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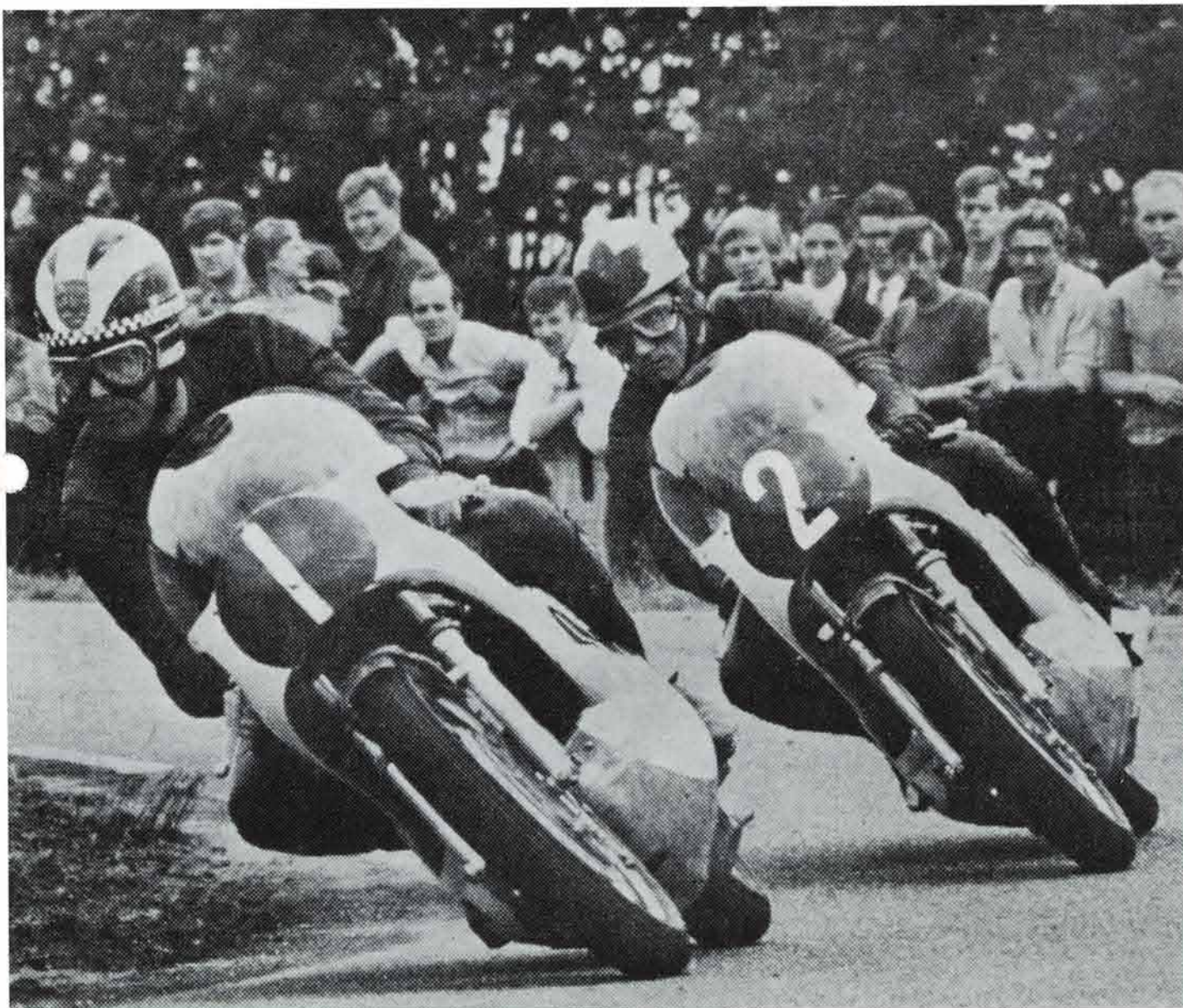
# YAMAHA NEWS

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## YAMAHA'S RACING GLORY-125 & 250 TITLES CLINCHED

In the 125cc class Yamaha was invincible as well. Stretching the lead for the title race by race, Yamaha finally decided the title contest at the Czech. GP on July 21 with P. Read who became the 1968 crown rider by a perfect score of 5 wins. Now let's retrace the 1968 racing highlights provided by glorious Yamaha team.

From the beginning of the 1968 series, Yamaha kept going its way to the racing glory in a more spectacular way than ever. After winning 5 races in succession, Yamaha clinched the 250cc title on July 14 when B. Ivy rode his powerful 4-cylinder racer home at the East German GP held on the 5.3-mile Sachsenring circuit.



P. Read and B. Ivy enjoying their unchallenged lead-Dutch TT, 250cc class



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P. Read (center), the 125cc winner with H. G. Anscheidt, the second finisher on a Suzuki-West German GP.

