



SRA Series Round 5 Borderline Speedway

November 19th

The opening meeting for the season was held at the Borderline Speedway on November the 19th with the Headline class of the night being the 410 SRA Sprintcar Series with Supports from Lightning Sprints, Wingless Sprints, Junior Sedans and the thundering Late Models. The weather gods were favourable with overcast conditions early in the night and clearing as time went on.

Victorian charger Chas Hunter in the V73 came through a disrupted B-Main to take the honours from Dennis Jones in the V17 and Jack Lee in the V25.

The 18 cars rolled onto the Borderline Arena and were quickly sent off on hot laps and the luckless Chas Hunter had the front end collapse on the brightly coloured V73 and found the concrete on the Highway side of the track between turns 2 and 3. The recovery crews quickly cleared the circuit and the cars were grided up after completing the traditional Knoxville 4 wide salute. The V45 Challons owned machine was piloted by Steve Lines from the Pole with V86 Timothy Van Ginnekan in 2nd, V47 Tim Rankin in 3rd, V35 Jamie Veal in fourth, V77 Darren Mollenoyux in fifth and another local charger in Gen Sutherland in the S20 rounding out the six.

From the start Lines made a quick getaway to cover the opening lap only to have Tim Van Ginnekan in the V86 scrap the wall out of turn 4. After the cleanup the restart was V45, V35, V47, S20 and V77 with 29 to run. Lines again jumped away and all was beginning to settle when there was a 5 car pile up between turns 2 & 3 involving Jones, Veal, Lee, Vogels and Lacey. In the melee Lines suffered a broken Jacobs Ladder on the V45 which set the scene for the rest of the race. The restart was V45, V47, V77, S20, V70, V6, V48 and V45 but fruitless as Brett Milburn tagged the wall hard in the V68. The second restart attempt showed Lines getting the early jump again but this time young Tim Rankin was determined to make his mark and pushed Lines hard to for 2 laps before the V35 machine of Jamie Veal came to halt which brought the yellows on again. On the restart again it was Lines from but Rankin maintained the pressure and for a while the V45 Camden Neon Signs car looked rather nervous on the track. As the laps wore on Lines encountered lapped traffic and it seemed that the driver of the V47 was getting through the traffic a touch slower and they run the last 23 lap journey all green. At the flag it was the V45 of Line from the V47 of Rankin from Mount Gambier charger Glen Sutherland who put in a very steady race to come home third. In 4th it was the V70 of John Vogels followed by the V6 of Michael Van Bremen 5th, 6th Kurt Luttrell, 7th Adam King, 8th Michael Cunningham, 9th Simon Van Ginneken and in the 10th spot was Darren Mollenoyux.

The next event for the Mount Gambier based Borderline Speedway club is the 360 All Stars series on December 3rd.