

## DAVE IS ALL THE RAVE IN EASTERNAPOLIS

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Sydney Late Model racer David Doherty openly admits, "since I turned 50 I've added more trophies to my cabinet than I ever have before, including my 6 year old soccer awards."

Last night at Valvoline Raceway the quietly spoken driver of the #25 Active Power Steering entry actively powered his way to yet another main event win as he scored the \$4,000 on offer in the Time Target Late Model Easternapolis.

Doherty was typically smooth and fast on the low line to never really be headed as he accounted for a class field that included two West Aussies, a Queenslander, a Tasmanian and a score of NSW hard chargers.

"Once again, my wife and my kids were my good luck charm," Doherty smiled, "they didn't want to initially but I said noooooooooo you're coming."

Rivals may well have wished that they hadn't however as Doherty's 'under the radar' approach scored maximum results once again.

West Australian Craig Vosbergen was delighted to finish second whilst Newcastle second-generation racer Russell Bayley was equally pleased with his third place finish.

"In this sort of company third place is like a win for us," Bayley admitted, "we haven't had the best season so to finish like this is a really pleasing."

Vosbergen hadn't raced at Parramatta for over a decade but was satisfied that he made the effort this weekend.

"I really can't thank Bruce Mackenzie from Time Target enough, he's done a great job here with this race and it's so good to race at Valvoline Raceway again. I struggled early with the car at the start of the night but we found our feet at the end thankfully."

Fellow West Aussie Jamie Oldfield began the 40-lap A-Main from the pole and led early but struggled with the #51 Rocket and faded back through the order to finish sixth.

"I can't put my finger on what happened," said a dejected Oldfield, "we were really fast all night but we missed something on the car in the main event and just watched everyone drive by. It was really frustrating."

Ryan Fenech made a rapid recovery after spinning and being sent to the rear before powering back to fourth at the chequers ahead of Bruce Mackenzie who did the same to finish fifth.

Tasmanian livewire Brad Smith claimed seventh in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles #6 Mastersbilt ahead of Michael Hickey in eighth, New Zealander Ben Harding in ninth and Ed Borg rounding out the final finishing position in tenth.

DNF's were Queensland hero Darren Kane with a mystery mechanical ailment in the #36 Dominator despite some powerhouse laps leaning against the sizeable cushion.

Ten cars didn't finish in what was a brutal main event but the most spectacular incident was undoubtedly Dean Hickey who flipped the #91 car in turn three and four late in the race.

Hickey emerged from the badly damaged car to admit "Oh well, at least I've got a few months to fix it."

Time Target Late Model Easternapolis

Winner: David Doherty

2nd: Craig Vosbergen

3rd: Todd Bayley

4th: Ryan Fenech

5th: Bruce Mackenzie

6th: Jamie Oldfield

7th: Brad Smith

8th: Michael Hickey

9th: Ben Harding

10th: Ed Borg

DNF:

Darren Kane

Darryl Grimson

Barry Kelleher

Dean Hickey

Michael Pickens

Ben Nicastrì

Carter Armstrong

Anthony Vysma

Nathan Disney

Dave Robertson