



Summerslam – Round 2 Sports Compact Series – Event Report

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After a 4000km round trip, the McKern Racing team return to Queensland as joint series leaders following a strong showing at Round 2 of the Sports Compact Group Championship Series at Summerslam held at Heathcote Park in Northern Victoria.

After top qualifying and a quarter final appearance at Round 1 at the Fast Fours Jamboree, Grump2 and the team were in 3rd place heading into round 2. However, it wasn't to be a walk in the park for the team even with the smaller Street 289 field. 6 cars made the trip to Heathcote and those 6 consisted of Grump2, Wayne Dyson, Bill Nabham/Craig Wasson MR12A and 7SINS RX7 of Rod Spanenberg, who was 4th in the series.



Early qualifying proved difficult for the team, simply overpowering the track. Even the Pro Turbo racers who made the long trip suffered similar problems, wheelspinning and getting out of the groove pass after pass. However it wasn't to do with the track preparation, simply just the wrong weather conditions, with hot winds blowing up and across the track pushing dirt and dust onto the strip and making life unbearable for the fast guys. But with that said, congratulations must go to MR12A and Wayne Dyson who put on the show qualifying 1&2 with an impressive [8.57@157mph](#) from the former.

Grump2 struggled however in qualifying managing to squeeze in a very messy [9.43@131mph](#), which ended up being Grump's quickest for the day. But with that said, Grump had a first round pairing



against a Street 289 newcomer in his RX3 coupe. With both racers red lighting, Grump managed to just red light better scoring the win.

The next pairing saw 7SINS matched against Jason Unkovich in his yellow Series 6 RX7, 7SINS taking this one.

The final two top qualifiers ran solos, but to an anticlimax with both having to pull out of round two due to mechanical failure (Turbo for Wayne and Welsh plug for MR12A). So with the option to run two solo semi finals, the decision was made to run the final of Street 289 with 7SINS matched against McKern Racing's Grump2.

Due to it's very inconsistent times throughout the day, the team weren't confident for a result against the super consistent RX7. However, Damien gave it everything in the quest for the round win, but pulled up short by just 1.037 seconds. Grump2 ran very loose and pedaled his way to a losing [11.85@76.34mph](#).



But with the runner up trophy in hand, Grump2 and 7SINS move into the equal championship leaders position heading into round 3 and Mini Jamboree at Willowbank on March 31. Come along and support the Sports Compact Group and drag racing as Grump2 continues on its quest for the 2006-2007 Sports Compact Group Street 289 championship.

Grump2 will next be in action at the Summernationals, February 16-17 at Western Sydney International Dragway. For more information, visit www.wsid.com.au.

