

MELBOURNE TO SYDNEY

Ashfield Business Man Breaks Motor Cycle Record

We have to congratulate Mr C.J.Weatherby the Motor Cycle Expert of 170 Liverpool Road and Mr Don Bain on their success in breaking the record for motor cycle and side car, and solo cycles of all powers last Saturday.

The machine used was a 10-12 h.p. 1929 A.J.S. with a "Goulding Comfort" side car.

The time taken was 13 hours 31 minutes, beating the previous cycle and side-car record by 1 hour 4 minutes, and the fastest solo record by 10 minutes, the latter was made by Mr Ousley only a week previously, on his solo machine.

The following is Mr Weatherby's description of the journey:-

We were checked out of Melbourne at 5:45 am last Saturday.

The weather conditions were doubtful, as it was raining slightly, but we decided to take the chance of running out of it.

To Euroa, which was first filling station the trip, was uneventful. But delay occurred there owing to the garage not being open, however soon remedied when we had awakened him.

After leaving Euroa we seemed to have missed the worst of the rain, as the road was very wet in places, whilst in others the road was almost dry.

Light rains which were encountered through to Coolac only tended to keep the conditions cool and pleasant, and keep down the dust.

We missed a heavy fall just before Jugiong, which put us back behind our scheduled time, the roads being slippery, hilly and twisting, with only a dirt surface.

We picked up the lost time, but again got behind nearing Yass, where we ran into a very heavy storm at the foot of The Gap.

In fact, the water was rushing at us in streams inches deep.

The next 40 miles had to be taken slowly, the rain seemed like lumps of ice. Nearing Goulburn we managed to clear rain again, for which we were very thankful. Goulburn was left behind later than schedule time, and we had again made it up when we passed Mittagong.

At Picton we were ahead of it.

An uneventful run to Campbelltown, and we struck lighting trouble, which was quickly remedied by replacing a broken wire to the lamp. A party of the boys were waiting at Campbelltown, and they accompanied us to Sydney which we reached at 7:10 pm.

We had no mechanical trouble, and the Barnet Glass Tyres stood up

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NEW RECORD

MOTOR CYCLISTS' DASH FROM MELBOURNE

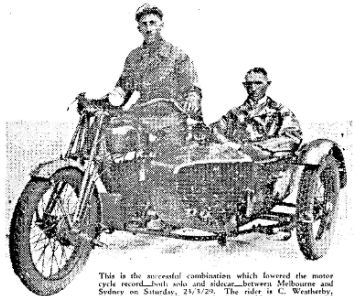
Cecil Weatherby and Don Bain last night broke the All Powers Melbourne to Sydney motor cycle record by 10 minutes, and the sidecar record by 1 hour 4 minutes.

Mounted on a 10/20 twin A.J.S. and sidecar, they left the G.P.O., Melbourne, at 5.45 a.m., and arrived here at 7.16 p.m., covering the 374½ miles in 13 hours 31 minutes.

When the riders left Melbourne, rain was falling, but they managed to keep dry until they reached the border at Albury. From then on the weather grew steadily worse, until at Yass, the road was practically under water. Goulburn was reached at 4.1 p.m., and the 142 miles to the finish took 3 hours 11 minutes—an excellent performance for the last stage of a grueling ride.

Weatherby has previously held the sidecar record, but it is Bain's first inter-capital ride. The machine was a standard model, equipped with Barnet Glass tyres, and using Shell oil and Shell motor spirit.

The Record-Breaking Combination



This is the successful combination which lowered the motor cycle record, both solo and sidecar—between Melbourne and Sydney on Saturday, 23/3/29. The rider is C. Weatherby, the passenger D. Bain, and the machine a new model 10/20 twin A.J.S.

10/20 TWIN A.J.S. PROVES ITS STAMINA

for the journey without even a puncture.

Shell Oil and Benzine did all we asked of it, and the "Goulding" side car used proved to be exceptionally good riding, and caused no anxiety or worry whatever. On the Victorian side, the roads are very good.

We were delayed often by deviations, wet weather conditions and slippery roads.

I am certainly confident without these difficulties still better time could have been made.

No meals were taken en route, the record breakers contenting themselves with chocolates, raisins and generous supplies of milk all of which were made available by special arrangements. The cycle and side-car travelled at easy speeds through the various towns. Both riders received an ovation on arrival, and congratulations are being showered on Mr Weatherby on the wonderful record he has created.

LOST NONE OF ITS PACE

MELB. RECORD HOLDER RACES AT GOULBURN

The performance put up by the 10/20 twin A.J.S. and Goulding sidecar, ridden by Cec. Weatherby and Don Bain, in breaking both solo and sidecar times between Melbourne and Sydney, establishing a new record between capitals, is still fresh in the minds of motor cyclists.

It is a point of interest that this outfit was also used for the 25 mile sidecar handicap at Goulburn, which was run on the same day as the Tourist Trophy events, but unfortunately the combination of riders was split, as Cec. Weatherby was unable to take the trip to Goulburn to compete.

Consequently, Don Bain rode the outfit and had in the sidecar Tommy Jameison, who is well known in reliability competitions.

After its arduous Melbourne-Sydney run, the outfit was displayed in

the showrooms of the distributors for several days, and was then removed from display for a hurried job to be done on it to get it in as good condition as possible under the circumstances for the sidecar race.

As it raced at Goulburn exactly seven days after its Melbourne-Sydney performance, it can be seen that time for tuning was limited, which probably accounts for the poor carburettor adjustment on the machine during the race, particularly as an experiment was carried out with getting a different type of carburettor between the Melbourne to Sydney and Goulburn events.

However, the performance of the outfit was good enough to show that the machine must have completed its Melbourne-Sydney run in remarkably good condition.

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