



Stuey King Of The Hill in Round 2

Round 2 of the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils Late Model Series at the Murray Machining and Sheds Murray Bridge Speedway (November 10) produced the



second first time winner in succession as Mount Gambier's Stuey Hill claimed a dramatic 15 lap final. After trailing early race leader Steve Vaughan, who was attempting to limp home a wounded race car following an opening lap altercation, Hill managed to pull off a sensational last corner pass to claim the win ahead of Vaughan and Late Model debutante Jamie Agius.

Above: Stuey Hill makes the pass for the lead (T P Shots)

A total of seven Late Models made the trek to Murray Bridge as one of the feature categories of the "Sedan Muster" and the crowd on hand were not disappointed as the thundering Late Models put on some of the best racing the category has produced at the venue. Along with Hill, Vaughan, and Agius the line-up also included series regular Luke Raymond and rookies Mark McCarthy, Andrew Leach, and Warrnambool resident Simon Van Ginneken, who was substituting for the injured Mat Crimmins.

Heat one of the night was run in the early evening under a blistering late afternoon sun but it was Vaughan who mastered the tricky conditions to defeat Raymond, an impressive van Ginneken, Hill, Agius and McCarthy. Unfortunately Leach failed to start the opening Heat, he would later miss Heat 2 as well, but he fronted for the final event of the night.

The second Heat of the night saw Raymond use his vast experience on the slick track to secure the win with Vaughan and Van Ginneken completing the top three. Hill continued his consistent form in his immaculate #84B while McCarthy and Agius rounded out the field.

Therefore after two Heats Vaughan and Raymond were tied on 64 points with Van Ginneken (46), Stuey Hill (34), Mark McCarthy (23), Jamie Aguis (23), and Andrew Leach (0).

As the green flag fell on the 15 lap decider it wasn't long before the caution was out as Van Ginneken spun with Vaughan sustaining a hit to the left front, but it appeared that he got away with only minor sheet damage, but later in the race that contact would prove costly.

Following the initial caution Van Ginneken would bring out a further two cautions through spins and therefore failed to finish, but the real story was the left front of Vaughan's machine as the suspension collapsed forcing him to slow. As a result Hill pounced on the final lap with the eventual winner only leading for for the last 80 metres. Aguis had a great run to finish third ahead of McCarthy and Leach. Luke Raymond pulled in late with a flat left front tyre.



Above: Rookies Mark McCarthy (5M) and Jamie Agius (68) (T P Shots)

Round 3 of the series will be staged this weekend at Adelaide's Speedway City on November 17 with a season high 10 nominations including Western Australian standout Craig Vosbergen, who will drive for Mat and Lisa Crimmins.

The nominations also include the previous two round winners, "The Barossa Bandit" Steve Vaughan and Stuey Hill (TBC due to work commitments), along with fellow South Australians Luke Raymond, Cary and Mark McCarthy, Jamie Agius, Andrew Leach, and debutante Darryle Launer.

Victoria will also be well represented by Gary Bryans who was unable to make it to Round 2 but he will be out to make up the points he lost at the 430 metre Speedway City venue.

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