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It's the famous Klingen Cycle Track at Solingen, Germany and seventy two professional aces are off to decide who among their number shall be world champion.

The course is sixteen laps making a total distance of two hundred and forty kilometres. It's a gruelling business not made any easier by rain on the track, but a hundred thousand fans are there to urge them on.

A little refreshment doesn't come amiss, so hold on to that bag, he's coming right for it. Now Bobet, Number Thirty, of France leads from Fritz Schaefer of Switzerland.

He looks as if he wished he hadn't started, but the opposition's terrific, and now Bobet's way out in front. An average speed of over 32 kilometres an hour takes him over the line to victory. Bobet, veteran of the Tour de France is new world champion - and a very popular one too, by the look of it..as the fans in time honoured fashion, say it with flowers.