

Classic and Clubman 2022
Pre-war GP, Round-3 - 13th June 2022

Three rivers and a stream, 6-minute heats.

IV Grande Prêmio da Cidade do Rio de Janeiro

The Count de Inwood returned to circuit racing after a short rest in the Americas, His bright scarf tied tightly around his stately neck, he strode through the pits greeting the usual faces. In the pits Herr Monkman greeted him curtly in his usual Austrian way as both settled to talk race tactics with the team Neabauer.

Giovani Tetley settled in his race seat feet propped over the wheel and dash of his Alfa settled back chewing a stalk of grass. He watched the new boy, Johan Rees, who was fussing around his mechanics polishing his yellow and red Alfa. Henri Igo took a raw hide mallet to his Bugatti T59 hubs checking they were done up tight. Finally, Dietrich Sykes polished up his aero screen. As he supervised the preparation of his Auto Union.

From the flag the race split into two groups up front the Mercedes team pushed each other with the count just edging Herr Monkman. The Auto Union chased them with the Bugatti and Giovani for close company. Not too far back the second Alfa of Johan followed up.

From heat 2 Henri swapped for a third Alfa to give chase to Giovani as Dietrich dropped back, struggling to pace the Alfas ahead and harried by Johan's Alfa behind. In front Herr Monkman just pipped the Count with a staunch challenge for the lead.

Heat three and Herr Monkman capitalised on his pass for the lead, but could not pull a sizable gap. Henri in the 512 rear engine Alfa got past Giovani and the 8C. Dietrich also began to claw back on the two Alfas with Johan following.

Heat four and the Count put a spurt on to pull past and then draw out a gap to Herr Monkman, Henri Igo was chasing hard now and began to close on the leading Mercedes bringing with him Giovani. Johan Rees also put on a spurt to close and challenge Dietrich.

Final heat, once more Herr Monkman closed on the Count to challenge for the lead Giovani closed up on the leaders in his Alfa pulling with him Dietrich now driving a Mercedes W125. Henri chased hard with the Alfa 512, but with Johan shadowing behind.

As the flag fell a good close race ended with battles up and down the field. 1st and 2nd and third and fourth settled by less than a lap each.

Position	Driver	Laps
1	Allan Inwood	204.469
2	Russ Monkman	203.799
3	John Tetley	174.65
4	Eric Igo	173.608
5	Dave Sykes	164.014
6	John Rees	137.04

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1	Allan Inwood	40.552	41.472	39.49	42.199	40.756
2	Russ Monkman	39.632	41.853	41.518	40.451	40.346
3	John Tetley	31.114	37.154	33.485	35.457	37.439
4	Eric Igo	32.652	34.613	34.557	36.867	34.92
5	Dave Sykes	33.853	27.775	31.494	33.689	37.202
6	John Rees	28.348	26.676	23.535	28.609	29.872