

**The Grand Prix of Germany 25th July 2022.
Classic and Clubman, Pre-War GP, 6-minute heats, Catalunya Circuit.**

A hot summers Day saw good German citizens flock to Nürburgring to watch the national silver machines once again destroy the opposition. Row upon row of the red flags of the party drifted in unison held proudly at the hoist of each pole as below in equal unity marched a squad of the parachute regiment each head held equally proudly.

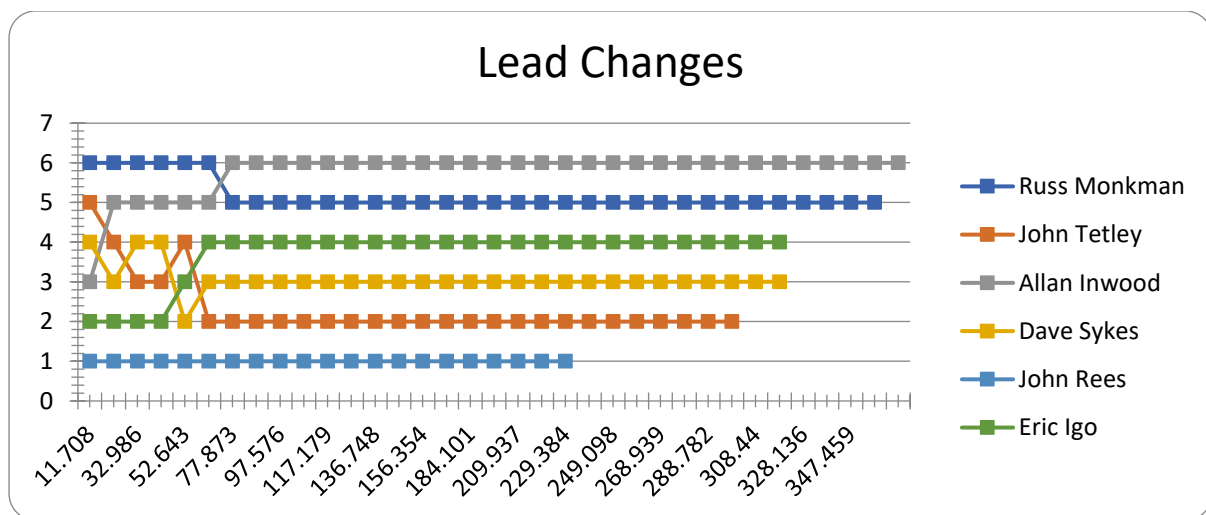
Running alongside the troopers two small boys in white tops and tan shorts chased each other with hoops racing each other and the troops. A flash of bright light as a photographer records the minister for sport with a champion skier and the celebrated Von Monkman. Von Monkman was keen to get back to his car and away from the noise, bustle. He needed to focus and more he needed to watch over the preparation of his car and what The Count De Inwood was up to. Both would be driving for Mercedes, and both sought the smallest advantage.

He could not be sure about the rest of the field would leave them be either. Henri Igo in a rear engine Alfa Romeo 512 and Giovanni Tetley with the Maserati 8CTF where experienced drivers who knew how to pedal their steeds to race victories. Sykes with the other back to front car the Auto Union Type B had sprung surprises before now in between reliability issues. Finally new boy Johan Rees was getting his Alfa 12C up to speed and closing the gap on the field.

Brazil had been close, the count just piping him Could Her Monkman return the favour.

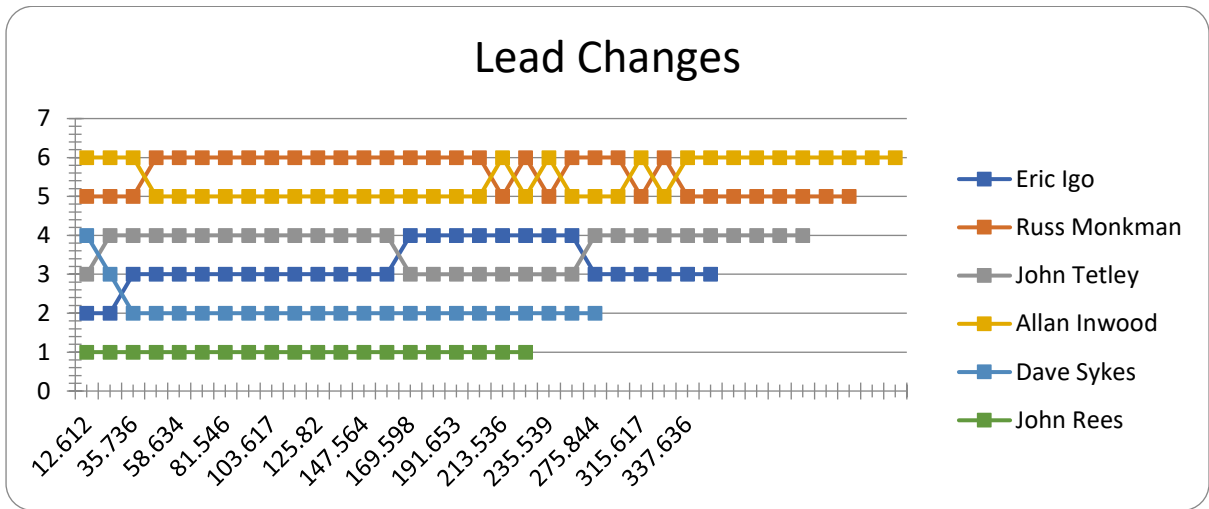
A first start had to be re-run because of a loose wheel on Giovanni's car much to the frustration to Henri who got an excellent start.

