



## NSW Late Models 2010/11 Season Recap

### **NSW LATE MODELS 2010/11 PRESENTATION DINNER**

NSW Late Models held its Annual Presentation Dinner on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of August at the St Marys Band Club. In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, drivers, crew, family members, and sponsors, mingled and caught up over some fine food and a few quiet drinks. Several raffles were held, with great prizes, as well some trivia questions which added plenty of laughter and fun to the proceedings.

Special guest on the evening was Mr and Mrs David Lander.

Awards on the night went to :

Officials : Katie McPherson and Charlie Roberts

Encouragement award : Ed Borg

Rookie of the year : Ben Nicastri

Drivers Driver : Darryl Grimson.

Best Presented Car : Nathan Disney.

Season Pointscore : 1<sup>st</sup> Scott McPherson 2<sup>nd</sup> Darryl Grimson 3<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Disney

NSW Late Models would like to thank the following sponsors for helping to make the night happen :

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A very big thank you from NSW Late Models goes to Anne Dicker for all the hard work she put in to ensure it was a top night.

### **DARRYL GRIMSON WINS TOPLESS FEATURE**

NSW Late Models wound up their 2010/11 season at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday May 14 by running 'topless'. Darryl Grimson won the A Main from Ross Nicastri, with Barry Kelleher 3rd.

### **DARRYL GRIMSON WINS EASTER 5000**

Sydney racer Darryl Grimson survived two action packed nights of racing at The Edge Hotel Motel Timmis Speedway Mildura (VIC) over Easter to claim the big money on offer to the winner of the inaugural 'Easter 5000'. Grimson lead all 50 laps of the A Main, capping a successful, and consistent weekend, that saw him finish no lower than third in any of the races he contested

## **DAVID ROBERTSON WINS TYREPOWER SYDNEY SPEEDWAY GRAND NATIONAL**

Queensland driver David Robertson took out the 50-lap Late Model Grand National at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway on Saturday night, March 26.

Runner-up in the enduro was Neil Wallace, while third man across the finish line was West Aussie Warren Oldfield.

The race was punctuated by a number of yellow light cautions while the only red light of the event occurred after Russell Bailey was involved in a gentle roll over on the main straight.

It was a depleted field which ultimately greeted the chequered flag in a race of high attrition where only seven cars from the 22-car starting field completed the distance. It was an elated David Robertson who played it cool, drove a calculated race and pocketed the \$5000 winner's pay cheque.

"We had been chasing the car set up all night but it came good in the 50 lapper," Robertson said following the win.

The first 19 laps of the event were nothing short of sensational as a number of the major contenders fell by the wayside, including pre-race favourite current National Champion Brad Blake from Western Australia.

In the early stages Robertson led from Oldfield, Wallace, Brad Blake, Ross Nicastrì, Darryl Grimson, Nathan Disney, Scott McPherson, Dean Smith and Bayley.

However, it appeared Robertson's race was run after 15 laps when he spun on turn one at a restart, as he tried to maintain the lead over Blake in the drag to the first corner.

Robertson resumed the event near the back, however his progress through the field was aided with more yellows and a diminishing field.

Robertson certainly looked impressive and his car ran strongly throughout the enduro. As he came back into contention, Robertson later featured in an exciting battle for the lead with Darryl Grimson and Wallace. Grimson led for a number of laps and at one point cleared out to a comfortable lead before a yellow light brought him back to the rest of the field.

Grimson later withdrew, as Nicastrì also fell out of contention.

Scott McPherson also struck trouble and stopped in turn three to join the growing list of withdrawals.

Robertson had a few anxious moments late in the race after Ed Borg got out of control, and careered up track on the approach to turn three, just as Robertson made his high line run into the bottom corner.

At the chequered flag it was Robertson from Wallace and Oldfield.

Only other finishers were Adam Brook, Alan Oates and South Aussie Matt Crimmins. Earlier in the night Grimson was fastest in time trials and his time of 14.5230 seconds now becomes the official one lap track record.

Heat 1 : 1 Scott McPherson, 2. Russell Bailey, 3 Neil Wallace

Heat 2 : 1. Nathan Disney, 2. David Robertson, 3. Warren Oldfield

A Main : 1. David Robertson, 2. Neil Wallace, 3. Warren Oldfield

## **BEN NICASTRI 10TH IN QUEENSLAND TITLE**

The Nicastrì Motorsport team travelled to Kingaroy Speedway (QLD) for the Queensland Late Model

Championship on February 26. Ben Nicastrì was at the wheel of the #99 Frank's Auto Parts entry and finished 10th in the 30 lap A Main.

### **NATHAN DISNEY TAKES ANOTHER SYDNEY VICTORY**

Nathan Disney was back in victory lane at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday February 19 winning Round 6 of the NSW Late Model Series.

