

Bink finding his feet



ABOVE : Tim Bink dives under Tony Edser as he heads to 3rd place in the Feature at Sydney Speedway (NSW) Saturday February 16. Photo by Gary Reid.

“Violent!” That’s the word Tim Bink has used to describe what it’s like to drive in the premier speedway sedan class: Late Models. Despite the shock to the system, the second generation racer is quickly finding his feet.

In only his second race meeting in a Late Model, Bink managed a pleasing and encouraging third–place finish in last weekend’s Feature race at Sydney Speedway. After battling setup woes earlier in the night, he started the Feature race from the back of the field and worked his way up to finish third at the fall of the chequered flag.

“My first two race meetings in a Late Model have been quite an experience; as these cars are violent to drive and require you to throw out everything that you’ve ever learned from your previous classes,” explained Bink, who’s a two–time Australian Street Stocker Title holder. “A Late Model engine has in excess of 800 horsepower, and it’s crucial to get a good setup otherwise they become very hard to handle. In my first two race meetings, we’ve been playing with the setup and trying our best to get our heads around it, but there’s a long way still for us to go.”

Bink’s podium result last weekend is proof that the Bink Motorsport team, mainly made up of family and close friends, are heading in the right direction.

“In the Feature race last weekend it was the most comfortable I’ve felt in the car

since we picked it up earlier in the year, and we came away with a good result, so it shows that we're making good progress," enthused the NSW # 41 EFI Spares supported Rocket driver. "My whole team is really enjoying the step into the elite class of speedway sedans, and we're all working as hard as one another to achieve the best possible results that we can during our time in the class."

An interesting fact to come out of the weekend's feature race result was that the top-four finishers – David Robertson, Michael Hickey, Tim Bink, and Ron Pyne – are all Newcastle-based drivers. With a lot of talent around the Newcastle area, it's astonishing that the area still doesn't have its own speedway track to replace the Newcastle Motordrome, which was closed in 2002.

Saturday night, March 9, at Sydney Speedway, will be Bink's third race meeting aboard a Late Model.

The Bink Motorsport team would like to thank their 2012–13 season sponsors for all of their wonderful support: EFI Spares, Gnome Transport, Carline Mufflers in Raymond Terrace, and Bink Transport.

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