Heat 1



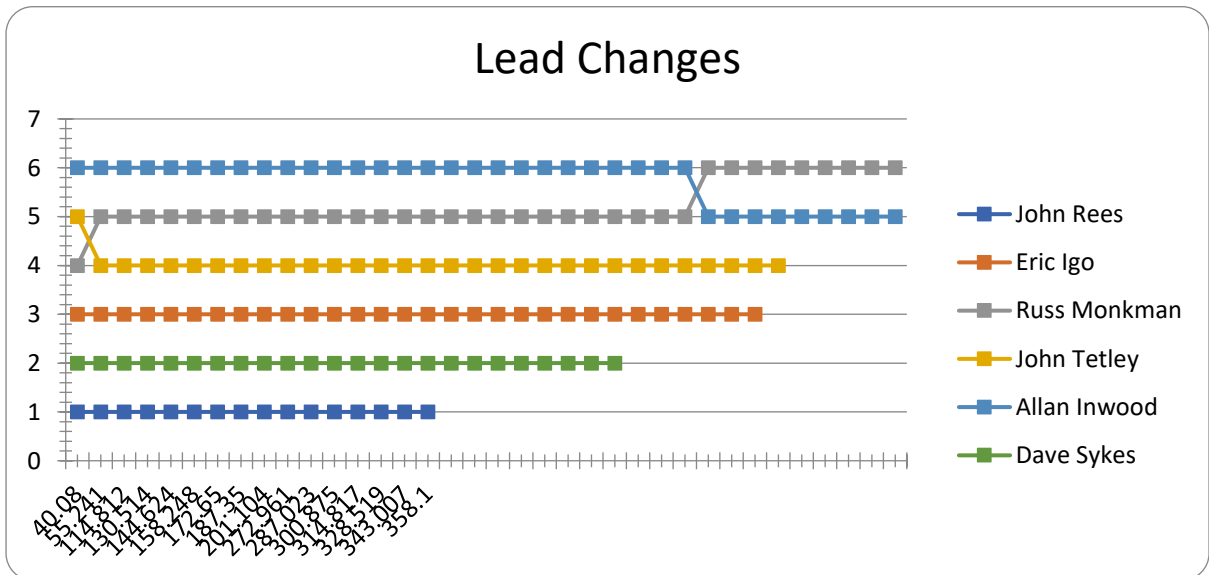
Her Monkman got away well with De Inwood dropping to fourth. Giovanni held second and Sykes third but the count quickly cam back at them both to claim second and chase after Her Monkman. Giovanni and Sykes were battling over third were joined by the Alfa of Henri Igo. This turned into a three-way fight with Henri winning out. Up front the count and Her Monkman fought with De Inwood eventually holding position.

Heat 2.



