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**SPRINTCAR SERIES**



**WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEKEND FOR SPEEDWAY IN THE WEST**

The 47th Australian Sprintcar Championship has been run – and won – at the Perth Motorplex last weekend.

The three night showdown produced some brilliant racing action from the 56 car field that took part.

Sydney star Garry Brazier was a well deserved victor – retaining the coveted "Australia #1" status that he earned last October at the Parramatta circuit.

Brazier now has a total of six National titles alongside his name – and he is second in the all-time rankings behind the 10 times titleholder Garry Rush.

South Australian Trevor Green was able to pip local hope Ryan Farrell for second place right on the very last lap of the 35-lap A Main. Fourth man home was the triple titleholder Brooke Tatnell.

Other WA drivers who qualified for the final were David Priolo (9th), Daryl Clayden (11th), Jamie Maiolo (12th), Carl Dowling (13th) and Luch Monte (17th).

Failing to complete the event were Kris Coyle, Mark Wells and Ben Ellement. The third season competitor Ellement had raced up to third spot early in the race only to be sidelined with a blown rear tyre.

The local drivers certainly took the battle right up to the fancied eastern states contingent during the three nights of competition.

On Thursday night Farrell set fast time (14.512 seconds) in the time trial, with Ellement 6th, Mark Wells 8th and Daryl Clayden 12th in the 56 car field.

WA heat race winners on night 1 were Farrell and Luch Monte. On Friday Farrell scored another heat success.

The final round of heats on the Saturday saw David Priolo, Ben Ellement and Daryl Clayden take out their heat races.

The C Main went to Shannon Peat over Wayne Russell and Mark Hales. Queenslander Andrew Scheuerle led home Carl Dowling and Mark Wells in the B Main. Without a doubt the title tilt will be long remembered by all who witnessed it.

But the AHG Sprintcar Series action continues with races held every weekend up until the series finale at Kwinana on April 11. Over the next nine weekends we will see eleven rounds being run – with two big two-night shows in the mix.

First up we have a meeting taking place this coming Saturday (February 14) down at the Bunbury City Speedway.

In the line up there will be four American drivers plus several of the eastern states stars.

The Americans – Paul McMahan, Chad Blonde, Wade Nygard and Jack Dover – will be well worth watching as they prepare for the rich annual classics coming up – the King of the Wings at Perth Motorplex (February 20-21) and the Krikke Boys Shootout at Bunbury (February 28 & March 1).

During the Australian Sprintcar Championship, the local drivers also raced for the all-important AHG Sprintcar Series points.

Currently – after round #13 – the leaderboard reads as follows –

1. Ryan Farrell 1847, 2. Luch Monte 1826, 3. Ken Sartori 1795, 4. Jamie Maiolo 1779, 5. Ben Ellement 1702, 6. Carl Dowling 1618, 7. Shaun Bradford 1601, 8. Kris Coyle 1587, 9. Greg Hall 1568, 10. Steven Ford 1445.

