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Magee and Chandler run to 2nd on a YZF750

'91 SUZUKA 8-HOUR ENDURANCE RACE



In the third round of the '91 FIM Endurance World Championship series, the Suzuka 8-hour Endurance Race held from July 26 to 28 at the Suzuka circuit, the Nescafé Racing Team Yamaha duo of Kevin Magee and Doug Chandler rode their Yamaha YZF750 to a strong 2nd place finish.

The Suzuka 8-hour has become a yearly "summer festival of motorcycle sports" for Japanese fans who flock to see not only the world's top endurance riders but also World GP stars and the top riders of Japanese national competition compete.

This year the final day alone drew over 150,000 fans under changing skies that at times showered the competition with heavy rain but never dampened their excitement watching the dramas unfold out on the track.

The Yamaha team of Magee and Chandler suffered an unfortunate fall while leading the race in the latter stages, but their YZF750 carried them home to a second place finish. The Italiya Yamaha HAYASHI team's YZF750 ridden by Peter Goddard and Niall McKenzie was also in top form, running as high as 2nd before a series of falls that brought them home in 22nd place.

The victory went to the Australian duo of Wayne Gardner and Michael Doohan.

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Representatives from 16 countries enjoy meeting in Belgium

'92 EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLE IMPORTER MEETING

The 15th annual Yamaha Motorcycle Importer Meeting was held on July 3 and 4 at the new SAS Royal Hotel in the city center of Brussels, Belgium. This year's meeting happened to coincide with the host importer D'Ieteren Sport's 15th anniversary. YMC's president, Mr. Eguchi and director, Mr. Watanabe attended the meeting, along with fifty representatives from the 16 European importers, and the management and staff of Yamaha Motor Europe N.V.

The market reports given during the meeting showed excellent sales results, with Yamaha holding the number one position in most of the 16 countries represented. These achievements were rewarded with an invitation from YMC for the importers to visit Japan during the spring of 1992.

The meeting was followed by a dinner at "Auto-world", a car museum which also had a display of horse-drawn coaches donated by the D'Ieteren Group. To mark the occasion a special display of vintage motorcycles had also been arranged for the evening.

On the second day several leisure activities were organized. Among other things, everyone was given a chance to ride the new XJ600S "Diversion." This special arrangement was greatly appreciated by all. In the evening the participants were able to enjoy a festive procession portraying Belgian history on the main market square in Brussels.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD RACING 500cc CLASS Rainey recaptures series lead

In the Road Race World Championship, Wayne Rainey has recaptured the series lead and is running strong on his YZR500.

After placing 3rd in the opening round and 1st in the second round, Rainey led the 1991 season ranking until round three. But in spite of finishing constantly near the top from rounds 4 to 8 with one 1st place, two 2nd and one 3rd place finish, his 9th place finish in round five caused him to give up the series lead to Michael Doohan.

In the 9th round at Assen, Holland, Rainey was once again propelled into the number one spot by placing a strong second behind Schwantz, in a race in which Doohan no-pointed when he was forced to retire after a crash. In the following round in France on July 21, Rainey scored his 4th victory of the season. Then in the recent 11th round in the U.K., Rainey captured 2nd place behind Schwantz and ahead of Doohan. This race gave him a point total of 185 to keep him on top in the series with a 10-point margin over second-place Doohan.

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So, please keep the letters coming.

Japan's Minister of Labor visits Yamaha dealerships

On June 13, Japan's Minister of Labor, Mr. Sadatoshi Ozato, took time from his schedule on a visit to France to stop at two Yamaha dealerships.

Mr. Ozato's love of motorcycles goes back more than 30 years to the days when, as a young politician, he first learned the joys of motorcycling. Later his work forced him to change over to automobiles. But, three years ago the yearn to ride once again led him to purchase a sidecar-fitted Yamaha FJ1200.

During his recent trip to France, the Minister of Labor visited the "Patrick Pons" motorcycle shop named after the famous late GP rider and BT DIS EVASION, the only shop which handles sidecars in Paris. The Minister was accompanied by Sonauto Yamaha's director, Mr. J. C. Olivier, Sonauto Yamaha's sales manager, Mr. Beziere, MBK president, Mr. Suganuma, Yamaha Motor Europe NV vice president, Mr. Mabuchi and France Area manager, Mr. Terada.

Among the bikes on display at the BT DIS EVASION shop were a sidecar-fitted XT600E and an FJ1200 with sidecar. Mr. Ozato expressed his enjoyment at visiting these two shops.



FRANCE

Yamaha Motor Europe starts production on a new line of lawn mowers



Recently, Yamaha Motor Europe N.V., in Holland, announced that the first units of the new lawn mower models YLM342 and YLE242 have been produced in Europe. These models are the product of a joint agreement with AL-KO Kober AG of Kötzt, Germany, and lined off on April 25. This agreement was signed in 1989 for the development and production of a complete new line of Yamaha lawn mowers.

The fruits of this joint development will be seen at this year's "GAFA" Garden Fair in Cologne which will be held from September 1 to 3. Six models of the gasoline powered YLM series and four electric powered YLE series models will be available, combining the very latest in grass cutting technology, ease of operation and stunning looks. Due to the growing importance of the European market, and as a part of Yamaha Motor's globalization program which aims to produce products where the market is, Yamaha Motor Europe decided to find a European partner to join in the development of this new line. AL-KO Kober was chosen because they are a well established company with lengthy experience in the lawn and garden market. The joint project agreement called for total design and engine technology to be supplied by Yamaha Motor with AL-KO cooperating to make the product optimally fit the requirements of the European market. Production is taking place at AL-KO Austria, one of the most modern production facilities for lawn mowers in Europe.

