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**South Australian Late Model Association Inc**

**"The Greatest Show on Dirt"**

## **CRIMMINS & EDWARDS SHARE SALMA TITLES**

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With the 2012/13 South Australian Late Model racing season only weeks away from kicking off the South Australian Late Model Association (SALMA) thought that we would take a look back at last year and recap what was one of the most successful seasons in the categories short history in the State.

Last season saw a total of 13 drivers contest the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series with Victorian Rod Edwards driving his V21 Mastersbilt Chassis to the overall points Championship, defeating local standout and pre-series favourite Mat Crimmins, and fellow South Australian Luke Raymond in a tough hard fought battle.

The series initially comprised of 8 events at 8 different venues across South Australia and Victoria but due to car numbers and a rain-out the series only completed a total of 6 nights of racing.

### **Overall Points 2011/12 Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils SALMA Series:**

1. V21 Rod Edwards 548 points.
2. S10 Mat Crimmins 528.
3. S5 Luke Raymond 502.
4. S15 David Hartman 470.
5. S64 Robbie Faux 322
6. V055 Darren Forrest 291
7. S24 Michael Ffrench 223
8. S64 Stuey Hill 108.
9. V11 Daniel Timberlake 85.
10. V95 Shaun Nelson 76.
11. V33 Gary Bryans 58.
12. S64 Campbell Hughes 34.
13. S01 Ryan White 13.

In addition to the Scotcher Race Fuels & Oils Series SALMA also conducted an overall season point score which included all races across the two states, with Mat Crimmins emerging victorious by a healthy margin over Luke Raymond and Rod Edwards, with David Hartman once again completing the top four.

As a result of Hartman's extremely consistent season the former AMCA National racer was rewarded with the 'Rookie of the Year' title while fellow Late Model debutant Stuey Hill was also rewarded for his efforts as he received the 'Most Improved' trophy.

The remaining two SALMA Awards for the 2011/12 season were presented to a pair of Victorian competitors with Darren Forrest being a worthy winner of the 'Best Presented' while Daniel Timberlake was presented with the 'Encouragement Award'.

### **Overall Points For The 2011/12 SALMA Season:**

1. S10 Mat Crimmins	994 points.
2. S5 Luke Raymond	909.
3. V21 Rod Edwards	726.
4. S15 David Hartman	692.
5. V055 Darren Forrest	545.
6. S24 Michael Ffrench	494.
7. S64 Stuey Hill	332.
8. S64 Robbie Faux	322.
9. V11 Daniel Timberlake	85.
10. V95 Shaun Nelson	76.
11. V33 Gary Bryans	58.
12. S64 Campbell Hughes	34.
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During the racing season SALMA also staged several other high profile events across South Australia and Victoria including the SA Championship at the Borderline Speedway at Mount Gambier, the Victorian Championship at the Rolling Thunder raceway at Bacchus Marsh, and the Easter \$10,000-To-Win at the Timmis Speedway in Mildura.

All three events were well supported with drivers from across Australia present and below is a summary of the finishing positions of all three blue ribbon events.

### **SA Title Finishing Positions – Mount Gambier**

- 1 – Scott McPherson (NSW)
- 2 – Mat Crimmins (SA)
- 3 – Robbie Faux (SA)
- 4 – Rod Edwards (VIC)

### **VIC Title Finishing Positions – Bacchus Marsh**

- 1 – Brad Blake (WA)
- 2 – Ben Nicastrì (NSW)
- 3 – Ross Nicastrì (NSW)
- 4 – Darren Forrest (VIC)

### **Easter \$10,000 to Win – Timmis Speedway**

- 1 – Craig Vosbergen (WA)
- 2 – Jamie Oldfield (WA)
- 3 – Darryl Grimson (NSW)
- 4 – Michael Ffrench (SA)

At the time of writing SALMA were still working hard to finalise the complete racing schedule for Late Models in South Australia and Victoria for the 2012/13 season therefore a release with the race date for the upcoming season will follow shortly.

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**Below: SALMA overall points champion Mat Crimmins (S10) in action at the Murray Bridge Speedway last season (Phil Michell Photo)**