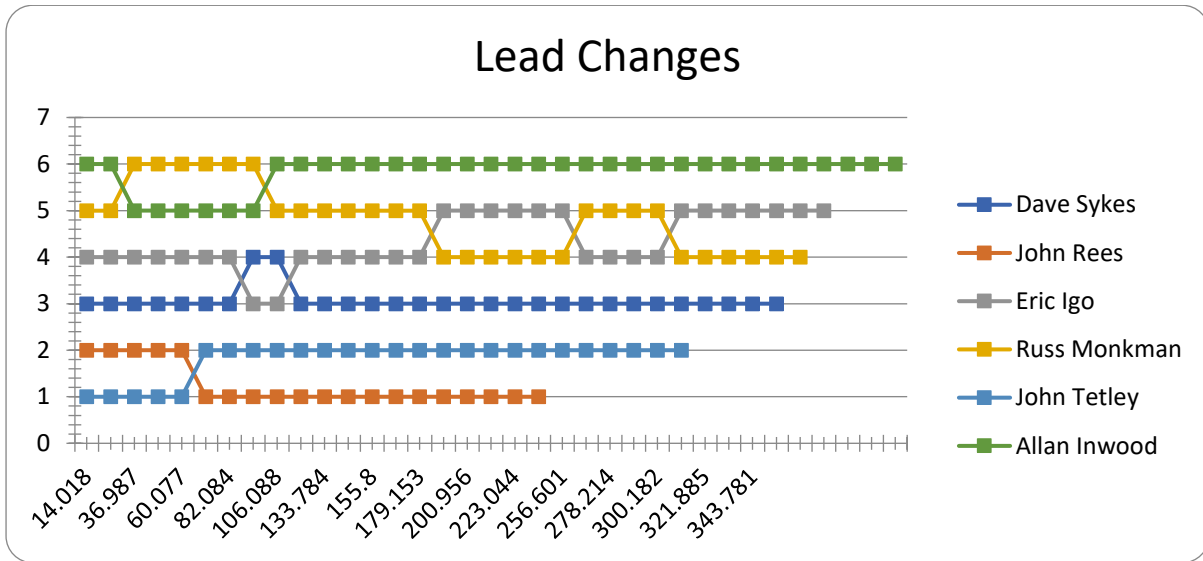
The fight continued and intensified between the Count and Her Monkman as both took any opportunity and gave no quarter. Henri Giovanni and Sykes battled for third, but the Auto Union was soon dropped as the two pulled away. Johan kept a steady pace as he stalked the race.

Heat 3.



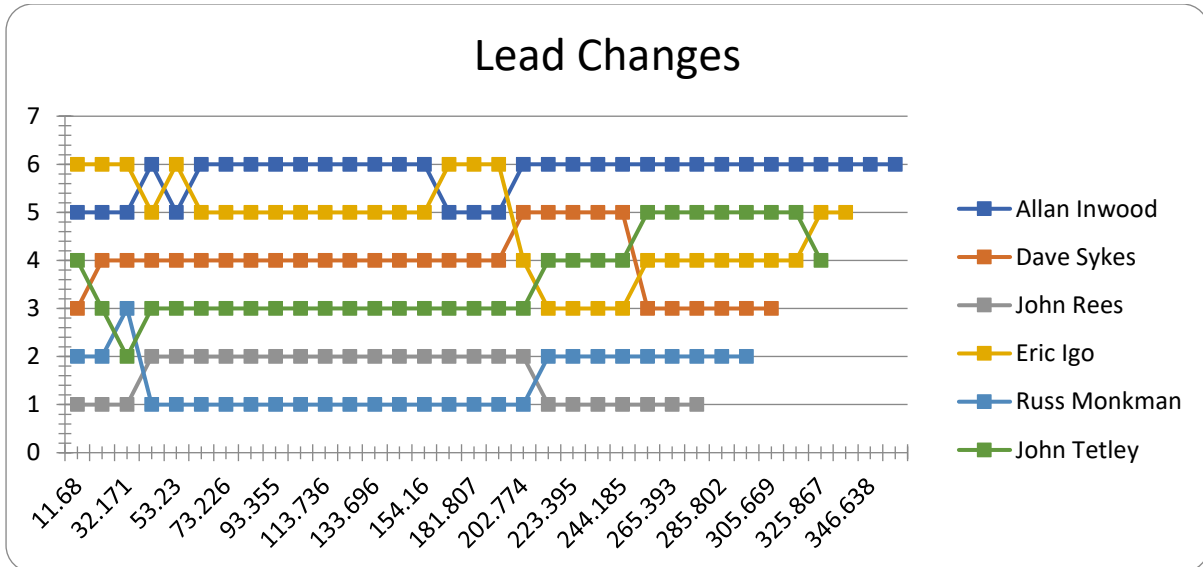
The Count built on his advantage with Her Monkman needing to contend with Giovanni to claim second. Henri chased Giovanni but could not get a grip on his coat tails. The Auto Union gear train failed on Sykes and his car was eventually pitted after a couple of laps trying to keep going. Fortunately, he could swap to a loaned ERA voiturette and managed to put some laps in blocking the Alfa of Johan a position gain.

Heat 4.



The battle between Her Monkman and Count De Inwood continued but Henri got the Alfa up to speed and joined the front two causing a Her Monkman to have to watch his mirrors allowing the Count to pull away, Henri eventually took Second. Sykes in the ERA initially battled Henri but could not match its pace. Giovanni was having issues the Maserati eventually having to retire. This let Johan up to fourth. Giovanni was given an Auto Union D to try and he pushed on to the crowds delight chasing Down Rees’s yellow nosed Alfa.