11th Dealer Conference gathers dealers nationwide

On June 8, Siam Yamaha held its 11th Dealer Conference at the Bangkok Convention Center of the Central Plaza Hotel. Dr. Kasem and Khunying Phornthip Narongdej of Siam Yamaha welcomed dealers from all over Thailand and other prominent guests including YMC's Director, Mr. Arai, and Mr. Deguchi, General Manager, from Japan. This conference is held every two years and this year's event was as active and successful as usual.



From left: Mr. Lee, Mr. Tean and Ms. Wu of the YMT Design Room celebrate the latest "Good Design" awards.

Yamaha Motor Taiwan earns "Good Design" awards and opens new design office

Three Yamaha Motor Taiwan products were recently awarded the Taiwanese government's "Good Design" awards. They included the scooter "CABIN 50", the sports bike "FZ150" and a YAMAHA helmet, all designed and produced by YMT.

Begun eleven years ago as part of a government program to encourage quality in industrial design, this award is presented to domestically manufactured products that demonstrate outstanding design qualities. This marks the third year in a row YMT has been a recipient of "Good Design" awards, making it the leader in its industry in terms of total awards earned. On June 28, YMT further demonstrated its commitment to the ongoing

ing pursuit of design excellence with the opening of its new design office "ACTY STUDIO" in Taipei.

To commemorate the opening of this new office that will be the future center of its design activities, YMT held a "Bike of the Future" contest aimed primarily at students. The awards ceremony for this contest was one of the highlights of the party celebrating the opening of the new Design Office at the World Trade Center in Taipei.

The party itself was a grand event attended by such distinguished government officials as the Minister of Economic Affairs, Mr. Siew, and a host of guests representing the design industry and academic circles.

WaveRunner III, dependable champ of Hawaii's lifeguards

The lifeguards of Hawaii's famous North Shore have adopted a new type of craft to help them in the vital job of surf rescues. That craft is the versatile and dependable Yamaha Water Vehicle, WaveRunner III.

In April, the Lifeguard Division of the City of Honolulu gave a demonstration of rescue techniques using the WaveRunner for members of the City Council. The lifeguards showed how the Yamaha's stability and dependability make it possible to perform in surf up to 25 feet. Furthermore, pulling a modified body-board

as a stretcher platform, they can now make rescues in minutes that would have taken up to half an hour in the past. As one lifeguard said; "with the WaveRunner we can go around the waves, over the waves or even through the waves if necessary."

Until now, Hawaii lifeguards had used inflatable rescue boats, the standard rescue craft worldwide. However, these craft do not perform well in waves over 10 feet. For Hawaii's North Shore, famous for its big waves, the Yamaha WaveRunner offered a great solution to this problem.



U.S.A.



THAILAND



JAPAN

Teachers visit Japan on invitation from YMT

From July 1 to 10, a group of 26 elementary and junior high school teachers from Taiwan visited Japan to attend the 1991 summer study seminar at the invitation of Yamaha Motor Taiwan. Two years ago Yamaha Motor Taiwan established its non-profit organization Yamaha Motor Scholarship Foundation as a public service. The recent trip was the second annual project of the Foundation's program that sends Taiwanese teachers abroad for study seminars once a year. After attending a seminar at Tsumagoi, on July 5, the group made study tours of the Nagano Elementary School and Nanbu Junior High School in Iwata City before

being received by the city's chairman of Education. Then, on July 6, the teachers visited Yamaha's Head Office, where they toured the main factory and the Yamaha Marina and deepened their acquaintance with Taiwanese market representatives of YMC. At a reception party held for the group at Tsumagoi, three of the teachers gave speeches about their experiences in the seminar and expressed their gratitude. Everyone in attendance was struck by the sincerity of the teachers, and many felt a renewed consciousness of the importance of education as a vital institution.

The second Yamaha Motorcycle factory opens in Islamabad

On July 2, an opening ceremony was held in Islamabad for the Second Yamaha Motorcycle Factory. Construction was begun on this new facility in 1989 to meet the needs of a market that has been growing steadily at a rate of 10% a year. The new factory stands on grounds of 120,000 square feet with a floor space of 69,476 ft² and is set up to handle assembly, plating and painting operations.

In attendance at the ceremony were representatives of Dawood Yamaha Ltd., including the company's Director Mr. Suleman Dawood and Chairman, Mr. Ali Mohamed Dawood, and representatives of the numerous companies and agencies involved in launching the new factory. Attending from YMC were its director, Mr. Arai and General Managers Mr. Ohno and Mr. Takashima, Mr. Tachiki, Assistant Manager of the South-west Asia Division. The ceremony proceeded in a congenial atmosphere of international friendship and cooperation. After a tape cutting there was an official tour of the factory followed by a tree planting ceremony and a plaque dedication.



PAKISTAN

Production of Yamaha boats to begin

Yamaha Motor Company recently signed a technical assistance agreement with YOUSUF HABIB AL YOUSUF for the manufacture and assembly of FRP boats in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. AL YOUSUF INDUSTRIAL EST., a

newly established division of the YOUSUF HABIB AL YOUSUF Group will manufacture commercial fishing boats and pleasure craft under the Yamaha brand name. The company's modern facility, including a factory and boat display area, is set to produce quality products to meet the highest international standards.



From right: YOUSUF HABIB AL YOUSUF chairman, Mr. Yousuf Habib Al Yousuf, vice chairman, Mr. Ali Yousuf Habib Al Yousuf, deputy chairman, Mr. Iqbal Yousuf Habib Al Yousuf, senior general manager of Yamaha Motor's Overseas Marine Operation, Mr. Hideki Sawada and deputy chairman of AL YOUSUF, Mr. Ahmed Yousuf Habib Al Yousuf.