A Main : Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) : Saturday 19th February 2011

1. Nathan Disney
2. Darryl Grimson
3. Dean Smith

### **DARRYL GRIMSON TAKES TYREPOWER SYDNEY SPEEDWAY VICTORY**

Darryl Grimson put aside the disappointment of not finishing on the podium in the National title at Mildura last weekend with an all the way victory in Round 5 of the NSW Late Model Series held at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday January 29. A couple of late race yellows really mixed up the battle for the minor placings with Ross Nicastrì and Scott McPherson missing out as Nathan Disney charged through from the rear to take 2nd, with the Q4 machine of David Robertson 3rd. Grimson and Robertson each won a Heat. Adam Brook made his Late Model debut in the #31 while Russell Bailey steered the #2. Ben Nicastrì drove the John Hector car once again.

### **NSW RACERS MISS OUT IN AUSTRALIAN TITLE**

Several NSW Late Models racers were in contention for victory in the Australian Late Model Championship held at The Edge Hotel Motel Timmis Speedway Mildura (VIC) January 22/23 but success eluded them. Nathan Disney raced hard in the Heats and with an outside front row start position in the big 40 lap Final, combined with his recent good form, was one of the drivers to watch. A multi car pile-up as the field took the green however, meant his race was over before it even got going. Darryl Grimson started from position four in the Final and was soon up to second behind eventual race winner Brad Blake. Despite being passed by Brad Ludlow Grimson maintained a solid pace, and when Ludlow hit the wall and retired he reclaimed second position. A flat left rear tyre with only two laps remaining however, forced the #12 machine out of the race. Ross Nicastrì was the best placed NSW Late Models racer in the Final, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Nicastrì looked fast on night two, but he missed a podium spot. Other NSW Late Models racers to finish the Final were : #65 Barry Kelleher 6<sup>th</sup>, #4 Lyle Dicker 10<sup>th</sup>, and #67 Ed Borg 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **BRAD BLAKE DOMINATES UNITED ACREAGE MARKETING GOLD CUP**

Brad Blake made the long journey from Western Australia to contest the United Acreage Marketing Gold Cup at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday January 15 but the cross country flight was worthwhile as he roared to victory in the 20 lap A Main at the wheel of the Marc Zimmer owned #0 Rocket. After winning his two Heats in style Blake started off pole in the A Main. From the green he jumped away, but a caution only a few laps in saw another two wide restart. NSW Champion Nathan Disney (outside pole) paced his run better this time and shot into the lead, with Blake on his rear bumper. But the multiple Australian Champion was having none of it, and after only a few laps executed a perfect outside pass on Disney in turn two, From there Blake steadily pulled away to finish the length of the main straight in front. Disney had no answer for the visitor and had to battle hard just to retain 2nd as Queensland's Blair Granger, who was solid all night, zeroed in on the rear of the #11. They ran to the checkered flag in that order with Barry Kelleher, who was fast early, in 4th, and the Q4 of David Robertson 5th. #18 Alan Oates, #67 Ed Borg, and #S10 Mat Crimmins were the remaining finishers. #95 Ben Nicastrì and #Q0 Geoff Phillips were both non finishers. Only 10 cars took the green flag after mechanical problems struck the other eight cars in the Heats. A short turn-around after the final Heat meant several racers did not have time to effect repairs prior to the A Main. Heat winners were Brad Blake (2), Geoff Phillips (1) and Nathan Disney (1)

### **United Acreage Marketing Gold Cup A Main : 20 laps**

1. W0 Brad Blake
2. N11 Nathan Disney
3. Q5 Blair Granger

### **DARRYL GRIMSON WINS AT NOWRA**

#12 Darryl Grimson enjoyed a good night at Fire Service Plus Nowra Speedway (NSW) Saturday 1st

January 2011 winning the A Main in Round 4 of the NSW Late Model Series. Earlier in the evening Grimson had won two of the Heats, with Scott McPherson claiming the other. Following Grimson to the checkered flag in the A Main were #99 Ben Nicastrri (competing in only his second Late Model race meeting) and #4 Lyle Dicker.

### **NATHAN DISNEY WINS KURRAJONG SHELL SERVICE STATION NSW TITLE**

Nathan Disney is the new NSW Late Model Champion after winning the Kurrajong Shell Service Station sponsored title at Brobenah Raceway Leeton (NSW) Saturday 18th December 2010.

Nine cars were on hand (Bruce Mackenzie, Neil Wallace, John McKay, Andy McKay all non starters)

#### **Heat 1 (start position)**

1. Q17 Kevin Stow (1)
  2. N11 Nathan Disney (3)
  3. N7 Scott McPherson (4)
  4. N65 Barry Kelleher (2)
  5. N99 Ross Nicastrri (7) : front end damage
  6. N12 Darryl Grimson (5)
  7. N67 Ed Borg (9)
  8. S10 Mat Crimmins (8)
- DNF N4 Lyle Dicker (6) : fuel pump

#### **Heat 2 (start position)**

1. S10 Mat Crimmins (2)
  2. N7 Scott McPherson (5)
  3. N99 Ross Nicastrri (3)
  4. N11 Nathan Disney (6)
  5. N65 Barry Kelleher (7)
  6. Q17 Kevin Stow (8)
  7. N12 Darryl Grimson (4)
  8. N67 Ed Borg (1)
- DNS. N4 Lyle Dicker : still fixing fuel pump