### West German GP-April 21 Nurburgring

In both lightweight classes, B. Ivy and P. Read outright dominated the field. Ivy won the 250cc class setting up new lap and race records. The 125cc class was won by P. Read who renewed the race record though Ivy marked a record lap before retiring.

#### Final results

##### 250cc class-17 laps 81.83 miles

1. B. Ivy Yamaha 55' 51" 9 87.86 mph  
(record)
  2. G. Molloy Bultaco 58' 53" 1 83.32 mph
  3. K. Anderson Yamaha 58' 57" 4 83.26 mph
  4. R. Gould Yamaha/Bultaco  
58' 59" 6 83.20 mph
  5. H. Findley Bultaco 16 laps
  6. H. Santiago Ossa 16 laps
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
3' 13" 4 89.60 mph (record)

##### 125cc class-13 laps 62.54 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 44' 29" 9 84.75 mph  
(record)
  2. H.G. Anscheidt (Suzuki) 46' 2" 2 81.58 mph
  3. S. Mohringer (MZ) 46' 40" 8 80.67 mph
  4. D. Braun (MZ) 46' 41" 2 80.41 mph
  5. K. Anderson (MZ) 47' 53" 5 78.42 mph
  6. K. Carruthers (Honda) 48' 3" 2 78.11 mph
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
3' 22" 0 85.81 mph (record)

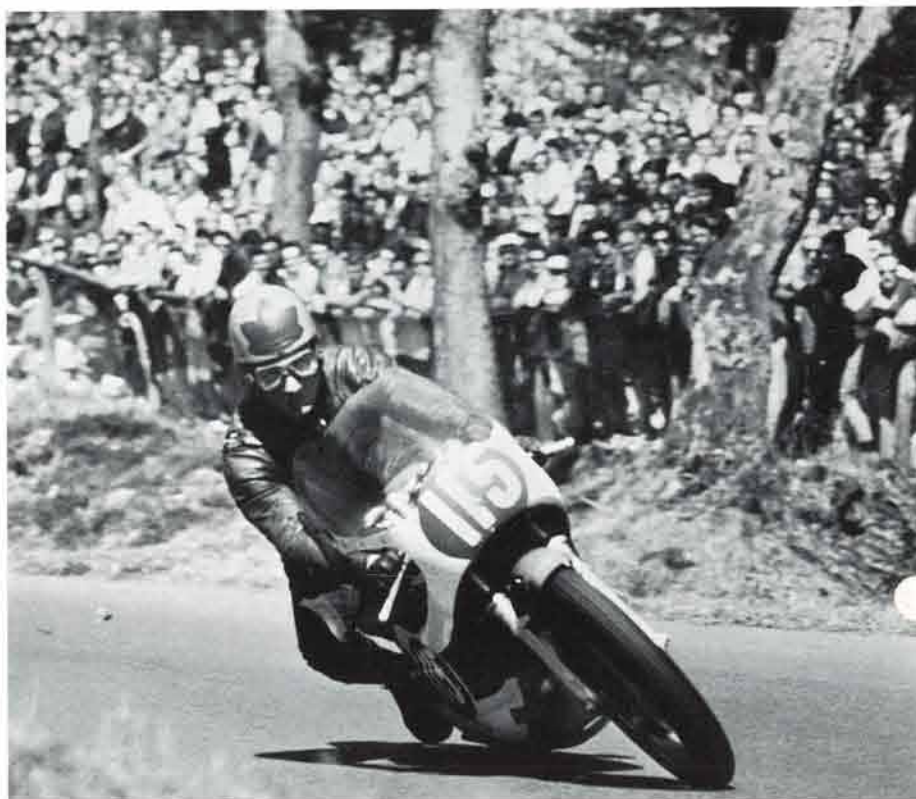
### Spanish GP-May 5-Barcelona

P. Read on a Yamaha four convincingly snatched a win in the 250cc class lapping all but H. Rosner on a MZ, the  $\frac{1}{10}$  second finisher. For the opening stage of the 33-lap race, a group of Spanish riders on Bultacos made desperate attempts to check a Yamaha, but all in vain eventually. By 10th lap, A Yamaha ace had made his lead unchallenged. He went on to win a race some 80 seconds ahead of Rosner.

#### Final results

##### 250cc class-33 laps 77.73 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 63' 28" 3 73.48 mph
  2. H. Rosner (MZ) 64' 57" 4 71.80 mph
  3. G. Molloy (Bultaco) 32 laps
  4. C. Giro (Ossa) 32 laps
  5. C. Rocamora (Bultaco) 31 laps
  6. P. Eickelberg (Aermacchi) 31 laps
- Fastest lap-P. Read (Yamaha),  
1' 52" 15 75.73 mph



B. Ivy hurling his 4-cylinder Yamaha to a victory-West German GP, 250cc class.



P. Read dashing into lead-Spanish GP, 250cc class.



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## Isle of Man TT-June 10 & 14

B. Ivy scored his first-ever 250cc TT victory after a thrilled duel with P. Read, a Yamaha team-mate on the most tortuous 37.75-mile mountain circuit on June 10. He shattered M. Hailwood's lap record by over 1 mph from a standing start in the early stage of the race.

