



ANDRA Sports Compact – Drag Wars Round 2...The final battle

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A warm Autumn morning greeted the McKern Racing crew as it embarked on yet another Sports Compact round, this one being the second round of Drag Wars held at Western Sydney International Dragway on March 10, 2007.



Again as part of the PAC Performance juggernaut, McKern Racing were again out in force with Grump2 in a bid to again claim the title as the quickest 28x9 inch rotary in the world. With 4 of the top 5 28x9 inch tyred cars racing, being MR12A, Grump2, HYPTUP and McKern Racing's Wayne Dyson, the battle was on for small tyred glory. However, with the rules

not permitting Grump to run in Oz Mod due to the spindle mounted front rims, Damien and the team were forced again to move into Sports Mod to battle it out with 4WD and back halved sedans.

The PAC Performance regulars also appeared in classes: PRO/R, Sports Mod, Oz Mod and Sports RWD. Heading into the 2nd of the two round series, the PAC Performance MX6 was second in the standing in PRO/R, looking to secure back to back ANDRA Sports Compact Championships. Other cars that appeared at Drag Wars included the ANDRA best engineered car of Summernationals 2007 of Shane Flaiban, Ivan Skarmuca's Jamboree Pro Turbo winning RX3, Robert Stanbury's record holding RX3, George Marcevski's Sports Mod record holding RX3, Jim Maglivera's wild 13B Corolla plus a raft of Sports Mod cars including Michael Bek's ROMPER and Sam Sadek's RX3 and of course the World Record holding RX2 of McKern Racing's Grump2.



Early qualifying saw consistent times laid down by a number of cars on the slippery track. A early casualty of the conditions was Gary Bond. After moving into the 28x9 inch top ten at Jamboree with an 8.59 second pass, Gary's RX Engineering powered RX7 got a little taily at half track and turned hard 180 degrees and smacked the wall after the finish line unfortunately writing the car off. The very next pass, HYPTUP driven by Richie Gauci had a big moment turning hard left in the very same lane. But qualifying belonged to

McKern Racing's Wayne Dyson who recorded an [8.36@166mph](#) pass, clocking a PB MPH run.

In Sports Mod, against tough competition, Grump2 again held its own clocking a very slippery [8.43@154MPH](#) pass which was good enough for top qualifiers spot in the competitive class. This makes it the second time in succession the



little green machine has top qualified Sports Mod, with the little 9 inch tyres making the achievement that little bit sweeter. Grump struggled for traction in the early going however recording an [8.92@145MPH](#) and a [9.24@130MPH](#) passes searching for traction. But with a few hundred Horse power taken out of the accountant rocket, Damien and Grump managed to record a time good enough for top spot.

In the fourth round of qualifying however, the team was struck down with something very new to them, gearbox problems. Only once in Grump's history with the Lenco has there been a problem, but in 4th gear in the 4th qualifier the gearbox couldn't take anymore abuse and sheared 18, that's right 18 face plates in 3rd and 5th gears and ended the day for the McKern Racing team. Quite unfortunate was the breakage, it happened on a pass were even the peers of the team said that "the thing was on a mission" with the data showing it was another world record pass. But good things come to those who wait, so it will be only a matter of time until one of these 4 28x9 inch cars will break into that magical 7 second barrier...will it be Grump...only time will tell!

In the finals, McKern Racing's sponsored Wayne Dyson secured the Oz Mod victory and came second in the Oz Mod championship, HYPTUP recorded an [8.21@163MPH](#) pass securing the 3rd spot in the overall 28x9 inch battle, George Marcevski and Jim Magliveras battled it out for 13B supremacy in the B final of PRO/R with the Corolla taking the close win, and the A final saw a

pair of PAC 20B's with Rob Stanbury vs the PAC MX6. With power out and a lot of clutch, the MX6 drove to victory recording a [7.33@189MPH](#) vs Stanbury's respectable [7.7@180MPH](#). The win claimed the teams second ANDRA Sports Compact title and with four PAC cars making the finals for PRO/R, it was a huge effort by all involved and congratulations goes to all the winners and placegetters from McKern Racing.



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