

Unlike yesterday, the 230 pilots were welcomed in the Principality of Monaco under an overcast sky but an optimal temperature of 20°C. The ten practice sessions were full of surprises and many races had to be temporarily interrupted.

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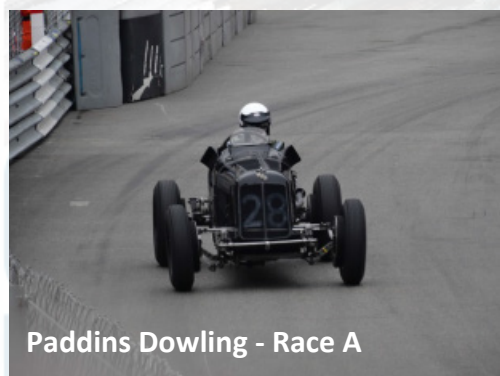
After the four practice sessions of yesterday for Races A, B, E and G, the competitors of the seven races enlisted today had their first or second practice. The numerous spectators enjoyed over three and a half hours of pure show during the ten races.



While the races on Friday were rather 'calm', this Saturday, the Clerks of **Automobile Club de Monaco** had to intervene on several occasions. With a high level of professionalism, of international renown, they had to interrupt a dozen races due to minor accidents. The mechanics will take over tonight and do their best for the cars to be on the grid tomorrow.

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In race A (*pre-1939 Voiturettes and Grand Prix cars*), an **ERA B**, driven by Irish **Paddins Dowling** wins the pole position, followed by yesterday's leader **Matthew Grist** on board of **Alfa-Romeo Tipo B**. The **ERA** have always dominated the race in **Grand Prix de Monaco Historique**. The Irish pilot will do his best on Sunday to keep the tradition going on! During this second set of practice sessions, **Dowling** managed to do less than 2 minutes with his admirable timing of 1'59"350, only two seconds before the **Alfa-Romeo**. Three **ERA** and a **Riley** will be on the first and second lines of the grid. The **Bugatti**, despite great results in the 1930s in Monaco end up lagging behind. The first one, led by **Martin Halusa** only qualified as 9th.



Tony Wood's Tec-Mec 250 F, the latest evolution of **Maserati 250 F**, will departure as first on the grid tomorrow for race B (*pre 1961 F1 & F2 Grand Prix cars*), sided by **Roger Wills' Cooper Climax T51**. The second practice session triggered many minor car crashes; the race was therefore interrupted three times in twenty minutes.

The first line on the grid for race C (**Sport Racing cars racing from 1952 to 1955 inclusive**) will be entirely composed of British pilots: **Alex Buncombe's Jaguar Type C** and **John Ure's Cooper Bristol T23**. The latter enchanted the audience with his admirable race and his over-speeding.



Alex Buncombe - Race C

British **Andy Middlehurst**, behind the wheel of his **Lotus Climax 25** from 1962 registers for the pole position in race D (**1500 c.c F1 Grand Prix cars from 1961 to 1965 inclusive**). He overcomes his compatriot **Paul Drayson (Lotus BRM 24)** whose mechanics will have to make miracles for him to departure on Sunday as he went off road near the swimming pool.

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Race D

In race E (**F1 Grand Prix cars from 1966 to 1972 inclusive**), Japanese **Katsuaki Kubota** surprised everyone by imposing his 1971 **Lotus 72** in front of **Michael Lyons' Surtees TS9**. During Saturday's practice, the Marshalls of **Automobile Club de Monaco** have shown their notorious efficiency by evacuating the Italian **Carlo Alberto Steinhauslin's Tecno PA123**, heavily damaged at the entry of the tunnel, in a very short time. Same thing a few laps later for an accident between **Richard Smeeton's March** and **Robert Lamplough's BRM** in Virage du Mirabeau.

The first practice session for race F (**F1 cars, from 1973 to 1978 inclusive**) was about to be interrupted after the very first lap as an oil trail left by a **Ferrari** was covering over half of the road. The Clerks and cleaning teams had to intervene as quickly as possible. The last practice session for the day also faced a lot of surprises. Many competitors went off road: **Collinot** near Rascasse, **Nathan Kinch's Tyrrell** (led in Monaco by Alan Jones in 1978) in Sainte-Dévote and a minor car crash of French **Roald Goethe's Tyrrell** (ex Patrick Depailler) and British **Christopher Drake's Penske**. To be noted: the presence on the circuit of **Manfredo Rossi di Montelara (Brabham BT45)**, the grandson of **Comte Rossi**, creator of the most famous Italian vermouth. Involved since 1951 in automobile races, **Martini**, celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, is back since the beginning of Formula One season with team **Williams**.

Katsuaki Kubota - Race E



Michael Lyons - Race F



David Show - Race G

The second set of Race G's practice (**2-litre, F3 cars from 1974 to 1978 inclusive**) has also faced many incidents including **David Shaw's** off road with his **Ralt RT1** in descente du Portier. In the lap preceding his accident, **David Shaw** had accomplished the best timing. We hope he will be able to be on the grid Sunday. **Peter Hug**, driving the same car, had to leave his after a violent choc with the safety rails after Rascasse. The Monegasque **Marc Faggionato**, 5th on the grid, damaged his **Chevron B43** at the end of the session between the tunnel and the Chicane.

To be noted the amazing results of **ACM's** other members who, like Marc, will be rejoiced to wear Monaco's colors on the highest step of the podium: **Frédéric Lajoux** is 6th, **Fabrice Notari** 12th and **Marcus Mussa** 16th.

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Sunday 11th, May Agenda:

- 9.30 am – 10.00 am Race A – Pre 1940 Voiturettes and Grand Prix cars (10 Laps or 30 minutes)
- 10.35 am – 11.05 am Race B – Pre 1961- F1 Grand Prix cars and Formula 2 10 Laps or 30 minutes
- 11.40 am – 12.15 pm Race D – 1500c.c F1 Grand Prix cars from 1961 to 1965 inclusive 12 Laps or 35 minutes
- 12.40 pm – 12.55 pm Parades « Flèches d'Argent – AUTO UNION » by Chopard
- 1.15 pm – 1.30 pm Renault F1 Turbo
- 2.00 pm – 2.30 pm Race C – Sports Racing cars raced from 1952 to 1955 inclusive 10 Laps or 30 minutes
- 3.05 pm – 3.50 pm Race E – F1 Grand Prix cars from 1966 to 1972 inclusive 18 Laps or 45 minutes
- 4.25 pm – 5.10 pm Race G – 2-litre, F3 cars from 1974 to 1978 inclusive 18 Laps or 45 minutes
- 5.45 pm – 6.30 pm Race F – F1 cars, from 1973 to 1978 inclusive

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Alain Prost - Renault F1 Turbo



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