Ivy provided another highlight in the 125 cc class on June 14. He joined the TT history makers by lapping the course at over-100 mph for the first time in the 125cc class. P. Read became the first finisher of the race. It was the 4th consecutive victory of the 125cc TT for Yamaha.

### Final results

#### 250cc class-6 laps 226.50 miles

1. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 136' 24" 8 99.58 mph
  2. R. Pasolini (Benelli) 138' 36" 8 98.00 mph
  3. H. Rosner (Mz) 142' 56" 4 95.04 mph
  4. M. Uphill (Suzuki) 144' 44" 4 93.86 mph
  5. R. Gould (Yamaha) 145' 8" 0 93.61 mph
  6. A. Smith (Yamaha) 147' 14" 8 92.26 mph
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
21' 27" 4 105.51 mph (record)

#### 125cc class-3 laps 113.25 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 68' 31" 4 99.12 mph (record)
  2. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 69' 27" 8 97.78 mph (record)
  3. K. Carruthers (Honda) 78' 21" 2 86.69 mph
  4. T. Robb (Bultaco) 69' 10" 4 85.70 mph
  5. G. Keith (Montesa) 80' 6" 4 84.80 mph
  6. S. Murry (Honda) 81' 39" 4 83.19 mph
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
22' 34" 0 100.32 mph (record)

## Dutch TT-June 29-Van Drenthe

For the first half of the 14-lap 125cc race D. Simmonds on a Kawasaki twin showed a sensational riding to go with and sometimes ahead of P. Read on a watercooled Yamaha four. On the seventh lap Read quickly pulled away. He relentlessly accelerated his Yamaha to increase the lead. He crossed the line first bringing Yamaha the third maximum points in the 1968 title contest.

The 250cc class turned to be a wheel-to-wheel duel between Read and Ivy. Ivy, Yamaha's point getter finished first half a wheel ahead of Read.

### Final results

#### 125cc class-14 laps 67.2 miles

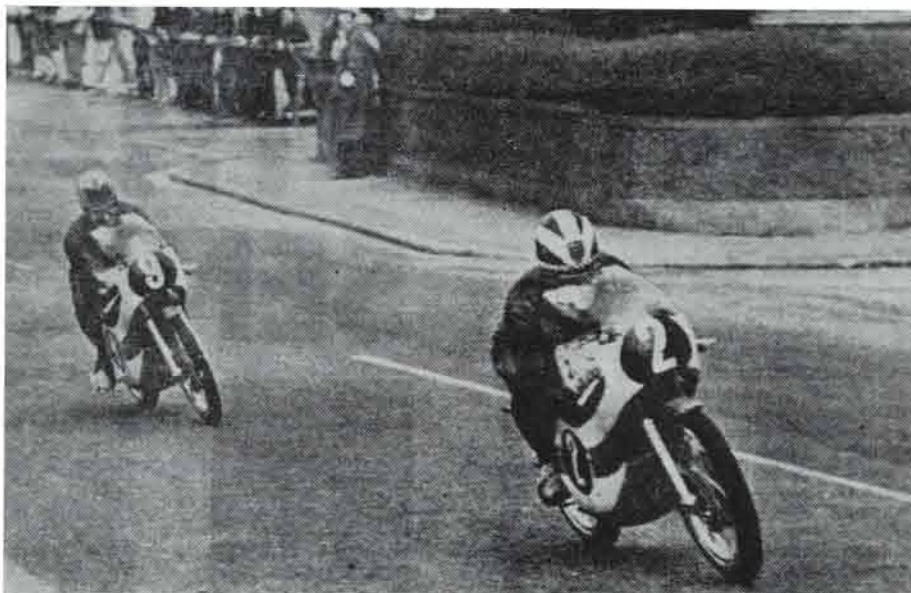
1. P. Read (Yamaha) 48' 38" 7 82.62 mph
  2. G. Molloy (Bultaco) 50' 40" 3 79.08 mph
  3. J. Huberts (MZ) 51' 03" 2 78.71 mph
  4. S. Canellas (Bultaco) 51' 05" 3 78.66 mph
  5. D. Braun (MZ) 51' 34" 2 77.93 mph
  6. G. Visenzi (Montesa) 52' 03" 9 76.92 mph
- Fastest lap-P. Read (Yamaha),  
3' 19" 7 86.25 mph

#### 250cc class-17 laps 81.3 miles

1. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 55' 23" 9 88.09 mph
  2. P. Read (Yamaha) 55' 24" 0 88.08 mph
  3. R. Pasolini (Benelli) 57' 36" 8 84.70 mph
  5. R. Gould (Yama/Bul) 58' 55" 5 82.81 mph
  6. S. Herrero (Ossa) 16 laps
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
3' 13" 0 89.24 mph



B. Ivy on a Yamaha setting an incredible lap record of over-the-ton-TT 125cc class.



P. Read, and B. Ivy on Yamahas are monopolizing the first & second places in the 125cc TT.



A thrilling duel between Yamaha aces providing a Key-highlight of the Dutch TT, 250cc class.



