



Vosbergen does it again

The form Late Model driver of the 2012–13 season, Craig Vosbergen, over the Easter Long Weekend at Timmis Speedway in Mildura, Victoria, scored back-to-back wins in the Easter \$10,000, which was supported by J & J Ruston Engineering.

Vosbergen, from Perth in Western Australia, led every lap of the Easter \$10,000 deciding Feature race, which was over a distance of 50 laps, and led home fellow Western Australian Jason Moyle in second, with NSW-based youngster Ben Nicastrì third.

After Vosbergen recently won the Western Australian Title, along with runner-up finishes in both the Australian Title and Wild West Tour Series – on both occasions behind American star Steve Francis, successfully defending the Easter \$10,000 was a great way for him to cap what has been a successful 2012–13 season.

“The goal coming over to the east coast was to defend our Easter \$10,000, and it’s very satisfying to achieve that,” said Vosbergen, who was lucky to not suffer damage in the early stages of the Feature after he was forced to avoid crashing into a lapped competitor who had spun out. “The Easter \$10,000 is an event that’s growing every season, and we’re more than happy to support it. We certainly don’t race for the money, but the prize money will go a long way to covering all our expenses coming over here. Any time that you can do that in speedway is a good thing.”

Former South Australian Champion and Easter \$5,000 winner Darryl Grimson put in a gutsy performance throughout the Easter \$10,000 feature race, but a late challenge for the lead on the final lap on Vosbergen didn’t pay off, and he was credited with fourth.

“Craig (Vosbergen) was caught up behind some lapped traffic in the final stages, and it allowed me to close in on him, because, in clear air, we were on the same pace,” explained Grimson, who drove the NSW # 67 Ed Borg owned Mastersbilt. “I knew that if I was going to be a chance of winning, I was going to have to go around the

outside. It was a gamble that I knew that I was going to have to take, because there was \$10,000 on the line. I tried on the last lap to go around Craig and the lapped car, but there was nothing up there on the high line of the track. When I went to the top, I knew it was either going to make or break me, but it didn't work out. If I had my time again, I wouldn't change a thing, because I race to win, and I wasn't going to die wondering."

Behind fourth placed Grimson, who was the final driver on the lead lap, was Darren Forrest (Vic), Andrew Leach (SA), Luke Raymond (SA), Nigel O'Neill (NSW), pole shootout winner David Robertson (NSW), and the final finisher Liam Heaton (ACT) in 10th.

After originally finishing in an impressive fourth, Stuart Hill (SA) was disappointingly disqualified post-race due to being underweight. Ross Nicastrì (NSW), local favourite Mat Crimmins (SA), Bill Mentiplay (Vic), and veteran Graeme Lillford (NSW) all failed to go the distance.

Earlier in the two-night event, at the completion of the four Heat races, Vosbergen was the highest point scorer and was the favourite to take out the Pole Shootout, that decided the Feature race starting positions. Vosbergen was defeated in the Pole Shootout by Robertson.

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ABOVE : (Right to left) : 1st Craig Vosbergen, 2nd Jason Moyle,
3rd Ben Nicastri, 4th Darryl Grimson.

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