

VIIIth MONACO GRAND PRIX

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British ace Stirling Moss, in a Lotus Climax (Nr.28) sped to a rainy victory in the VIIIth Monaco Grand Prix yesterday, pursued by the Cooper (Nr.18) of Bruce McLaren, of New Zealand, who took a lead in the battle for the world driving title.

Of the 16 starters, only six cars were rolling when the final flag flashed down as Moss sped by. Averaging 108.599 kilometers an hour for the 100 laps through the winding streets of Monaco, Moss piloted his car with a delicate artistry and strategy that fought off all pursuit,

World Champion Jack Brabham of Australia (on Cooper Nr.8) skidded off the circuit after he passed Moss in the rain and tried to set too fast a pace. He had to drop out and has now scored no points towards the end of the year's championships in the two races so far.

McLaren's second place finish coupled with first place in the Argentine Grand Prix gave him the lead in the championship race. In the driving competition McLaren has now 14 points, Moss 8, Cliff Allison of Britain 6 and Phil Hill of the United States, 4.

Moss held the lead throughout most of the race but was at times headed by Brabham and Joachim Bonnier of Sweden in a BRM (Nr.2) which led the opening laps of the race.

Trailing McLaren by 9.8 seconds at the finish was the Ferrari (Nr.36) of American driver Phil Hill, and fourth was the Cooper (Nr.18) of Britain's Tony Brooks, one lap behind the leaders.

Although the organizers classified nine cars, these four were the only ones really in the race at the finish. Bonnier's BRM was classified fifth although it had completed only 83 laps after being slowed by engine trouble. The glassy road surface caused by rain resulted in several bad skids and minor accidents, but no one was hurt.