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We must congratulate Darryl Campbell on his maiden TPCR sprintcar A Main victory last Saturday night. Darryl is so enthusiastic about his speedway racing, ever since he started racing in the Litre Car's back in the nineties his goal was to race and win in a Sprintcar and last Saturday night, while some say its been a long time coming he has achieved that goal. Also we must congratulate Grant and Kerin Heeley on their support of Darryl and the entire local Sydney Sprintcar scene. Ever since the Heeley's purchased one of Peter Attards old J&J Sprintcars a host of mainly former Litre Car drivers have tackled the TPCR clayway. Over the past four summers Darryl has been the driver and a switch to newer equipment has seen Darryl steadily move up the ranks. He has at times been blistering fast but probably a lack of experience has cost him a few wins but now he's tasted victory and I bet he can't wait to score more A Main's here at Australia's Home of Sprintcar Racing the TPCR action track.

Danny Smith has certainly been one of Sydney's favorite American Sprintcar drivers and it's great to see him back racing at the Tyrepower Parramatta City Raceway and in a very competitive car. While it's been Trevor Green's bad luck, it's been Danny's good luck and with a very limited race program penciled in the US for 2010, Trevor's offer came at the right time. At the \$50,000 final it was like seeing Danny in the #18 Gambler house car in his first tour down under when he was leading and powering away from the field. Danny is in top form and tonight we might see some of that Danny Smith magic and could he take out this weekend's WSS round? We will know on Saturday night.

Ian Madsen has been the star of this summer and his battle with Mitch Dumesny was a highlight last weekend. With the WSS guys back here tonight including his older brother Kerry I bet all Ian wants to do is show the guys that he's more than capable of winning tonight's shootout. Don't forget Ian is also racing an Aussie product in the Victorian built Cool chassis, just like Brooke Tatnell and Danny Smith.

It was also good to see one of Dubbo's favorite sons Mark Blyton (the other is Jeremy Cross) back racing last weekend. Mark has been fairly quiet over the past few summers but is just itching to get back to a full program of sprintcar racing and he

certainly has lots of fans here at Parramatta who can't wait to see him race on a regular program.

It was also great to see Grant Tunks set quick time last week and after picking up a dash victory, fourth in the feature wasn't such a bad result for his Why Walk Used Cars team. Grant has been one of Parramatta's most consistent racers over the past few years and given the right opportunity he's a winner. You can't discount that famous #54 sprinter from the Tunks team.

Can Brooke Tatnell make up for his disappointing WSS results here from last December and win the WSS A Main? He comes into this weekends meeting still leading the WSS points tally. Brookes last two TPCR meetings have been a win before Xmas and a third in the Scott Darley 50,000 to win. It looks like the Krikke Motorsport guys have solved their TPCR problems and should have a real shot at victory this weekend.

I bet the last TPCR WSS round winner Jason Johnson, plus Farr, Dumesny, Kerry Madsen and a number of the local guns will also have their sights set on Saturday nights victory. It's going to be a "pedal to the metal" weekend for us speed freaks so sit back grab a Coke and watch the action.



Last start TPCR A-Main winner Darryl Campbell celebrates with a wing dance after his first Sprintcar win.

Some Parramatta sprintcar trivia:

Q9. Back in the 1990/91 WSS season, Parramatta hosted the final round of the series in that A Main final what made Max Dumesny's victory over American Jack Hewitt very special?

Answer in next weeks Horsepower Herald

Answer to last weeks Parramatta sprintcar trivia:

Q#8: What American star that had raced in Australia as a part of the USA Sedan team used to race with Strawberry painted on his blue sprintcar panels?

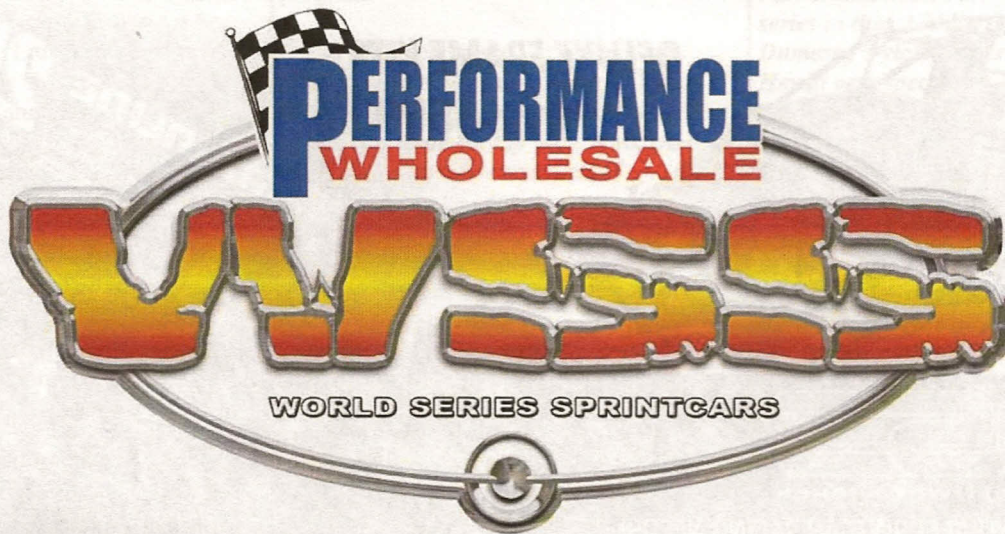
Answer: Jack Hewitt

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