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## Belgian GP-July 7-Francorchamps

The 250cc race staged on this ultra-fast circuit was a thriller. - Nothing was more exciting and dramatic than P. Read's success in the race. At the end of the opening lap Read stopped at the pit for a plug change. He restarted at the tail of field. His chasing was really sensational. Lap by lap he regained the lost ground. It was at the latter half of the closing lap that he took over the lead from H. Rosner on a MZ. Read rushed into the goal leaving Rosner seven seconds astern.

### Final results

250cc class-9 laps 78.84 miles

1. Read (Yamaha) 40' 38" 6 116.40 mph
  2. H. Rosner (MZ) 40' 45" 6 116.07 mph
  3. R. Gould (Yama/Bul) 41' 04" 9 115.14 mph
  4. L. Szabo (MZ) 41' 39" 0 113.59 mph
  5. S. Herrero (Ossa) 41' 59" 4 112.65 mph
  6. K. Anderson (Yamaha) 43' 0" 0 110.04 mph
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
4' 11" 5 125.41 mph

## East German GP-July 14

### Sachsenring

The 250cc race of the East German GP, the 6th round of the series was the title deciding event for Yamaha. P. Read and B. Ivy riding Yamahas took the lead by turns. They crossed the line side by side, but Ivy was the first finisher by the slightest margin-half a wheel! Again in the 125cc class a couple of Yamahas monopolized the first and second places, and it was Read's turn. By this perfect domination Yamaha was just one win away from the 1968 125cc title.

### Final results

250cc class-15 laps 80.32 miles

1. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 46' 44" 0 103.08 mph
  2. P. Read (Yamaha) 46' 44" 1 103.07 mph
  3. H. Rosner (MZ) 48' 53" 1 98.55 mph
  4. R. Gould (Yama/Bul) 49' 46" 2 96.79 mph
  5. G. Molloy (Bultaco) 14 laps
  6. J. Findley (Bultaco) 14 laps
- Fastest lap-P. Read (Yamaha),  
3' 01" 5 106.17 mph (record)

125cc class-12 laps 64.26 miles

1. Read (Yamaha) 39' 35" 6 97.34 mph (record)
2. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 40' 50" 1 94.37 mph
3. G. Bartusch (MZ) 42' 31" 6 90.62 mph
4. L. Szabo (MZ) 42' 37" 8 90.40 mph
5. H. Bischoff (MZ) 42' 38" 5 90.38 mph
6. T. Heuschkel (MZ) 42' 38" 8 90.37 mph

Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
3' 12" 2 100.25 mph (record)



P. Read whipping a fantastically fast 125cc Yamaha to decide the 1968 title contest Czech. GP



A couple of Yamaha dominating the field-West German GP, 125cc class.

## Czech GP-July 21-Bruno

P. Read added the most important 8 points to the Yamaha's point table by winning the 125cc class of the Czech. GP on July 21. Yamaha clinched the first-ever double championships with Read scoring 5 wins for the 1968 125cc rider crown.

In the 250cc class as well P. Read rode his Yamaha into a win with B. Ivy finishing second.

### Final Results

125cc class-8 laps 69.28 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 48' 46" 3 85.25 mph
  2. L. Szabo (MZ) 5' 32" 2 80.66 mph
  3. G. Bartusch (MZ) 52' 17" 0 79.51 mph
  4. D. Braun (MZ) 52' 17" 4 79.50 mph
  5. L. John (MZ) 53' 21" 9 77.89 mph
  6. J. Reisz (MZ) 53' 55" 3 77.09 mph
- Fastest lap-B. Ivy (Yamaha),  
5' 54" 0 87.86 mph

250cc class-9 laps 77.98 miles

1. P. Read (Yamaha) 50' 39" 4 92.34 mph
2. B. Ivy (Yamaha) 50' 53" 9 91.94 mph
3. H. Rosner (MZ) 51' 25" 4 90.99 mph
4. R. Gould (Yama/Bul) 52' 28" 6 89.17 mph
5. G. Milani (Aermacchi) 53' 52" 4 86.85 mph
6. G. Molly (Bultaco) 53' 53" 5 86.82 mph

Fastest lap-P. Read (Yamaha),  
5' 29" 7 94.58 mph