



Media Release

Steve Francis and Devin Moran chase Australian Late Model title



ABOVE : US racer Steve Francis is chasing success in the Frank's Auto Parts Australian Late Model Championship. Photo by Peter Roebuck.

Steve Francis is a professional race car driver that knows his way around a race car, and a race track. Provide him with the equipment, and he will get the job done.

The veteran, who hails from Ashland Kentucky in the USA, has been in Australia the past month competing on both the East and West coast.

As his tour rolls to a close there is one race left to compete in, and hopefully win, before the long flight home.

This weekend Francis goes into battle at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway, in the 11th running of the Australian Late Model Championship, that is being sponsored by Frank's Auto Parts.

Francis will drive the Scott McPherson owned #7 Rocket, with support from Bruce Mackenzie and the Time Target organisation. He has already shaken the car down, competing in the NSW title at Lismore two weeks ago. On that occasion he was forced out of the race with power steering issues, after looking sharp in the Heats.

Last weekend Francis travelled across to Western Australia, and recorded yet another victory, this time at the wheel of the Michael Holmes owned #91.

Steve Francis – Australian Late Model Champion – it has a nice ring to it, but first he will have to fend off a snarling pack of Aussie Late Model racers, and a young US racing sensation.

Like Francis, Devin Moran is hoping to pack the Australian Champion trophy into his baggage to take back to the US on that Pacific Ocean flight.

Like Francis, Moran loves his Late Model Racing.

It's there where the similarity between the two finishes though, as Moran is only about a third the age of Francis, and certainly doesn't have the experience of his more credentialed countryman.

But what Moran lacks in experience, he more than makes up for in raw talent.

Having grown up around racing all his life, Moran has matured quickly, and is just one of a 'new generation' of racers moving up through the US Late Model ranks.

In the Australian title, he will campaign the #99 Mastersbilt owned by Ross Nicastrì, with backing from Frank's Auto Parts. With two race meetings at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway already under his belt, Moran is ready to take on the nation's best, and Francis, this weekend.

His brief Australian Tour has already reaped reward, with a tearaway win in the NSW Late Model Championship held at Lismore Speedway two weeks ago.

Francis and Moran may be from the same country, but they are rivals on the track, and both want that Australian title trophy.

Catch the pair in action at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway Friday January 27 and Saturday January 28 in the Frank's Auto Parts Australian Late Model Championship.

For all the latest news regarding the title visit www.nswlatemodels.com



**ABOVE : Devin Moran would like the Australian title trophy to take home to the US with him.
Photo by Gary Reid.**

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