U.A.E.

European Accessory Managers Meeting lays groundwork for fall show season

Over the two days of May 29 and 30, the '91 European Accessory Managers Meeting was held at a hotel in Amsterdam. In attendance were 12 accessory managers representing Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, as well as YMC president, Mr. Hasegawa, and YMC Parts Operation general manager, Mr. Suzuki.

The meeting included introductions and displays of the new '92 motorcycle helmets and riding wear for the European market and a presentation of the coming year's business policy, all of which the participants greeted with great interest and attention. The '92 line of accessories is the product of intense market research conducted last year and is designed

to blend both with Yamaha motorcycles and current fashion trends in the European market. These factors were reflected in the high approval rating the products won from all the managers present. The products will debut at the Milan and Paris shows this fall, after which they will be displayed and sold by Yamaha agents across Europe.



HOLLAND

Bikes, outboards and generators shown at International Trade Fair

The Malawi 4th International Trade Fair was held from June 5 to 11 of this year. Representatives of government, business and the general public turned out to see displays and demonstrations by over 100 local producers and distributors. The Fair, organized this year around the theme of "International Partners for Social and

Economic Cooperation," had exhibits from the Republic of Zambia, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the U.S.A., the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of South Africa and the Republic of China and other countries.

At this show, Malawi distributor Stanfield Motors Ltd. put together a display of Yamaha trail bikes, outboard motors and generators. Being primarily an agricultural country, the display and demonstration of trail model motorcycles attracted a lot of attention, and inquiries often led to on-the-spot deals.



MALAWI

From the left are Stanfield Motor's managing director Mr. D.L. Grimes, sales manager Mr. L.L. Bwanali and sales persons, Mr. W.D. Kalonga, Mr. R. Mwase and Miss S. Mhura.

Yamaha Show Room opens on the main street of Düsseldorf

Shown in the picture is a newly opened YAMAHA show room in a hi-fi outlet of the EVERTS company. This shop is located on one of the main streets in Düsseldorf, next to the offices of Mitsui & Co.

Yamaha Motor's German importer, Mitsui Maschinen GmbH has a long-term contract with EVERTS, and the importer plans to display other Yamaha products like Water Vehicles in the future.



GERMANY

First technical training seminar for Eastern Europe



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In June, Yamaha Motor Europe N.V. organized its first technical training seminar for its new partners in Eastern Europe. Al-

together 10 Polish mechanics attended this course, where they received instruction from Mr. Niedermaier and Mr. Katte of Yamaha's

German importer, Mitsui Maschinen GmbH, at their own facilities in Löhne. It is just recently that the first motorcycle shop has been opened in Poland. All of the participants showed great interest, and their grasp of the latest technical concepts was found to be better than expected. This training seminar is another step forward in Yamaha's efforts for the development of a distribution and service network in Eastern Europe.

IWATA Dragonfly Team cruises through Suzuka 8-hour

Participating in the community as a good corporate citizen

Suzuka 8 hour



Iwata City, the home of Yamaha Motor, took part in this year's Suzuka 8-hour Endurance Race with two city-sponsored teams. The city of Iwata is promoting a program of cultural activities that combine local industry and sports under the title "Motorcycle City Iwata." And the first major project of this program has been the organization of a city team to participate in the Suzuka race. To help realize this plan, YMC offered the City two OW01 machines. For Yamaha Motor, supplying the machines for this team has been a fine opportunity to contribute to the local community as a good corporate citizen. What is more, several Yamaha employees joined the project's organizing committee to cooperate even further.

Two teams finish the full 8 hours

In this year's Suzuka race, Iwata City fielded two teams of riders under the name "Iwata Tombo (dragonfly) Racing Team." After a month and a half of practice and work on machine settings, the two Iwata

teams joined the 100 machines vying for a place in the final race. And when the preliminaries which saw many teams go down in heavy rains were over, both teams had managed to qualify in excellent form; team number 66 (Tadaaki Hanamura/Wataru Yoshikawa) in 16th position and team number 65 (Tohru Izumi/Osamu Miyazaki) in 35th position on the grid. Then, in the final, where many a veteran team failed to finish, the two Iwata teams both ran the full 8 hours to proud 15th and 35th place finishes respectively, much to the joy of the riders and mechanics and their enthusiastic cheering squad.

Publicizing the Iwata name

There is an interesting story about how these two Iwata City teams came to participate in a big international race like the Suzuka 8-hour. Iwata is a city that is home to the world's second largest motorcycle manufacturer, Yamaha Motor, as well as a number of other transportation-related industries. In spite of this, its name is not well

known in Japan. It was the desire to make their city better known that inspired especially the younger generation of Iwata to form a racing team as a means to publicize the Iwata name. And what better opportunity to do so than the Suzuka 8-hour Race, which gathers some 200,000 race fans over the race weekend.

Yamaha employees join the organizing committee

In April, a group of Iwata citizens, centered mainly around the Chamber of Commerce, formed an organizing committee. Several Yamaha employees eagerly joined in the work, one as head of the administrative office and others serving as advisors and members of the organizing committee. A series of events such as a rally for the team members, formation of a booster club, cultural exchange with Suzuka City, which sponsors a city team in the 4-hour division of the Suzuka Race, and a children's "Suzuka 8-hour Painting Contest" all helped build up an atmosphere of anticipation before the race.

