

# 10 Greatest Moments of the TT Races That Will Leave You in Awe

The Isle of Man TT Races have a rich and storied history dating back to the early 20th century. Widely regarded as one of the most challenging and dangerous motorsport events in the world, the TT Races have captivated fans for over a century with their thrilling and sometimes heart-stopping moments. From record-breaking speeds to intense rivalries and heroic victories, here are the 10 greatest moments in the history of the TT Races that will leave you in awe.

## 1. The Dunlop Dynasty

For generations, the Dunlop family has dominated the TT Races. From Joey Dunlop winning a record 26 races to Robert Dunlop's heroic triumph in the 2000 Lightweight TT just months after a life-threatening accident, the Dunlops' achievements have become synonymous with the event's history.

## 2. Mike Hailwood's Comeback

In 1978, legendary rider Mike Hailwood returned to the TT Races after an 11-year absence. Despite being considered past his prime, Hailwood showcased his extraordinary talent by winning the Formula One and Senior TT races, earning him the title "Mike the Bike" and cementing his status as one of the greatest riders in TT history.



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### **3. John McGuinness' Record-Breaking Lap**

In 2004, John McGuinness set a new lap record at the TT Races, clocking an astonishing speed of 127.89 mph on his Honda VTR1000 SP2. This achievement solidified his reputation as one of the fastest riders in the history of the event and earned him the nickname "The Morecambe Missile".

### **4. Triumph's Dominance in the 1960s**

In the 1960s, Triumph motorcycles enjoyed a period of unparalleled success at the TT Races. Their powerful and reliable bikes, ridden by legendary racers such as Mike Hailwood and Giacomo Agostini, won the prestigious Manufacturer's Team Challenge for five consecutive years from 1966 to 1970.

### **5. Steve Hislop's Historic Lap**

In 1989, Steve Hislop set a new lap record of 120.98 mph, becoming the first rider to break the 120 mph barrier. His achievement not only secured him victory in the Formula One TT race but also etched his name in the annals of TT history forever.

### **6. Giacomo Agostini's Unbeaten Streak**

Italian racing legend Giacomo Agostini had an unbeatable streak at the TT Races, winning every race he entered from 1966 to 1972. His dominance and exceptional skill on the MV Agusta bikes made him a true icon of the event and one of the most successful riders in TT history.

## **7. Peter Hickman's Thrilling Victory**

In 2018, Peter Hickman secured his first TT victory in a dramatic fashion, winning the Senior TT race by just two seconds. This nail-biting finish and Hickman's incredible display of skill and determination made it one of the most memorable moments in recent TT history.

## **8. McGuinness vs Hutchinson Rivalry**

Between 2007 and 2016, John McGuinness and Ian Hutchinson engaged in an intense rivalry at the TT Races, constantly pushing each other to their limits. Their battles on the track created some of the most exhilarating moments in TT history, with both riders setting multiple records and securing numerous victories.

## **9. Michael Dunlop's Emotional Triumph**

In 2014, Michael Dunlop achieved a remarkable feat by winning four races in a single TT event. His emotional victory on the final day, which included a tribute to his late father Robert Dunlop, showcased the Dunlop family's indomitable spirit and left spectators in awe.

## **10. Joey Dunlop's Last TT Race**

Joey Dunlop's final TT Race in 2000 was a bittersweet moment in TT history. Despite being plagued by mechanical issues, Dunlop fought till the end to secure a 26th victory at the event. Tragically, he lost his life in a racing accident just two months later, leaving a void in the hearts of motorsport fans worldwide.

These are just a few of the countless incredible moments that have unfolded throughout the history of the TT Races. From the awe-inspiring skills of the riders to the relentless pursuit of victory, the TT Races continue to captivate audiences and solidify their status as one of the greatest sporting events in the world.



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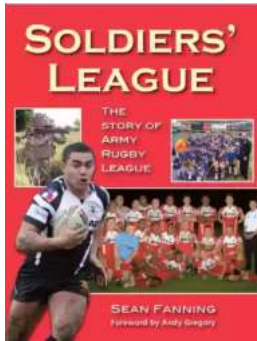
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There is nothing on Earth quite like the Isle of Man TT Races. No other motorcycle race is held on such a challenging track as the 37-mile plus Mountain Course with its seemingly never-ending series of bends, bumps, jumps, stone walls, manhole covers and telegraph poles. The skill, bravery and concentration levels required are immense, with speeds approaching 200mph, and, while difficult to learn and even harder to come first, the rewards for winning on the world famous course are like no other. No other motorsport event can boast such illustrious history, rich in tradition and legends, and to have your name inscribed on a TT trophy is to sit with the gods. This unique book is a collection of the 25 greatest moments in the history of the TT. From the legendary races at the beginning of the 20th century to the stars who have made the sport their own, author Liam McCann looks at the thrills and spills that have wowed crowds and TV audiences for more than 110 years. Marvel at Geoff Duke's mastery of the Snaefell Mountain Course, the epic dices between Mike Hailwood and Giacomo Agostini in the sport's most dangerous era, and Ian Hutchinson's remarkable clean sweep of five solo wins in 2010. Greatest Moments of the TT would not be complete without mention of the late great Joey Dunlop OBE - the TT's most

decorated rider with 26 wins - and John McGuinness still trying to overtake his record while also fast approaching 50 years of age.



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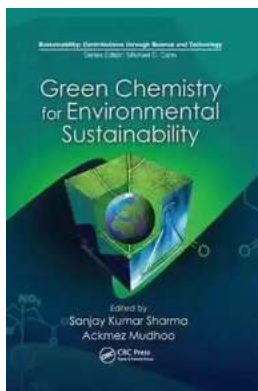
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