



Aussie Speedway Newsletter

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DESTRUCTION DISSAPOINTMENT & DELIGHT

After being postponed due to heavy rain on Boxing Day the Parramatta City Raceway fans were treated to some high powered action on December 27th when three of America's best were on the card.

Nascar star Tony Stewart, current WOO Champ Donny Schatz and the Allstar Champ Tim Shaffer were in town to compete against the Parramatta favourites and with a couple of out of town racers. Schatz was driving for the Garry Rush team.

Schatz set quick time on a super tacky clayway with one lap time of 11.793 seconds. The track was heavy in the early heat races which saw wins go to Tim Shaffer of the USA, however during his heat Former Aussie champ Skip Jackson rolled the # 14 Mad Harry's sprinter in turn four; Jackson climbed from the wreck - all ok.

Grant Tunks, Ian Madsen & Marty Perovich - all TPCR locals - took out heat wins.

Daniel Needham tangled with Peter Bourke in heat four which saw Needham barrell roll the CR&D special and put him out for the night.

The Trophy Dash events went to Glen Saville and Garry Brazier.

Due to impending rain which the radar showed was on the way and only 50 kilometres from TPCR the massive Coca Cola fireworks display was put on hold until after the running of the Valvoline Sprint car Grand Prix.

The stage was set and drivers were in position

Grant Tunks and Marty Perovich on the pole line. Starting out of position 25 and the promoter's choice was Tony Stewart who was having a disappointing run on the evening. Schatz was out of position six as Shaffer was out of five.

The green flag fell as Tunks made a brilliant start it was Schatz who drove around tunks while back in the pack Warren Ferguson hit the tacky clay cushion hard and barrel rolled coming out of turn four on the second lap.

The green fell again as Schatz and Brazier battled for second spot, Benny Atkinson then hooked a rut in turn three and rolled his car again as Schatz took the lead.

Restart again saw Schatz lead away as Braizer went way up high on the track to fly past Schatz as Ian Madsen & Brett Loadsmen tangled sending Loadsmen's Royal Purple oils Special skywards. Loadsmen and Madsen were both out of the event. By now Tony Stewart had passed five cars to put him in the thick of the action.

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Another restart saw Shatz shoot away from Braizer as Damien Abbott, Tim Shaffer and James Thompson battled for 3rd spot. The yellow came on as Roddy Bell Bowen spun in turn four.

The Arthur Cowan green fell again as Shatz and Braier battled for 1st spot, the crowd cheering for both drivers who were getting around the tacky clayway at well over 100 miles per hour. Stewart had now made his way up to position 13. Lap 15 and Shatz was way out front with Brazier making his way through lapped traffic. With ten laps left to run Martin Laws slowed with mechanical issues, then at the same time, Perovich spun as did Anthony Orr and Kelly Linigan stopped in turn four. WOW four cars out on the same lap.

With nine laps to go it was Shatz, Brazier, Abbott with a fast closing Shaffer. All cars were driving up high in the tacky clay for maximum traction. A fast freight train was emerging with the large crowd cheering all the way.

Disaster struck with three laps to go as Damien Abbott barrell rolled entering thurn three, Mitchell Dumesny was close behind and spun his Valvoline special only to end up rolling over himself to avoid the crash.

Due to the rain closing in, the near curfew and the Coca Cola fireworks spectacular ready to go, the sprint car officials declared the event with three laps remaining.

Provisional placing's were Donny Schatz, Garry Braizer with a decision to be made if Damian Abbott or Tim Shaffer would be third. Tony Stewart from my notes would have come home in 10th spot.

We do it all over agin at Tyrepower Parramatta City Raceway in two days time so see you there it will be an exciting night.

That's all for Today!

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