A team made up completely of the local people

And if it is a city team, you would naturally want the riders to be Iwata citizens too. Fortunately, there were a total of six International A Class-licensed riders living in and around Iwata. And so it was that O. Miyazaki, T. Izumi, M. Sato and W. Yoshikawa agreed to ride the Yamaha-

supplied OW01 machines in the Suzuka 8-hour as members of the Iwata City team. This meant that the mechanics, riders and helpers of the two entry teams that went into training several months before the race were all citizens of Iwata or the immediate area surrounding the city.

The jobs of team manager were taken over by a former Yamaha test rider and present motorcycle shop owner, Miyoshi Abe, and a present Yamaha Motor Engineering Manager, Takafumi Fujimori.



The three "Princess Iwata" contest winners serve as campaign girls for the team. One is a Yamaha employee.

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The OW01, a true racer replica

The bikes that YMC happily supplied to these two ambitious teams were the FZR750R (OW01), a replica of the YZF750 works machines that have won the Suzuka 8-hour in 1987, '88 and '90. Although there are a number of racer replica models on the market today that are meant to have the look and feel of a works machine, all of them are in fact designed primarily for street performance. Unlike these, the OW01 is a replica built



Running with lights on and the goal not far ahead.



primarily with race track performance in mind. In this sense it is one machine that truly deserves to be called a racer replica. This fact is demonstrated in the name the machine bears; the "OW" being the code name Yamaha attaches to all its works machines. With a limited production of about 1,000 units, the OW01 machines Yamaha supplied to the Iwata City Teams are the same OW01 presently being ridden by leading contenders in the Superbike World Championship, Terry Rymer and

Fabrizio Pirovano. In all of Japan there are only 500 riders who are lucky enough to own one of the machines of this limited edition. One of the race riders who rode the OW01 had this to say about the machine: "We worked hard on the machine, practicing and working on the settings for a month and a half. It made me so happy as an Iwata citizen to ride this wonderful machine built right here in Iwata in a big race like this!"

A team name with special significance for Iwata citizens

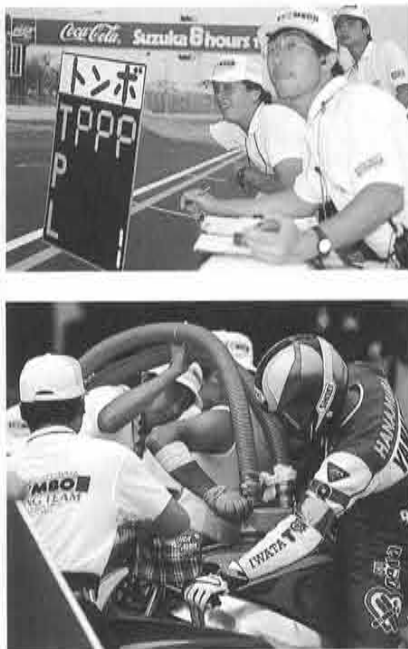
With native Iwata riders and machines built in Iwata, the teams needed a name that had special significance for the people of Iwata. The name that was chosen, "Iwata Tombo (dragonfly) Racing Team", derives from the fact that Iwata City with its outlying marsh areas is the breeding ground for the largest number of dragonfly species in Japan, including some found only in the Iwata area. And when the teams applied for their racing numbers for the Suzuka 8-hour, they even chose for their first number the number of dragonfly species that have been identified here, "65".

Mayor serves as booster club leader

Perhaps the single form of support for the city's race program that involved the largest number of Iwata citizens was the cheering squad organized by the teams' booster club. On July 28, the day of the final race, some 100 boosters gathered at the front gate of YMC's head office to travel by bus to Suzuka to cheer on their city's teams. This group was proud to have as their club leader none other than the mayor of Iwata, Mr. A. Kamiya. Mayor Kamiya had in fact gone on to Suzuka the day before to lend his personal encouragement to the teams and riders. Also on hand to join the booster club in cheering on their teams were the three charming campaign girls chosen at the "Princess Iwata" contest held on the same day as the "Tombo Racing Team" support rally.

