

Jamboree 2.0...Street 289 Number 1

With Jamboree 17 rained out on the first date listed, the Jamboree rerun, version 2.0 as it was called was promising to be a 'no holds barred' race to the championship with all classes yet to be decided running into the compressed one day event. McKern Racing's GRUMP2 led the Street 289 title race by only 30 points over rival and very good friend Wayne Dyson. With both GRUMP2 and Wayne being the only cars to take top qualifier points this year, the race was on to secure the vital 20 points that could decide the championship.

Too much surprise but his own, Archie Kajewski was awarded top qualifier a stellar new PB of 8.43 at a massive 169.11mph to claim top spot heading into eliminations. Despite running 8.33, Wayne was second spot as GRUMP, minus crew chief Arron, settled for 3rd spot with an [8.61@160mph](#). So heading into round one, all was on the line for the team with no points recorded from qualifying, it all came down to eliminations.

First round saw 'Big Pauly' Paul Jansink take on the number one qualifier in Kajewski. Although it seemed like a possible win for the latter, Jansink proved to be consistent for the top qualifier and defeated him setting a new PB of 8.88 along the way. Next on track was McKern Racing's GRUMP2. Still battling to gain traction on the hot, slippery track, the team decided that power would be the key in sliding down the track. With the unofficial MPH record going to Kajewski at 169mph (beating GRUMP's PB of 168.87) the team looked to play the game in advancing through eliminations.

Lined up against Glenn Melbourne's RX3, Glenn red lit away the first round, instantly handing the victory to McKern, unless Damien pulled a red light of his own. Taking it easy on the tree knowing that he had the win and would advance, Damien ran the 20B beast out the back door to a tyre smoking 8.39 at a new world record MPH speed of 170.84mph!!! This is the first time anyone in the world has gone quicker than 170mph on a 28x9 inch slick. Job done.

Next on track was contender Wayne Dyson. Having seen the events transpired, Wayne knew that he needed to win this match up in order to keep the championship alive. However, in a first for the 50+ year old veteran, Wayne red lit which in that split second handed the championship to the McKern Racing team following the next round exit of the third place runner Rodney Spannenberg.

So with the championship decided and a new MPH world record as well as eclipsing his own National Street 289 MPH record with a 167.72mph earlier in qualifying, the team were pleased with the results and now pushed for the event win to further cement the team's place. However a semi final breakout for the team ended that run, and the event. Not to be disappointed, a championship, the first ever Street 289 National championship belonged to McKern Racing's Damien McKern by 90 points in the end.

Overall throughout the Sports Compact Group Championship, the McKern Racing team has scored good points. Bagging 80 points at J16, 80 points at Summerslam in Heathcote, 80 points for runner up at Mini Jam, 60 points for a semi final at Compak Attak and 70 points for another semi at J17, the team ended up 2nd in the overall points championship behind winner Jason Hammelwang on his Yamaha R1 sports bike.

The McKern Racing team would like to thank for their continued support Hartnett Lawyers who have been with the team now for 3 years, George, Rocky, Rodney, Pete and Gooz and the team at PAC Performance for building a solid, quick, world record holding and championship winning car, Arron, Brooke, Dan, Crispy, Angela, and Anthony for being the best crew going around and to Danny from Custom Bodyworks for making the championship winning car a visual masterpiece.

We look forward to the new season which starts in February at the Summerslam but catch the car at the upcoming Carline Mufflers Powercruise Pro Street Shootout on November 24 2007 at Willowbank Raceway.

