

Mcfadden Takes The Title In Controversial Thriller

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Young Northern Territory sensation James McFadden won his first Australian Sprintcar Championship with a drive of maturity beyond his years in front of a huge crowd at Darwin's Northline Speedway. McFadden inherited the lead on lap 24 after Ryan Farrell who was running second at the time collected Kerry Madsen whilst trying to execute a slide job, sending Madsen careering into the wall before flipping violently.

Driving the Scott Milling owned W25 crewed by his father Dave McFadden, young James was consistently brilliant throughout the weekend. He was followed home by two other unheralded stars of the sport Victoria's Stephen Bell and West Australia's Jamie Maiolo.

On the podium to accept the trophy that was just as big as the champion himself, McFadden questioned whether he could hold up the trophy with his arms being so sore after forty laps. "I had a good car throughout and thought I could keep up. It sucks for those guys but it's good for me" he exclaimed with a smile. "I'll have to step up my game a bit now i have this" he continued. "I'd like to thank Scott Milling who without i wouldn't be here, my Father who's been with me from the go-kart days, My Mum who unfortunately had to head home, Kenny Mac, the guys from Totally Workwear and anyone else that's helped me throughout my career".

The race was thrilling from the outset.

Ryan Farrell took the lead coming out of turn 4 from Kerry Madsen and James McFadden.

On the second lap Matt Egel passed Trevor Green for sixth.

One lap later Bell passed McFadden for third.

On lap 4 Bryan Mann clipped Luch Monte and hit the fence in turn 4 and rolled.

The race was red flagged.

Farrell led away at the restart and was hounded by Madsen. There were battles all over the track, Bell and McFadden and then Egel as well as Green, Brazier, Farr and Tatnell who all traded positions for the next 10 laps.

As Farrell and Madsen encountered lapped traffic Madsen drew closer.

Farrell had a moment when he and Jason McIvor got together with McIvor hitting the wall and rolling bringing on the red lights.

On the restart Madsen made a great pass around the outside of Farrell to take the lead.

On lap 24 Farrell tried executing a slide job on Madsen that went completely wrong.

Farrell slid up track and directly into the side on Madsen sending him into the wall, flipping wildly.

Madsen was furious with the move and remonstrated with Farrell who was sent to the rear.

At the restart it was McFadden from Bell, Maiolo, Egel and Green.

McFadden maintained his advantage for the rest of the race with Bell and Maiolo taking the final podium placing's.

Farrell charged back into sixth from Tatnell, Brazier, Cobby and Dumesny who rounded out the top ten.

Finishing order: W25,V88,W99,S29,S4,W95,NT17,A1,S12,V5,NT10,NT81,W17 DNF
Q7,W92,NT99,S24,Q16,