A wonderful interaction between industry and the community

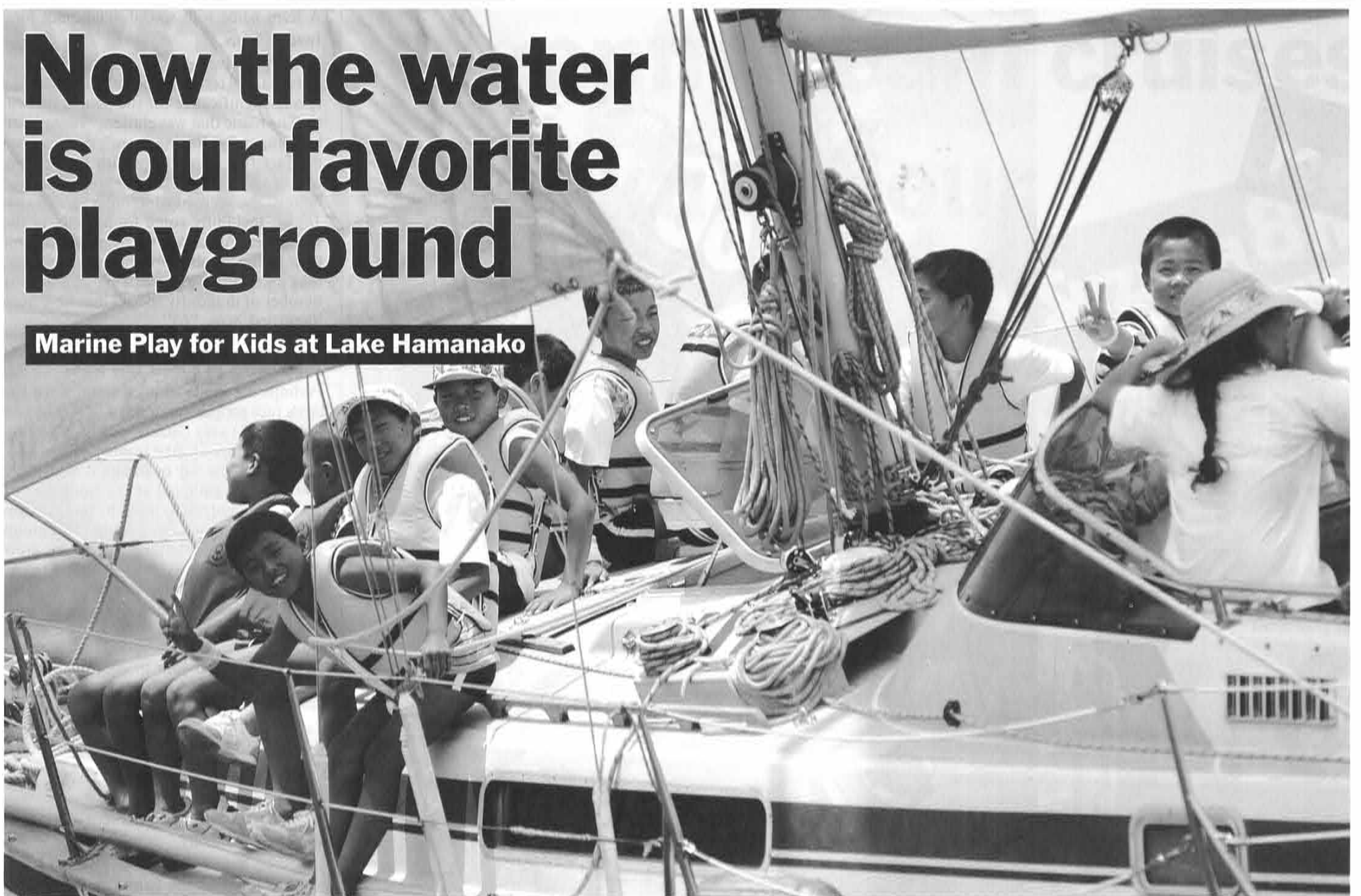
Another Yamaha employee who worked hard as chief of the administrative office for this project, Mr. Tanoue, had this to say: "Since I'm a member of the Iwata City Council who also happens to be an employee of Yamaha Motor Company, young members of the Chamber of Commerce came to me with this project. Of course I was very enthusiastic about this chance to act as a bridge between the city and YMC. If Yamaha Motor hadn't agreed to offer these great machines, there is no way we could have participated in this race. That was the honest feeling of the whole team. This is a great example of interaction between industry and the community that benefits everyone. At first the Iwata Dragonfly Team's goal was simply to pass the preliminaries. But both teams not only qualified but finished the final, with one placing an excellent 15th. Citizens in their various roles as riders, managers, mechanics and boosters all felt the excitement and fun of this enjoyable project, from the preparation stages to the final race of the Suzuka 8-hour. As a local corporate citizen, YMC was happy for the chance to share in this great project.



In April, the teams and their machines are introduced at a press presentation of the Suzuka 8-hour participants.

Now the water is our favorite playground

Marine Play for Kids at Lake Hamanako



Sailing Cruiser Experience: The children's eyes were full of excitement throughout the one-hour cruise.

For three days from July 23 to 25, Yamaha Motor Company held a "Marine Play for Kids at Hamanako" event at the Yamaha Marina Hamanako.

This event invited elementary school students from the towns around Lake Hamanako, home of YMC's Marine Operations, to help them experience the fun of marine recreation. By giving the children a chance to ride various kinds of boats and Water Vehicles, the event sought to encourage understanding and promote the spread of marine sports. As a good corporate citizen, YMC promotes this kind of program to contribute something to the local community that constantly nurtures it. Ever since the development and manufacture of Japan's first production pleasure boat by YMC back in 1960, our product manufacturing has always been accompanied by an active program of promotional and educational activities in the field of marine leisure. In 1975, for example, YMC began its annual "Junior Marine Week" program, offering local children the opportunity to experience a variety of marine sports.

It was the positive response we received from children and parents concerning these past events that led Yamaha to expand the program in terms of both the area served and the schedule of events and rename it the "Marine Play for Kids at Hamanako". More than two hundred 10-12 year-olds from local elementary schools who took part in this year's event were able to enjoy the following schedule of marine play over the three-day period.

1. Sailing Cruiser Experience (Using Y-28S and Y-35)
A one-hour sailboat cruise around an island in the lake.
2. Powerboat Experience (Using SC-32 and FR-46)
A one-hour cruise around the lake.
3. Water Vehicle Experience (Using MJ-650TL)
A five-minute ride with an instructor over a prescribed course.
4. Dinghy Paddle Race (Using MiniHoppers)

A race competed by 3-children teams paddling MiniHoppers with oars.

All three days of the event were blessed with true hot-and-sunny summer weather for the children, and their parents, to enjoy marine sports to their hearts content.

Before they left Hamanako, the children were all given a pamphlet full of rules and advice for enjoying and preserving our seas and rivers and a pad of composition paper to write about the things they experienced and the fun they had over the three days.



Dinghy Paddle Race: The youngsters paddling for all they are worth.



Powerboat Experience: A refreshing cruise around Hamana-ko



Explanations are given prior to each water craft experience.



After lunch the kids can't keep still. Soon they are back in the water again.



Water Vehicle Experience: Children ride with the Yamaha Marine Ladies. The speed and excitement brought shouts of delight.