#### **Heat 3 (start position)**

1. N12 Darryl Grimson (2)
  2. N99 Ross Nicastrri (1)
  3. N67 Ed Borg (3)
  4. S10 Mat Crimmins (6)
  5. N65 Barry Kelleher (4)
  6. N17 Kevin Stow (7)
  7. N11 Nathan Disney (8) : spun last lap in turn 3 but recovered to finish
- DNF. N7 Scott McPherson (5) : spun lap 4 and retired  
DNF. N4 Lyle Dicker (9) : out for night

#### **Heat 4**

Cancelled

#### **Pole Shuffle**

Start order : N67, N7, N12, N11, S10, N65, Q17, N99. (7 did not start the Pole Shuffle)

Feature lineup : N99, N11, Q17, N65, S10, N12, N67, N7

#### **Feature - 20 laps (start position)**

1. N11 Nathan Disney (2)
2. Q17 Kevin Stow (3)
3. N7 Scott McPherson (8)
4. N99 Ross Nicastrri (1)
5. N65 Barry Kelleher (4)
6. S10 Mat Crimmins (5)

7. N67 Ed Borg (7)  
DNF. N12 Darryl Grimson (6) : retired lap 12

#### **A MAIN RESULTS TYREPOWER SYDNEY SPEEDWAY - 27TH NOVEMBER 2010**

1. N99 Ross Nicastrì  
2. N11 Nathan Disney  
3. Q98 Russell Bonsey  
4. N65 Barry Kelleher  
5. N67 Ed Borg  
6. N18 Alan Oates  
7. N6 Tony Riemer  
8. N95 John Hector  
DNF : Q17 Kevin Stow

#### **HEAT RESULTS :**

Heat 1 : 1. N99 Ross Nicastrì, 2. N11 Nathan Disney, 3. Kevin Stow.

Heat 2 : 1. N7 Scott McPherson, 2. N99 Ross Nicastrì, 3. Q17 Kevin Stow

#### **A MAIN RESULTS TYREPOWER SYDNEY SPEEDWAY (NSW) - 13TH NOVEMBER 2010**

1. N11 Nathan Disney  
2. N12 Darryl Grimson  
3. N7 Scott McPherson  
4. N65 Barry Kelleher  
5. N67 Ed Borg  
6. N99 Ben Nicastrì  
DNS. N6 Ross Nicastrì

Only one Heat was contested.

#### **GRIMSON AND NICASTRI CONTEST ROUND 4 OF TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE**

Darryl Grimson and Ross Nicastrì were both in action in Round 4 of the Valvoline Trans Tasman Challenge at Bacchus Marsh Speedway (VIC) Friday October 29. Nicastrì was hot early, winning two Heats, and being the only driver in the sub 16 second bracket. Wisps of smoke however, spelt more engine dramas, and he was out for the night. Grimson finished 4th in the Feature after being a contender for victory. Round 5 of the Series at Hamilton Speedway (VIC) Saturday October 30 was rained out as was the Final Round at Bacchus Marsh Speedway Sunday October 31. The New Zealand Team won the Series on points.

#### **NSW LATE MODEL RACERS COMPETE IN TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE**

NSW Late Model racers #12 Darryl Grimson and #99 Ross Nicastrì are part of an Australian Late Model Team competing in a six Round Trans Tasman Challenge Series against a team of New Zealand Super Saloon racers. The Series is being held in Victoria and south west NSW. Both racers have experienced a difficult Series thus far, with Nicastrì having engine woes, and Grimson rear end problems. Their results so far read:

Mildura 22nd October : Ross Nicastrì : 1st Heat 2, 8th Heat 4, 4th Heat 6, DNF Feature

Mildura 22nd October : Darryl Grimson : 2nd Heat 2, 1st Heat 4, 2nd Heat 6, DNF Feature

Swan Hill 23rd October : Ross Nicastrì : 1st Heat 1, DNS other Heats and Feature

Swan Hill 23rd October : Darryl Grimson : 9th Heat 1, DNS other Heats and Feature

Moama 24th October : Ross Nicastrì : DNS

Moama 24th October : Darryl Grimson : DNS early Heats, 6th Heat 6, DNF Feature

The Final three Rounds of the Series are at Bacchus Marsh (Friday October 29), Western Speedway Hamilton (Saturday October 30), and Bacchus Marsh (Sunday afternoon October 31). The New Zealand Team currently lead the series on points 272 to 181.

### **NSW SIDE WIN GRAFTON LATE MODEL TEST**

The NSW Late Model side emerged victorious in the NSW v Queensland Late Model Test held at Grafton Speedway (NSW) Saturday 23rd October 2010. The final score read 32 - 27. Nathan Disney won the Feature from Scott McPherson and Kevin Stow.

### **NATHAN DISNEY WINS ROUND 1 OF NSW LATE MODEL SERIES**

Nathan Disney won Round 1 of the NSW Series held at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday October 16.