



Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series continues at Hamilton Saturday night

South Australian Late Model Association members head to Western Speedway Hamilton (VIC) Saturday March 3 to compete in Round 5 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series.

The Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series has seen some spirited racing in the previous Rounds, with Luke Raymond, Scott McPherson, David Hartman, and Brad Blake all tasting success as the Series has criss-crossed between tracks in South Australia and Victoria.

McPherson and Blake are ACT and WA racers, who won't be competing at Western Speedway Saturday, leaving the way open for the Series regulars to shine.

SALMA President Mat Crimmins is one of the busiest Late Model racers in the nation, with the Crimmins Racing Team fielding two cars in most events. Crimmins last start was at Rolling Thunder Raceway in the Fineline Building Projects Victorian title where he finished 7th in a strong field. A week earlier he raced in the Australian title A Main in Sydney, placing 14th. The result could have been better if not for a gearbox issue early on that put the team on the back foot for the remainder of the program.

The Crimmins Racing lease car, a Warrior chassis, has been campaigned by several racers throughout the season, with each finding the car 'user friendly', recording some excellent results. Stuart Hill will be back behind the wheel of the car for the Hamilton Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils Round..

Apart from the two Crimmins Racing entries other South Australian competitors to keep an eye on are the early season Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils Round winners Raymond and Hartman. Raymond travelled to Sydney for the Australian title but experienced a difficult weekend, and didn't fare much better in the Victorian

Championship with 9th in the A Main. He will be looking to reverse that trend at Hamilton.

Since jumping behind the wheel of a Late Model at the start of the season Hartman has shown good speed. Some niggling car issues early on initially hindered his performance, but he has been a contender at every race since.

Michael Ffrench is relatively new to the division and has already scored a couple of Heat wins. A Feature win may not be far away for the ex AMCA Nationals racer.

The only home state racer in the field is Rod Edwards in the #21. Edwards went out of the Australian title on Night 1 following a race incident, but bounced back to finish 6th in the Victorian Championship after winning a Heat. Edwards is keen to stand on the top step of the podium after looking strong in several Rounds of the Series.

The full field for Round 5 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series reads :

V21 Rod Edwards (Mastersbilt 2006 : 383 Chev) Lake Eildon Houseboat Sales / Finline Building Projects / Eildon Bakery Cafe / Eildon Service Station

S5 Luke Raymond (Rocket 2010 updates : 409 Chev) Auto Techniques / Crane Services / S McLay Mechanical / Hurley Maid of Auckland / Chad Signs / ULX 110 / Preferred Finance / KLM Engineering / Hoolgators All American Diecast

S10 Mat Crimmins (Lewis 2011 : 420 Chev) CrossRoads Holiday Park Mildura / FUCHS / Auto Pro Murray Bridge / De Conte Chiropractic / Top Class Tiling / Toledo / Hytek Concrete Australia / Gardner Bearings / J & J Ruston Engineering / Christies Beach Auto Centre

S15 David Hartman (Rocket 2003 : 421 Chev) Solid Service / Vehikool / Signs On Para / Lucas Oil / Sprint Auto Parts Salisbury / Collins Industrial Distributors / Real Port Traders / Savage Shots / DNA Growth / South State Industrial Radiators / C & M Engines / Spandex

S24 Michael Ffrench (Rocket 2008 updates : 427 Chev) Rendition Homes / Solid Service / Spandex / Werners Solid Plastering / Texture Coating / Signs On Para / Crimmins Racing

S64 Stuart Hill (Warrior 2000 / 2006 updates : 420 Chev) CrossRoads Holiday Park Mildura / FUCHS / Auto Pro Murray Bridge / De Conte Chiropractic / Top Class Tiling / Toledo / Hytek Concrete Australia / Gardner Bearings / J & J Ruston Engineering / Christies Beach Auto Centre / Hills Rural Contracting

Following the Hamilton Round of the Series SALMA racers will compete in two club shows at Renmark (Saturday March 10) and Murray Bridge (Sunday March 11) before contesting Round 6 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series at Speedway City (SA) Saturday March 17, a Round that was originally rained out.

For more information on SALMA visit : www.salma.com.au

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ABOVE : Rod Edwards will be the sole Victorian racer contesting Round 5 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series. Photo by Rod Thurgood.

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