Rainey continues to run in the lead

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD RACING 500CC CLASS

In the 9th round of the 500cc class of the Road Race World Championship, Wayne Rainey took the lead from the start on his YZR500, followed by Wayne Gardner (Honda), while Kevin Schwantz (Suzuki) and Michael Doohan battled for third. But on lap 12, Doohan crashed and retired from the race, and Schwantz who had moved into second passed Rainey when he ran up on the dirt just 100 meters from the finish. But his second place finish gave him 17 points to keep him in the series lead. In this same race, fellow YZR500 riders, John Kocinski, Jean Philippe Ruggia, Adrien Morillas and Doug Chandler and Juan Garriga finished 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th and

12th respectively. Then in round 10 in France on July 21, Rainey roared past Chandler on lap 8 and kept up a steady pace to score his 4th victory of the season unchallenged. This race gave him a point total of 168 to keep him on top in the series with an 8-point margin over second place Doohan. In the same race J. P. Ruggia placed 5th and D. Chandler 6th, while Kocinski took a fall on lap 11 that pulled him out of the race.

In round 11, held at Britain's Donington Park on August 4, Rainey, recovered strongly from a poor start that left him in 5th position and, running strongly, he



proceeded to pass first Doohan then Gardner, Schwantz and Kocinski to take the lead on lap 7. In the last few laps Schwantz engaged Rainey in a fierce battle for the lead, with Rainey eventually finishing second. Kocinski was also in good form finishing 4th. Rainey's 2nd place brought his series total to 185 points to put him 10 points ahead of 2nd ranked Doohan.

Bradshaw ranks 2nd

1991 AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES

This year's AMA Supercross Series that began with the first round in Orlando on January 12, came to a conclusion on June 22 with the 18th round in Los Angeles. In the point totals Yamaha's ace rider Da-

mon Bradshaw finished in second place, behind winner J. M. Bayle. Bradshaw started off this year's season with a third place finish behind J. Stanton and Bayle. With his first victory of the season in Atlanta's round six he began to put the pressure on the leaders. But in the rainy 7th round in Daytona he lost his goggles and mud in the

eyes forced him to fall behind. His luck failed him again in round nine in St. Petersburg, when he suffered plug failure while running with the leaders.

All the while overcoming the loneliness of life on the road away from family and friends, the 18 year-old Bradshaw came through with impressive victories in the 11th and 13th rounds. This late-season rush fell short of overtaking the point leader Bayle, but was good enough to put him one point ahead of last year's champion, Stanton, for the 2nd place spot.

This was a big improvement over his 8th-place finish last season. In his third season of full series participation next year, there is only one goal left for the young star, the number 1 spot.

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS

1. J. M. Bayle ... Honda ... 358 pts.
2. D. Bradshaw ... Yamaha ... 313 pts.
3. J. Stanton ... Honda ... 312 pts.
4. M. Kiedrowski ... Kawasaki ... 292 pts.
5. J. Ward ... Kawasaki ... 284 pts.



RESULTS

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROAD RACING

8th round - Europe - June 16

- 500cc class**
1. W. Rainey ... Yamaha
 2. M. Doohan ... Honda
 3. W. Gardner ... Honda
 4. K. Schwantz ... Suzuki
 5. J. Kocinski ... Yamaha
 6. J. Garriga ... Yamaha

250cc class

1. L. Cadalora ... Honda
2. H. Bradl ... Honda
3. C. Cardus ... Honda
4. W. Zeelenberg ... Honda
5. L. Reggiani ... Aprilia
6. M. Shimizu ... Honda

9th round - Holland - June 29

- 500cc class**
1. K. Schwantz ... Suzuki
 2. W. Rainey ... Yamaha
 3. W. Gardner ... Honda
 4. E. Lawson ... Cagiva
 5. D. De Radigues ... Suzuki
 6. J. Kocinski ... Yamaha

250cc class

1. P. F. Chili ... Aprilia
2. L. Cadalora ... Honda
3. W. Zeelenberg ... Honda
4. H. Bradl ... Honda

5. C. Cardus ... Honda
6. M. Shimizu ... Honda

10th round - France - July 21

- 500cc class**
1. W. Rainey ... Yamaha
 2. M. Doohan ... Honda
 3. E. Lawson ... Cagiva
 4. K. Schwantz ... Suzuki
 5. J. P. Ruggia ... Yamaha
 6. D. Chandler ... Yamaha

250cc class

1. L. Reggiani ... Aprilia
2. H. Bradl ... Honda
3. C. Cardus ... Honda
4. P. F. Chili ... Aprilia
5. L. Cadalora ... Honda
6. M. Shimizu ... Honda

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS AFTER 11 ROUNDS

1. W. Rainey ... Yamaha ... 185 pts.
2. M. Doohan ... Honda ... 175 pts.
3. K. Schwantz ... Suzuki ... 156 pts.
4. E. Lawson ... Cagiva ... 118 pts.
5. W. Gardner ... Honda ... 113 pts.
6. J. Kocinski ... Yamaha ... 103 pts.

250cc class

1. L. Cadalora ... Honda ... 189 pts.
2. H. Bradl ... Honda ... 173 pts.

3. C. Cardus ... Honda ... 157 pts.
4. W. Zeelenberg ... Honda ... 134 pts.
5. M. Shimizu ... Honda ... 105 pts.
6. L. Reggiani ... Aprilia ... 100 pts.

