

2nd Annual Toyo Tyres Mini Jamboree

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Heading into the third round of the Sport Compact Group's championship series as equal points leader, the McKern Racing team looked to extend its lead in the Street 289 class as it prepared to take on the cream of Australian Untubbed rotaries.

In testing leading into the event, the team recorded some impressive times at the unprepped Willowbank track with a blistering [8.32@166.98mph](#) at a Test and Tune two weeks prior. The team headed into the event full of confidence and looked set again to be the benchmark for the Street 289 field. Cars entered for Street 289 included MR12A, HYPTUP, equal championship leader Rod Spannenberg and of course the Godfather of Sports Compact, Wayne Dyson.

As the event drew closer, no short of 173 cars were entered for Mini Jam which included in Pro Turbo, the PAC Performance MX6, Jamboree winner Ivan Skaramuca, Rob Stanbury, and McKern & Associates sponsored Craig Dyson. Other PAC cars included the two 13B's of Jim Magliveras and George Marcevski in Pro Compact. The stage was set for an epic battle.



With qualifying for the slick tyred classes not starting till 2pm, it gave the crews a chance to make sure the cars were at optimum performance prior to hitting the track. Pro Turbo made it first and McKern & Associates colours adopted not only the RX7 of Craig Dyson, but also adorned the PAC MX6. With this said, both cars qualified one and two with the MX6 taking the honours. In Street 289, two McKern and Associates sponsored cars topped the qualifying sheets as well, with veteran racer Wayne Dyson recording a new PB of [8.25@168mph](#) just pipping our own GRUMP2 with an [8.35@165mph](#) pass for number one spot.

First round of eliminations for Street 289 saw Damien take on new comer Paul Jansink in his beautifully presented "Cool It Performance" 20B RX4. With an 8.35 dial, Damien managed to pull a good light and held the advantage across the line recording a backing off [8.51@144mph](#) to save the dial in. Paul didn't disappoint however running a new PB of [9.07@145mph](#).

Second round saw the McKern Racing team with a Bye round which gave the crew the chance to see what the track had. However with the night air setting in, the car blazed the tyres and overpowered the track with an [8.49@163mph](#)

pass. Still into the third round and a solid stack of points will aid the championship push.

Third round was against fellow championship leader and Summerslam winner Rod Spanenberg in his "Seven Sins" RX7. Another good light saw Damien take the advantage and pass his opponent by half track, electing to pull the shute early to save the 8.35 dial in with an impressive [8.58@133mph](#) pass to move into the final against none other than the top qualifier, Wayne Dyson.



Always eager to put on a show, the decision was made for Grump to change its dial in to 8.20 which is what Wayne was running to make it a heads up, 'Run what ya brung' final which these two racers have been pushing for, for some time. As they pulled into stage, both crews held their collective breath as the old timer managed to cut a 0.437 light (0.400 being the best) to

Damien's 0.536 light which meant that the veteran carried a 1/10th of a second advantage down the track. Side by side, the two 20B Lencos pushed and pushed right until the very end. Both teams were sweating on the win light as the result would play a big part in the championship race and as the times were posted, it did indicate how close of a race it really was.

Wayne ran his RX3 through for an [8.33@157.07mph](#) pass to Damien's event PB of [8.27@166.42mph](#) but this proved to be 0.032 of a second not enough to catch the white RX3 who crossed the line just in front. But with the race of the event just run, the crowd and teams were both witnessing history with the quickest side by side untubbed run in the world.

Damien and the team are proud of the efforts, making the final of the past two championship rounds has now handed the championship lead to the team as we head into round 4 at Compak Attak in Sydney on May 19. Grump2 will hit the track before then, racing at the Tin Tops in a display class of Street 289 which will run for the first time as a heads up format on a Pro Tree. Then the team will travel to Sydney for Nitro Champs in the lead up to Round 4.



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