres)
and 9 cars of Formula II (up to 1,5 litres)
crossed the starting-line.

Hawthorn (England) had the best start in front of Collins (England) - both on Ferrari. Fangio on Maserati followed on their heels.

After the 3rd round Fangio took the lead. Driving like hell he improved his own lap records from 142,8 to 144,0 kms/hour (previous record 141,5-) After 11 of the 22 laps Fangio was

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(previous record 141,-) After 11 of the 22 laps Fangio was leading with 22 seconds before Hawthorn.

After the 12th round Fangio had to stop to tank and change the back-tyres. He continued the race as third.

Formula I

After 13 laps: Hawthorn - Collins - Fangio - Schell (Maserati) - Moss (Vanwall) - Behra - Brooks (Vanwall) and

Formula II Edgar Barth, Porsche RS Spyder, (Barth wins the race with Naylor on Cooper (England) second; de Bauford (Holland on Porsche is third).

Fangio now fought the fight of his career, quickening his pace continuously.

After the 20 th. lap he was still s third. Then followed a lap in 9 : 17,4 with an unbelievable record average of 147,6 kms/hour. Experts had never believed in such a time! On the straight - opposite the stands - Fangio started his hairraising pace, passing Collins and Hawthorn in the North Bend, and leading the last two laps as true worldchampion.

The masses greeted Fangio enthusiastically. No one grudged the Argentine ace his fifth world-champion-ship.

The Participating Cars and Drivers:

Officine Maserati:

Fangio Start No. 1
Behra " " 2
Schell " " 3

Scuderia Ferrari:

Collins Start No. 7
Hawthorn " " 8

Vander-well products:

Stirling Moss Start No. 10
Tony Brooks " " 11

Porsche:

Edgar Barth Start No. 21

Cooper

Naylor Start No. 25