MOTOCROSS

125cc class

4th round - Hungary - May 26

- 1st race**
1. S. Everts ... Suzuki
 2. D. Schmit ... Suzuki
 3. B. Moore ... KTM
 4. G. Albertijn ... Honda
 5. Y. Demaria ... Suzuki

2nd race

1. S. Everts ... Suzuki
2. B. Moore ... KTM
3. P. Tragter ... Suzuki
4. A. Bartolini ... Suzuki
5. R. van Rees ... Kawasaki

5th round - Switzerland - June 2

- 1st race**
1. B. Moore ... KTM
 2. S. Everts ... Suzuki
 3. F. Vialle ... Kawasaki
 4. F. Bolley ... Yamaha
 5. E. Machtlinger ... Honda

2nd race

1. S. Everts ... Suzuki
2. Y. Demaria ... Suzuki

3. B. Moore ... KTM
4. G. Albertijn ... Honda
5. W. Surratt ... Honda

6th round - Belgium - June 9

- 1st race**
1. T. Tragter ... Suzuki
 2. S. Everts ... Suzuki
 3. G. Albertijn ... Honda
 4. R. van Rees ... Kawasaki
 5. Y. Demaria ... Suzuki

2nd race

1. S. Everts ... Suzuki
2. B. Moore ... KTM
3. Y. Demaria ... Suzuki
4. M. van Drunen ... Honda
5. A. Bartolini ... Suzuki

7th round - U.K. - June 23

- 1st race**
1. P. Tragter ... Suzuki
 2. B. Moore ... KTM
 3. A. Bartolini ... Suzuki
 4. W. Surratt ... Honda
 5. S. Everts ... Suzuki

2nd race

1. B. Moore ... KTM
2. P. Tragter ... Suzuki
3. W. Surratt ... Honda
4. S. Everts ... Suzuki
5. C. Sweede ... Honda

8th round - Ireland - June 30

- 1st race**
1. B. Moore ... KTM
 2. J. Karlsson ... Kawasaki
 3. P. Vialle ... Kawasaki
 4. C. Pratley ... Honda
 5. G. Albertijn ... Honda

2nd race

1. S. Everts ... Suzuki
2. B. Moore ... KTM
3. P. Tragter ... Suzuki
4. G. Albertijn ... Honda
5. M. van Drunen ... Honda

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1. S. Everts ... Suzuki ... 259 pts.
2. B. Moore ... KTM ... 235 pts.
3. P. Tragter ... Suzuki ... 167 pts.
4. Y. Demaria ... Suzuki ... 137 pts.
5. D. Schmit ... Suzuki ... 129 pts.
6. W. Surratt ... Honda ... 124 pts.

250cc class

4th round - Italy - May 12

- 1st race**
1. A. Puzar ... Suzuki
 2. T. Parker ... Honda
 3. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
 4. P. Vehkonen ... Yamaha
 5. E. Evertsen ... Kawasaki

2nd race

1. T. Parker ... Honda
2. M. Healey ... KTM
3. A. Holvoet ... Kawasaki
4. T. Visser ... Kawasaki
5. P. Dirx ... Honda

5th round - Finland - May 26

- 1st race**
1. J. Van Den Berk ... Suzuki
 2. A. Puzar ... Suzuki
 3. P. Vehkonen ... Yamaha
 4. M. Healey ... KTM
 5. P. Dirx ... Honda

2nd race

1. P. Vehkonen ... Yamaha
2. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
3. P. Dirx ... Honda
4. M. Berboets ... Kawasaki
5. M. Healey ... KTM

6th round - San Marino - June 16

- 1st race**
1. M. Healey ... KTM
 2. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
 3. M. Fanton ... Honda
 4. A. Puzar ... Suzuki
 5. R. Diepold ... Kawasaki

2nd race

1. M. Fanton ... Honda
2. M. Healey ... KTM
3. B. Manneh ... Yamaha
4. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
5. A. Puzar ... Suzuki

7th round - France - June 23

- 1st race**
1. T. Parker ... Honda
 2. A. Puzar ... Suzuki

3. M. Fanton ... Honda
4. M. Dymond ... Yamaha
5. P. Vehkonen ... Yamaha

2nd race

1. M. Healey ... KTM
2. B. Manneh ... Yamaha
3. A. Puzar ... Suzuki
4. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
5. P. Johansson ... Yamaha

8th round - Belgium - June 30

- 1st race**
1. P. Johansson ... Yamaha
 2. A. Puzar ... Suzuki
 3. T. Parker ... Honda
 4. M. Berboets ... Kawasaki
 5. E. Evertsen ... Kawasaki

2nd race

1. M. Healey ... KTM
2. M. Berboets ... Kawasaki
3. P. Vehkonen ... Yamaha
4. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki
5. P. Johansson ... Yamaha

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1. A. Puzar ... Suzuki ... 204 pts.
2. T. Parker ... Honda ... 169 pts.
3. M. Healey ... KTM ... 169 pts.
4. D. Stribbos ... Suzuki ... 164 pts.
5. M. Bervoets ... Kawasaki ... 138 pts.
6. P. Johansson ... Yamaha ... 130 pts.

500cc class

5th round - France - May 12

- 1st race**
1. P. Malin ... Kawasaki
 2. G. Jobe ... Honda
 3. D. Thorpe ... Kawasaki
 4. K. Nicoll ... KTM
 5. Jo Martens ... KTM

2nd race

1. P. Malin ... Kawasaki
2. K. Nicoll ... KTM
3. G. Jobe ... Honda
4. M. Anstie ... Honda
5. D. Geukens ... Honda

6th round - Holland - June 2

- 1st race**
1. P. Malin ... Kawasaki
 2. Jacky Martens ... KTM
 3. B. Liles ... Kawasaki
 4. A. Panttila ... Honda
 5. C. Hulsen ... Honda

2nd race

1. Jacky Martens ... KTM
2. B. Liles ... Kawasaki
3. Jo Martens ... Honda
4. J. Smith ... Honda
5. K. van der Ven ... Honda

