

Media Release



'Big Gun' goes hunting in NSW and Victoria



**ABOVE : Mat Crimmins is chasing two race wins in two weeks.
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Watch out NSW and Victoria, the 'Big Gun' is on his way. He has his prey in his sights, but lucky for them he's not packing a loaded weapon, or is he?

The 'Big Gun' in question is leading South Australian Late Model racer Mat Crimmins and his target is victory in the United Acreage Marketing Gold Cup (Tyrepower Sydney Speedway January 15) and the Australian Late Model Championship (Timmis Speedway Mildura January 22/23). His weapon of choice, the #10 J&J Ruston Engineering / Autopro Murray Bridge / FUCHS / Cross Roads Holiday Park Mildura / Gardner Bearings / PECC Warrior.

Crimmins is the President of the South Australian Late Model Association and is prepared to travel long distances to support the division at major events.

“The interstate guys come and race in our backyard, so I feel it’s important to put the effort in to support as many major races as we can, even if it involves a lot of long distance driving” Crimmins said.

“That’s where having great sponsors comes into play, we simply couldn’t afford to go racing all over the country, or at the level we require, without having plenty of support behind us”.

“Already this season we have clocked up thousands of kilometres, including a trip to Leeton for the NSW title. We went Ok there, won a Heat, and were competitive all night, finally finishing 6th in the Feature. The week prior we won the Feature at Whyalla”.

“Our last start was at Waikerie on January 2 where we lead all the way to win the Feature, so our recent form has been pretty good. We have had a few irritating problems, like starter motor issues, but these have been rectified so I’m feeling fairly confident about our chances at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway Saturday night”.

Crimmins has raced in Sydney a couple of times previously so knows what to expect in regard to the track.

“Sydney Speedway is one of those places where it’s critical to get the setup just right. There’s little leeway for error given the high speeds obtainable on the high banked clay. It’s a great place to race, and I know we can be competitive there. Realistically, I’d be happy to get on the podium there, and to win the Gold Cup, well that would be something special!” Crimmins said.

The following week the green/black/white #10 will be roaring around more familiar surroundings at the Timmis Speedway in Mildura.

“We have less than a week after Sydney to turn the car around and get ready for Mildura. That’s not much time so I’m hoping for a nice clean run in the Gold Cup”.

“Mildura is a track we have raced at plenty of times so we know the setup there. As President of the South Australian Late Model Association I have been heavily involved in the preparation for the 10th Australian Late Model Championship and I’m happy to say that this will be a very special race weekend”.

“The Mildura Speedway drivers Club have a lot of experience promoting major race meetings and are going out of their way to ensure the title is a huge success. I can’t speak highly enough about their support for SALMA and the title event itself”.

“We have only raced at Mildura once this season, and that was way back in October in the Trans Tasman Challenge. It was our first race meeting for the season and we had a lot of car issues but since then we have lifted our game considerably. I feel we are in a good position to challenge for the title on what is effectively ‘home turf’ for us”.

“I’ll be gunning for that #1 that’s for sure!” concluded Crimmins.

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