

Nicastri creates history



ABOVE : A happy Ben Nicastri after winning the South Australian Late Model title.
Photo by Corey Gibson.

Ben Nicastrì created history Saturday December 1 when he became the youngest Australian driver to win a major Late Model event in Australia. In what was an unlikely victory, he triumphed in the South Australian Title at Mount Gambier's Borderline Speedway.

The 20 year old from south western Sydney (NSW) made a terrible start to his South Australian Title campaign, after crashing out of his opening Heat and being forced to miss the second Heat. After some hurried repairs from the Nicastrì Motorsport team, he managed to make it out for the third and final Heat of the night, finishing second, and then started at the rear of the field for the Feature.

With it all to gain and nothing to lose, Nicastrì, feeling quietly confident of being able to challenge for a podium finish despite his limited track time on the night, charged his way through the field with growing confidence and burning determination, and by the middle stages of the 20-lap event made his way into podium contention. Nicastrì then moved up to second place on lap 15 after his dad, and long-time race leader, Ross, was controversially sent to the rear of the field for an incident while battling for the lead. Nicastrì's dad's misfortune played into Ben's hands, and he made the most of the situation by taking control of the lead shortly after the restart, and then going on to score a historic win.

"This is without a doubt the biggest win of my career and it certainly made all the hard work we put in throughout the night worthwhile," a jubilant Nicastrì said. "For the Feature, I was running up towards the top of the track, and was able to move forward, as no one else was running up there. I had it all to gain and nothing to lose, so I just gave it everything I had and was rewarded with the biggest win of my career."

Nicastrì paid homage to the efforts of the Nicastrì Motorsport team for helping make his South Australian Title success possible.

"In all honesty, I thought my night was over when I crashed out in my opening Heat, but when we got back into the pits my team was all hands on deck and I can't thank them enough," he expressed. "To go out in the Feature and pick up the win was a great reward for the whole team for all of their tireless efforts to get me back out on the track."

The Nicastrì Motorsport team of Ross and Ben Nicastrì return to their home track, Sydney Speedway, this Saturday night (December 8) and are aiming to continue their good 2012-13 season form.

For the 2012-13 season, the Nicastrì Motorsport team are proudly supported by: Frank's Auto Parts, Atlantic Oils, Diesel Designs, American Tire & Racing Services, Smithfield Diff and Gears, and Bill Martin Dyno Tune.

For all the latest news and information about the Nicastrì Motorsport team, visit their website: www.nicastrimotorsport.com



ABOVE : Ben Nicastrì in action at Borderline Speedway. Photo by Corey Gibson.

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