

to feel confident. He knew the contest was not over between the European car and the American car. The French and English and German and Italian manufacturers would strain every mechanical resource to win on Speedway. American cars had to get ready for stiff contest.

Preparation for the long struggle began in Gasoline Alley. For years, in that smelly row of garages, mechanics and designers struggled to perfect the unbeatable American car that would make Speedway's victory complete.