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P. Read's brilliant hat-trick South African TT

Phil Read on a Yamaha swept the first-ever South African TT held on the 1.8-mile Roy Hesketh circuit on January 25 by winning three races.

G. Agostini, reigning double class champion made his racing debut in South Africa to clash just once with Read in the 35-lap TT, climax of this race meeting.

Shattering Hailwood's records

The meeting opened in blazing

heat and attracting a record crowd of over 30,000 around the sun-soaked circuit.

Read on a 250cc Yamaha snatched his first win in the 250cc class race, setting a new lap record at 1' 19.3", renewing Hailwood's nearly by a second. Riding his 350cc Yamaha, Read scored his second victory in the

meeting, notching a class lap record at 1' 20.1". Then the stage was set for the 35-lap TT race. With Read on a 350cc TR-2 and Agostini astride a three-cylinder 500cc MV works machine, the race promised to be a thrilling battle.

In fact, during earlier stages both aces fought for the lead, shattering the lap record set by Hailwood on a 297cc Honda six. Agostini desperately struggled to stay with Read, but after half-distance, his MV started to misfire and faded from the scene. Agostini eventually retired on lap 24, leaving his rival to score his third and brilliant victory of the day.

Read won the race by half a lap from K. Thomas on a Yamaha.

Read's another victory

Riding a 350cc TR-2, P. Read won another victory in the all-star motorcycle race run over the Kyalami circuit, near Johannesburg on February 1. In this race K. Zeeman also on a Yamaha went to the front, chased by Read. On lap 18, Read passed Zeeman to win by just over a second.

◀ P. Read riding his fantastically fast Yamaha achieved brilliant hat-trick in the first-ever S. African TT.



Yamaha win double class

Midnight Sun 600 Snowmobile Race

Yamaha snowmobiles afresh appeared before the footlights by winning double class in the annual important snow event entitled the Midnight Sun 600 Snowmobile Race sponsored by Midnight Sun Broadcasting Co. in America.

The race was run from Anchorage to Fairbanks over the period of three days from January 28 to January 30.

A total of 241 drivers left Anchorage on the morning of the first day in a temperature at some 20 degrees below zero. 141 drivers were still in the running for the lead at the end of the second day of racing at Tok Junction. After leaving Tok on Friday morning, in a temperature at 45 degrees below zero, the race began to take a greater toll on the drivers, and eventually only 81 crossed the line in Fairbanks before the race was declared officially over at 6 p. m.

It was Lee Peterson of the Anchorage Cycle Shop, driving a 1970 Yamaha that crossed the finish line first. He covered a total distance of 600 miles in 11 h 28' 35", taking third in class B. Jimmy Roy of Anchorage, driving one of the surprising Yamaha machines for Cycle Sales kept a steady pace throughout 3-day racing to be the winner in class B, though he did not finish first for any leg. His total time elapsed was 10h 29' 07".

Mike A. Zipay, another Anchorage Cycle Sales driver became the first finisher twice, on Thursday and Friday in 3h 29' 40" and 4h 14' 14", respectively. Eventually, he won class A with a total time of 11h 40' 15". The race of this year was regarded a vast success over last year when lack of snow and extreme cold held the finishers to an even dozen.



J. Roy, riding a Yamaha just crossed the finish line to win class B.



Mike A. Zipay on a Yamaha is the winner of class A.
(reprinted from Daily News-Miner)

