

Media Release



Crimmins Racing busy season rolls on



ABOVE : Mat Crimmins throws the #10 into a Speedway City turn.

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It has been a busy few months for the South Australia based Crimmins Racing Dirt Late Model Team.

2012 started with the team contesting a Sunday show at Murray Bridge Speedway after the scheduled Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series Round at Speedway City the night before was rained out. The Murray Bridge meeting saw team principal Mat Crimmins finish 3rd in the Feature while Robbie Faux was at the wheel of the #64 Crimmins Racing lease car and upstaged 'the boss' by finishing 2nd!

From Murray Bridge it was straight back to the workshop for Mat as the team set about preparing for his assault on the Australian title at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway January 27/28.

With a third place to his credit in the 2010/11 National title tilt in Mildura, Mat was confident of a good showing in the Frank's Auto Parts supported Australian

Championship in Sydney. Things went pear shaped on night one however, with an unexpected gearbox issue.

“As we all know, you get to expect the unexpected in this sport, but the gearbox issue in Sydney was right out of left field. The gearbox in these cars are pretty bullet proof, so we didn’t have a spare with us, meaning we had to chase one. Luckily the Col Robinson team came to our rescue, although one of their team members had to make a rush trip back to the workshop to get the gearbox. I am really indebted to the Robinson team, and the crew member involved, for getting us back on track” Crimmins said.

Replacing the gearbox only cost Mat a start in one Heat, but in a big field of quality racers it was enough to put the team behind the eight ball.

“After fitting the replacement gearbox we really had to play catch up. I drove the wheels off the #10 and scored a good Heat win on night one, following that up with a solid 6th in a Mini Feature. That put us back into contention for night two where I finished 5th in my Heat, and 7th in Dash number 2. Given our night one drama it was great just to make the A Main, but from position 15 it was always going to be difficult in 35 laps. As it was the battle for the mid field positions was pretty intense, and although the track was great, we had to settle for 14th. I guess there’s always next year in Bunbury!”

One week after the Australian title the Crimmins Racing team was on the road again, this time to Rolling Thunder Raceway Bacchus Marsh for the inaugural Finline Building Projects Victorian title.

Mat enjoyed a consistent run in the Heats but could only salvage a 7th place finish in the A Main, while new Australian AMCA Nationals Champion Campbell Hughes raced the S64 and finished 10th.

With the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series Round set down for Western Speedway in Victoria on March 3 being rained out it gave the Crimmins Racing team an added breather to better prepare the cars for a double-header the following weekend at Renmark and Murray Bridge. Over the two nights Mat would secure four fourth placing’s, with two being in the Features. Stuart Hill was in the S64 and recorded two fifth placing’s in the Features.

One week later the action switched back to Speedway City, where two Feature races were scheduled. A damp track faced competitors in the first, with Mat leading Stuart Hill past the chequered flag for a Crimmins Racing one-two. It was a different story in Feature 2 however, with Mat spinning out of contention to finish last, while Stuart retired with a vibration in the car.

March 24 saw the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series in action at Redline Raceway in Ballarat (VIC) and Mat was a force all evening, recording two Heat wins

and a second. It was sufficient to see him start off pole in the Feature, but he slipped back to finish 3rd, with Stuart Hill 4th in the S64.

With an already hectic season under their belts the pace is not slackening off at all as the next race on the horizon is the inaugural Cross Roads Holiday Park Mildura Easter \$10,000 on April 6/8 at The Edge Hotel Motel Timmis Speedway in Mildura.

“We have a couple of club shows to end the season after Easter, but it would be very satisfying to do well in the Cross Roads Holiday Park Mildura Easter \$10,000, in order to finish our season off in style. Mildura has been kind to us results wise in the past” said Crimmins, alluding to his 3rd place finish in the Australian title held at the track.

“Hopefully we can get on the podium again, and a couple of steps higher would be really nice!”.

“I am happy with how our new Lewis chassis has been performing this season, so anything is possible, but it will be a quality field, making the task just that bit harder”.

“Stuart Hill will be in the S64 car for the Cross Roads Holiday Park Mildura Easter \$10,000, and should go well” concluded Crimmins.

Mat was also quick to praise his hard working crew, comprising Craig, Mick, John and Lisa, and recognising that the teams on track success is a result of their behind the scenes work.

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