

Drivers primed for J & J Ruston Engineering Easter \$10,000



ABOVE : Craig Vosbergen will be chasing back-to-back victories in the J & J Ruston Engineering \$10,000 to win at Mildura. Photo by Linda Savage.

Twenty of the country's finest Late Model drivers are headed to Timmis Speedway in Mildura, Victoria over the Easter Long Weekend to fight it out for winning spoils in the second annual Easter \$10,000 event presented by J & J Ruston Engineering.

The defending Easter \$10,000 champion, Craig Vosbergen, is among three Western Australia entrants that also includes Jason Moyle and Craig Greentree, and is aiming for back-to-back wins in the 50-lap event.

"50 laps is a long way, so my plan is for a similar attack to last season's event: to qualify as high as I can for the Feature race and hopefully I can do enough to be there in the end," said Vosbergen in regards to the J & J Ruston Engineering Easter \$10,000. "There's going to be a lot of fierce competition and a winner can come from anywhere, because this event is like an endurance race, where you need to have a plan of attack, and having a bit of luck on your side goes a long way too."

Vosbergen is one of the form drivers in the country by virtue of winning the Western Australian Title and also finishing second in the Australian Title. Vosbergen however, isn't going to have it all his own way. Apart from his fellow Western Australian rivals, there are entrants from Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, and Queensland. The main challengers include former Easter \$5,000 winner David Robertson (NSW), Ross Nicastrì (NSW), South Australian Champion Ben Nicastrì (NSW), former South Australian Champion Darryl Grimson

(NSW), Mat Crimmins (SA), Steve Vaughan (SA) and Dave Gartner (SA), with the latter driving the Qld # 36 car owned by the Queensland-based Boettcher Racing team and is subbing for the injured Darren Kane.

Other drivers aiming for strong performances are Luke Raymond (SA), Mark McCarthy (SA), Andrew Leech (SA), Stuart Hill (SA), veteran Graham Lilford (NSW), youngster Liam Heaton (ACT), Nigel O'Neill (NSW), Gary Bryans (Vic), Bill Mentiplay (Vic) and Darren Forrest (Vic).

The format for the J & J Ruston Engineering Easter \$10,000 will be three rounds of Heat races on the Friday night (March 29), followed by a night off on Saturday, and then on Sunday night (March 31) they will battle it out in the fourth and final round of Heat races, Top 8 Shootout, and a 50-lap Feature race.

The Timmis Speedway club is also offering teams an opportunity to be part of their dinner on the Saturday night and also the car display over the weekend. To register your interest contact Darren McCarthy by calling on 0408 541 869 or emailing plugdog24@hotmail.com. Over the Easter break, Mildura is always popular, as they hold their annual Powersports Festival, which includes drag racing, power boat racing and so much more. It's heaven for rev heads.

In the lead up to the J & J Ruston Engineering Easter \$10,000, the South Australian Late Model Association Inc committee has been working very hard to obtain sponsors for Heat races and each lap of the Feature race.

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**ABOVE : Luke Raymond in the #5 will be one of the SALMA members competing.
Photo by Stephen Pickering.**

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