

Indian Make it Two in a Row.

For the first time since 1994 a team in the Great Race was able to put achieve consecutive wins. Held in the Snowy Mountains on the 10th and 11th of March the Indian team by the narrowest of margins was able to take line honours. At the end of the first day Harley were leading by a small margin. On the Sunday superb performances by the 1916 and 1919 Power Plus's of Jonathan Munn and Daryl Jenkins were to help sway the result Indians way. Early bikes get a co-efficient bonus. Models made before 1920 receive 30%, 1921-33 receive 20% and 1934-1939 receive 10%. Stand out performance for Harley-Davidson were Michael Johnson on a 1923 Model J, Chris Wells on a 1928 Two Cam California Cutdown and Kiwi Bob Brookland on a 1938 U Model. Top Indian scorer was 19 year old Patrick Arundel on 1929 101 Scout followed by Daryl Jenkins on his Power Plus and Bianca Bonner on her 1927 Scout.

A feature of recent Great Races has been the Rolling Race where contestants roll as far as they can without engine power. Winner for the third time was John Straw. The Twentieth Great Race was held over 653 kilometers of the best mountain roads in Australia. It is a timed reliability trial and is eligible for entry by invitation to Harley-Davidson and Indian Motorcycles manufactured before September 1957.

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