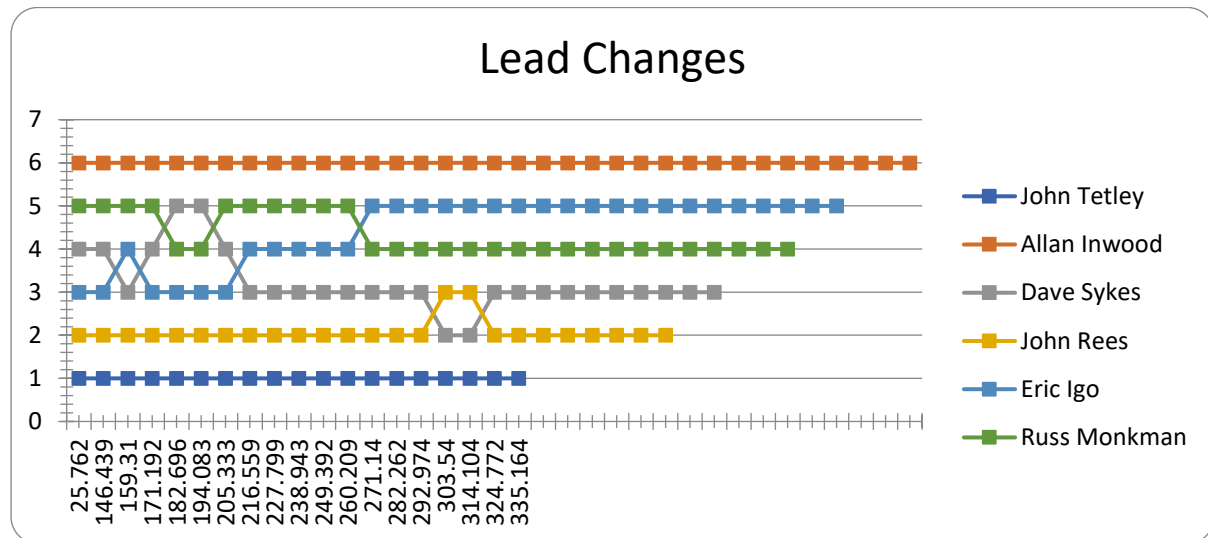
Heat 5.



To aghast sighs from his German support Her Monkman seemed to struggle dropping to fourth away from the line. But this did not leave the Count an open door, Henri the enigmatic Frenchman took the early lead and in took some battling for De Inwood to get past. Giovanni dropped from third past by the ERA of Sykes, then a recovering Monkman, Giovanni was not having this and pushed his rear engine mount back whilst Her Monkman feel into the grips of Johan Rees and the Alfa. Up front Henri broke through and overtook

the Count, a position he held till a slip up saw him drop to fourth. Sykes found him self in second a position he could not hold as Giovanni then Henri overtook him. Her Monkman rallied and closed down the yellow nosed Alfa for fifth but could not catch Sykes by the end. Henri caught Giovanni's Auto Union and passed to take second place.

Heat 6.



The heat started with Her Monkman again chasing the Count De Inwood, But Sykes after a short squabble with Henri pipped him for a couple of laps before he made his way back up to second. Henri past Sykes on the next lap and went after Her Monkman catching him after five laps and passing for second. Rees took the fight for Fourth to Sykes and held position for two laps before the ERA could find a way back through. Giovanni struggled on Black Lane with the Auto Union unable to close in for the fight.

Results.

Position	Driver	Laps	Fastest Lap	Avg. Lap	Median Lap		
1	Allan Inwood	213.552	9.408	10.05	9.97		
2	Russ Monkman	197.117	9.163	10.832	9.934		
3	Eric Igo	187.168	9.882	11.491	10.794		
4	John Tetley	169.646	10.06	12.522	10.817		
5	Dave Sykes	164.964	10.226	12.913	11.014		
6	John Rees	131.168	12.378	16.444	13.697		
Position	Driver						
1	Allan Inwood	35.244	36.383	36.742	35.89	34.073	35.219
2	Russ Monkman	34.045	34.857	36.76	31.976	28.844	30.636
3	Eric Igo	30.504	28.394	30.614	32.83	32.026	32.8
4	John Tetley	28.091	32.391	31.273	26.565	31.696	19.631
5	Dave Sykes	30.223	23.087	24.302	30.216	29.878	27.258
6	John Rees	21.6	20.988	16.024	20.352	26.622	25.582