

Robertson dominates Grand National 50 Lapper



ABOVE : A happy David Robertson is flanked on the podium by Neil Wallace (left : 2nd) and Warren Oldfield (right : 3rd). Photo by Gary Reid.

Despite the fact that it was only his fourth ever Late Model race meeting, that didn't stop David Robertson from driving to a sensational victory in last weekend's (Saturday March 26) '\$5,000 to Win' Grand National 50 Lapper at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway up against some of the country's best drivers.

Driving his # 4 Torque Dieselgas / J.W. Proctor Builder supported 366ci Chev powered Rayburn, Robertson, who had battled a coil problem earlier on in the night that hampered his speed, showed his class in the face of adversity, after he was forced to go the rear of the field on the 15th lap due to spinning out while he fought with current Australian Champion Brad Blake for the lead, to charge his way back to the front of the field to take out a resounding victory.

"I drifted a little too high in turn one and hit a wet patch on the track and spun around, but I didn't drop my head, as I just put my head down, remained focused, and worked my way through the field, as I felt confident in the setup that I had and the way I was driving on the night" said Robertson, who had started from position two in the Feature race field, explaining his highline antics as he made his way back to the front despite a few scary moments in lapped traffic along the way. "To win \$5,000 in only my fourth race meeting in the class is a huge thrill and a massive boost for the confidence. To be honest, I don't think that in my 10 years of AMCA Nationals all up had I won \$5,000, so it was great to do it in one hit."

With AMCA National and Super Sedan experience to fall back on, Robertson, even before his Grand National victory, had made quite an impression within the Late Models, which saw him claim a podium finish at Sydney Speedway in only his second ever race meeting. However, he isn't getting too far ahead of himself, and knows that the learning curve is a long road.

"It's been a massive learning experience and it's one that both the team and I are enjoying," said Robertson, who is now the owner of his own business, DSR Engines and Mechanical. "There is just so much to get your head around, as they have a lot more speed than anything I've ever previously driven. The challenges with Late Models are always there, as there are just so many variables to consider with the setup and track conditions. Despite my confidence being on a high at the moment, I know not to get ahead of myself and I'm going to take each race meeting as it comes."

The next event for Robertson is the inaugural \$5,000 to Win Mildura Easter 5000 at Mildura's Timmis Speedway in Victoria over the Easter Long Weekend. This will be Robertson's first visit to Timmis Speedway since the 2008 Australian AMCA National Championship. At this event Robertson had a runaway lead in the Australian Championship deciding Feature race only to be forced to retire due to gearbox failure.

Robertson is proudly supported in the 2010/11 season by his pit crew Chris, Mick, Sam, Stu (Dad), Dean, Shane, Brooke and girlfriend Belinda, along with sponsors: Torque Dieselgas, J.W. Proctor Builder, DSR Engines and Mechanical, and G-Force Dyno Tuning.



**ABOVE : David Robertson in action in the Grand National.
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