

# GRAND PRIX THRILLS WITH MICK MASON IN THE COUGAR TURBINE CAR'S FIRST RACE!

## MICK MASON THE KID ON THE GRID

ABE JARROW, the ex-world champion driver, who was in charge of the Cougar Car Company's team of young race drivers, was on a push-bike—leading two of the youngsters round the Spa Francorchamps race track which was to be the scene, the next day, of the Belgian Grand Prix. The two young drivers, Mick Mason and Monty Melford, had been training for months to handle the new Cougar Bombard gas turbine race cars which were to make their first competitive appearance in the race.

KEEP PEDALLING, MICK! IT'S THE BEST WAY TO LEARN THE CIRCUIT!

THAT'S ALL VERY WELL, ABE, BUT THIS IS HARD WORK!

THIS IS THE STAVELOT CURVE. GET DOWN TO BETWEEN FIFTY AND SIXTY HERE AND YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

IT SEEMS TO BE A GOOD CIRCUIT, AND WELL SURFACED.

IT'S A GOOD SURFACE GENERALLY, MICK, AND YOU'LL GET A FINE GRIP. BUT I WANT YOU TO HAVE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THIS!

I SEE—IT'S A BIT SOFT. THE GRIP MIGHT NOT BE QUITE SO GOOD AFTER A FEW LAPS!

Later at the pits.

CORTISE, THE ITALIAN DRIVER, ISN'T WASTING MUCH TIME. THE TRACK'S JUST OPEN FOR PRACTICE AND HE'S TAKING HIS FERENZI OUT ALREADY.

YOU CAN GET GOING IN A MINUTE, MICK. THE CAR'S ALMOST READY.

Later, Jarrow was with Clem Richardson, the Cougar designer.

MASON'S DONE THE THIRD FASTEST LAP. HE'LL BE ON THE FRONT ROW OF THE GRID WITH THAT. SO WE'LL BRING HIM IN!

I WONDER WHERE Melford's GOT TO? HE SHOULD HAVE GOT BACK TO THE PITS WITH THE OTHER CAR BY NOW!

Mick was called in at the end of his next lap.

HI, MONTY! WHY SO GLUM?

MY CAR'S BROKEN DOWN. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIX IT UP FOR TOMORROW. I'M OUT OF THE RACE!

As the cars lined up next day, Marty Doveen, a journalist, picked on Clem Richardson.

SO YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE CAR IN THE RACE NOW, RICHARDSON! HOW MANY LAPS WILL THIS ONE DO BEFORE IT CRACKS UP?

YOU HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST US, DOVEEN, BUT MARK MY WORDS—WE'RE GOING TO WIN THIS RACE TODAY.

Soon after the start, the cars approached the Eau Rouge Bend.

CORTISE IS OUT IN FRONT, BUT THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO!

THE ITALIAN HAS SNATCHED THE LEAD RIGHT FROM THE START—WHAT ACCELERATION!