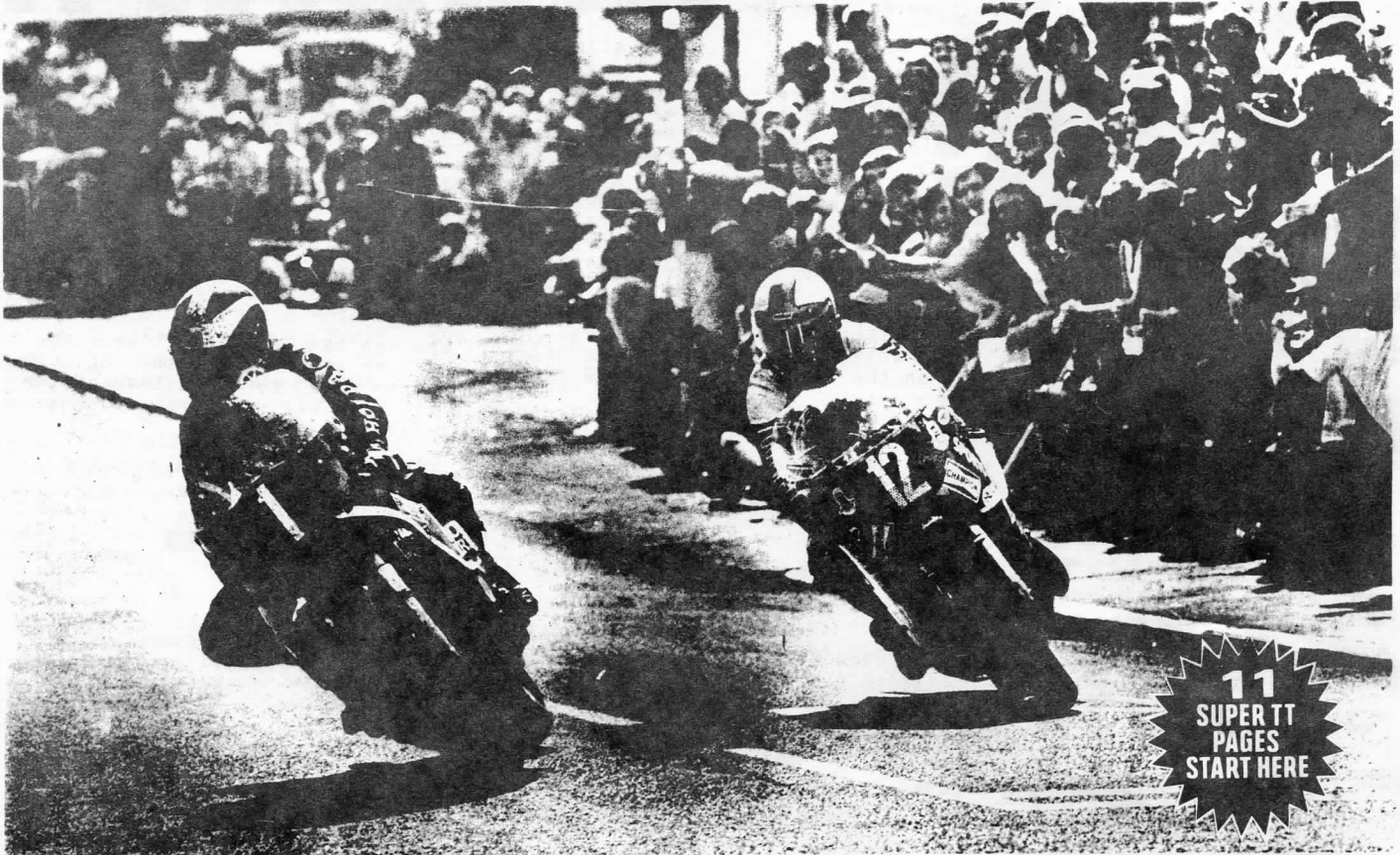


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Seconds after a stray dog was chased out of Ramsey's Parliament Square, delirious crowds cheered Mike Hailwood (Ducati, 12) as he caught Phil Read (Honda, 1) who started 50 seconds before him. Their duel in the sun was the highlight of Hailwood's sensational comeback.

## OPENING LINES TO MIKE THE BIKE WINS F-1 RACE AT I.O.M.

A couple of issues ago we had a bit of news about Mike Hailwood winning the Isle of Mann F1 race on a Ducati 900, huh? do you all remember? Right! Well I begged and called and tried to get the information about that race and nothing...none to be had and then Rich Terwilliger of St. Charles, Michigan sent me all his copies of the English publication Motor Cycle News and there it was the entire story about one of the greatest wins Ducati has had since Cook Neilson took the Superbike race at Daytona. Oh well I hope to get a full report in this issue about the whole race. Jeez I hope Cycle World or one of those rags don't come out with a report before I get this to the printers. I hope you guys appreciate this cause this is a Saturday nite and I could be out riding of over Pams' house doin something a bit more interesting than typing a newsletter, well anyway here it is.

## MIKE! HAILWOOD LANDS A FAIRY TALE COMEBACK VICTORY

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Report by Peter Howdle: TT pictures by Cecil Bailey and Malcom Carling. Our Thanks to Motor Cycle News.

Tears of emotion streaming down his cheeks, Mike Hailwood climbed the winner's rostrum for the 13th time in his legenday TT career after six record smashing laps with a 900 DUCATI in Saturday's Formula 1 world championship race.

As he sprayed his cheering fans with champatne, after leading from start to finish and beating John Williams

on a works Hōnda by nearly TWO MINUTES, the magic of Mike the Bike made a mockery of the passing years.

Despite an absense of 11 years 38-year old Hailwood surpassed himself over the 37 3/4 mile circuit over which he first raced twenty years ago--and stuned his rivals with a race record of 108.51 mph, and a lap record of 110.62 mph.

It was unreal...fantastic...but he done it; He had won the greatest gamble of his life with a devastating victory that captured the imagination of the thousand of fans who waved him to his tenth world title.

The king back...long live the king! Racing as if he had never been away, he had set a scorching pace during which he forced favourite Phil Read to push his works Honda to destruction.

After months of preparation and a practice week during which he tried different cams Hailwood's race average was only fractionally slower than his old record lap of 108.77 mph on the 500 Honda with which he won the Senior back in 1967.

The big Desmo Ducati from Manchester's Sports Motor Cycles never missed a beat. It ran as superbly as its jockey who, with characteristic professionalism did not wave back to the crowds until he had crossed the finished line.

Afterwards he said: "They were waving all the way but I could hardly wait for the end. I was worried by my helmet pressing on my forehead and lost a bit of concentration.