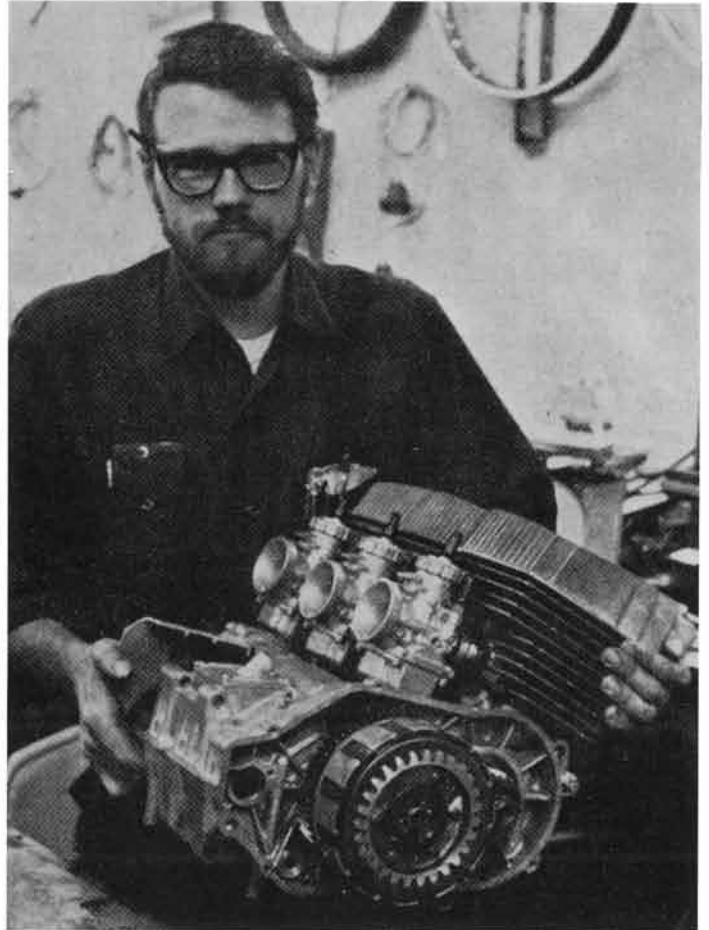
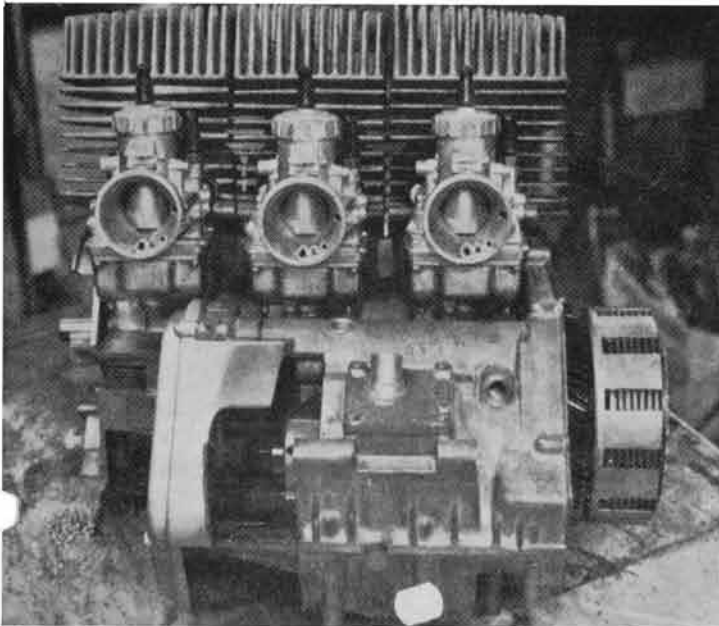
A special YAMAHA 500cc three made in Amerika

A 500cc three cylinder Yamaha is being built by an American ace tuner, Mr. Doug Schwerma who is a two stroke specialist, holding the American Hot Rod Association record for the 350cc SS 1/4 mile. It is made almost entirely from standard TR-2 racing components. Clever mating of Yamaha crankcase and an ingeniously built-up crankshaft with the crankpins at 120 degrees, make complete engine only 1.5 inches wider than the 350cc TR-2 and 2.5 inches slimer than a Kawasaki 500cc three.

Mr. Schwerma expects it to produce 80 bhp without special tuning.

► Mr. D. Schwerma hopes his engine will put the sparkle back into 500cc racing.

▼ A 500 Yamaha three power-unit viewed from the rear.
(reprinted from Motor Cycle)



Rentable Yamaha PR film

Yamaha PR film "Yamaha Youth and Growth" which was introduced in the last issue is being well received by Yamaha dealers around the world. Now, for your further convenience it is made rentable, if you wish.

You may obtain it any time under conditions that Yamaha will pay the air-freight of the film for going, and you will pay it for returning after you have done with it. Besides, in case so many want to use the film in your neighbouring area, you will have to wait until your turn comes round there.



A DT-1 Proves a rodeo star as well

A Yamaha 250cc DT1 showed a fine play at a local rodeo, Australia. There was a motorcycle vs. horse bending race then "a quick way to unload a motorcycle" and a general display. The DT1 pictured here is standard except for a 16-tooth sprocket on the front. Despite this overgearing the torque was plenty to get him rolling fast enough on the 18-foot tray to jump very successfully.

(offered by Mr. P. Gifford, Narrabri M. C. C.)

◀ P. Gifford on a DT-1 is successful, Jumping.

▼ A DT-1 is well at sitting up, too!

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Yamaha dominate New Zealand TT

Geoff Perry of Auckland on a 350cc Yamaha took the junior race of the New Zealand Tourist Trophy Race Meeting held on January 10 in Auckland. The race was run over 20 miles, and Perry whose Yamaha was timed at around 130 mph along the back straight went on to an easy win with a time of 14' 49.8". Second and third places were taken by L. May and N. Landrebe, respectively, both on Yamahas.

(offered by Mr. W. White, Auckland)