7th round - Italy - June 30

- 1st race**
1. G. Jobe ... Honda
 2. Jacky Martens ... KTM
 3. B. Liles ... Kawasaki
 4. D. Thorpe ... Kawasaki
 5. J. Whatley ... Kawasaki

2nd race

1. G. Jobe ... Honda
2. Jacky Martens ... KTM
3. J. Whatley ... Kawasaki
4. K. Ljunqvist ... Honda
5. S. Coyle ... Honda

8th round - U.K. - July 7

- 1st race**
1. D. Geukens ... Honda
 2. Jacky Martens ... KTM
 3. B. Liles ... Kawasaki
 4. K. van der Ven ... Honda
 5. J. Boonen ... KTM

2nd race

1. G. Jobe ... Honda
2. J. Whatley ... Kawasaki
3. D. Geukens ... Honda
4. J. Smets ... Honda
5. Jo Martens ... Honda

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS AFTER 8 ROUNDS

1. G. Jobe ... Honda ... 179 pts.
2. Jacky Martens ... KTM ... 164 pts.
3. K. Nicoll ... KTM ... 132 pts.
4. D. Geukens ... Honda ... 125 pts.
5. P. Malin ... Kawasaki ... 116 pts.
6. A. Panttila ... Honda ... 112 pts.

'91 SUZUKA 8-HOUR ENDURANCE RACE

This year's Suzuka 8-hour Endurance Race was tough not for the usual steamy heat but for its changing weather. Heavy rains early in the competition brought on rapidly changing track conditions and tire changes from heavy wet to cut slick to slick. When the 8-hour ordeal was over the team of Kevin Magee/Doug Chandler on their Yamaha YZF750 had placed 2nd with 189 laps.

The rider who took the lead at the start in heavy rain was pole position-winner Doohan. But he was soon passed on the hairpin turn of lap one by the Yamaha machine ridden by the Kirin Beverage Racing Team of Norihiko Fujiwara/Yasutomo Nagai. Fujiwara's run in the lead lasted until lap five, when once again Doohan took over. The Magee/Chandler team which had been moving up steadily since the start, took the lead away from Doohan about one hour into the race.

As the rain fell harder into the third hour of the race, Gardner/Doohan once again moved into the lead, and another pair of YZF750 riders, Peter Goddard and Niall McKenzie of Italiya Yamaha Team HAYASHI, took control of second place.



P. Goddard (left) and N. McKenzie



Magee/Chandler win a tough 2nd at rainy Suzuka



On the last day alone over 150,000 excited fans turned out to watch the racing.



The heavy rain at the start of the race made the bikes send up duck tails of water as they ran.

On lap 58, 2 hours and a half into the race, Fujiwara crashed on the hairpin while running in 5th position and retired from the race. Meanwhile, Magee/Chandler had reclaimed second position and started to go after the lead machine. After the 4th hour, a nose-to-nose sprint race developed between the Gardner/Doohan team and the Magee/Chandler team.

Past the 5 and a half hour mark, the Magee/Chandler team consolidated their hold on first and began to widen the gap over Gardner/Doohan. But, at 6 hours and 11 minutes into the race, Magee ran off the track, dropping the team back to second place. After replacement of a damaged clutch lever, they were able to hold on to second to the finish.

Goddard/McKenzie's YZF750 ran in good condition throughout the race, taking them as high as second position. But a succession of crashes brought them home in 22nd place.

Also taking part in the race was the Misawa Racing Team Over with Yamaha Motor Corporation U.S.A. riders T. Stevens and R. Schwarzbach, who despite a valiant effort were forced to retire on lap 92. One of the happy successes of this year's race was the impressive finish of the two city-sponsored teams from YMC's home town, Iwata City, racing on a pair of OW01 machines offered by YMC.



D. Chandler



K. Magee

RESULTS

1. W. Gardner/M. Doohan Honda
2. K. Magee/D. Chandler Yamaha
3. C. Fogarty/S. Hislop Honda
4. K. Kitagawa/R. Tsuruta Kawasaki
5. T. Sowa/S. Tsukamoto Kawasaki

The semi-tropical island resort "Haimurubushi" is a paradise for marine sports.



Yamaha Marine Carnival '91 celebrates the world of water sports



Forty-six people participated in the long touring event for Water Vehicles. These vehicles always offer fun riding for one, two or even three people.



For 12 days from late June into early July, the Yamaha Marine Carnival '91 was held at the Yamaha Recreation-managed "Haimurubushi" resort on Okinawa's Kohama Island. The site of the Carnival, "Haimurubushi", means the Southern Cross, and its semi-tropical location makes it the perfect place for an event like this dedicated to the full enjoyment of marine sports. The Carnival kicked off with diving events from June 20 to 22. Then, from June 27 to 30 a variety of Water Vehicle events were held. And finally, from July 4 to 7, came



This team is proud of the 115kg swordfish they landed.

two fishing events.

One of the highlights of the carnival was the long touring event for Water Vehicles, in which some 46 people divided into three groups got a chance to ride one of 20 units of the popular Yamaha MJ-650TL, MJ-650T, MJ650M and MJ-650TX models. Starting from Kohama Island at 10:00 in the morning, participants cruised around the nearby islands for some 50km before returning to the resort at 4:00 in the afternoon. Among the enthusiastic riders was a 67 year-old woman who rode tandem on a Water Vehicle for the first time. At the party after the day of touring she was presented with a special "Guts Award"

The "Billfish Tournament" held on the 4th of July attracted 43 anglers, or a total of 17 teams, from all over Japan. The individual prize went to an angler who landed a 115kg swordfish. Another highlight of the tournament came when one of the participants landed a yellowfin tuna weighing 50.5kg, a new Japanese record.