

## WREN WINS SIMPSON FRONT ROW CHALLENGE EVENT

Sam Wren continues his winning ways this season with another win in yet another of the Victorian Wingless calendar's premier events, when he came from one of the back of the grid positions to lead home B Main transferee Leigh Mugavin & Jess Moulden who stormed forward from fifteenth & then from being sent to the rear of the grid to finish in third place.

Other back markers Darren Hossack, David Alford, then Mick Uebergang & more backmarkers Mark Balcombe & Paul Robilliard kept out of trouble in the twenty five lap final and made their way forward to finish fourth to eighth with Chris Grayland the only other finisher.

Earlier Robilliard was the top qualifier after nine heats & picked up a front beam courtesy of Max Dumesny Motorsport for being the top qualifier as well as pocketing \$250 cash for taking the Front Row Challenge to be shuffled back in the field.

As top qualifier Robilliard took the option to go to the rear of the field & try to bag \$1000- if he can make it all the way to the front again by firstly making it to sixth to pick up \$250 & then to win to pick up the last \$500-. Robilliard also had to pull a pill from a hat to determine how many cars were going to the back of the field to join him, with pill's numbered 2, 4, 6 & 8 in the hat, Robilliard pulled number eight, meaning the top eight qualifiers joined him at the rear of the A Main field.

David Alford won the first heat of the night in a extraordinary night where every heat race ran from green to chequered once underway. Alford beat Mark Balcombe by almost two seconds with Wren, Jess Moulden who started in eighth & moved to fourth by lap eight & Rhys Baxter, Mick Uebergang was the early leader before dropping back through the field.

In a faster heat than the first, Daniel Beard won by a close 0.747 of a second in front of Phil Micallef, Andrew Chivell, Shaun Beard & Leigh Balcombe with Dan leading from start to finish from Micallef whilst Chivell moved forward from sixth to third on lap five, passing Shaun Beard and staying in third to the end.

Hossack has taken to Wingless racing just as quick as he takes to anything else he has every raced & a win in his first heat of the night by 2.441 seconds ahead of Alex Thomson, Marcus Green, Paul Robilliard & Chris Grayland after leading start to finish, had Hossack on the right path early. Glenn Jones was quick early and moved into second by lap three before breaking down on lap six & drifting out of the race.

Mark Balcombe won in another extremely close finish ahead of Jessica Moulden who set the fastest one lap time to this point of the night at 15.613, Wren was third, Alford then Baxter. Balcombe was never headed with Moulden passing Baxter on lap three to take the second spot.

Making it a Balcombe double up, Leigh Balcombe finished less than a second in front of Chivell with Andrew Thompson, Darcy McGlade & Daniel Beard fifth in the fifth heat.

Setting a new fastest one lap time of 15.594 Robilliard motored to a win in heat six with a new ten lap fast time of 2.39.086 winning by 2.114 over Jones, Hossack, Marcus Green & Grayland with the top three unchanged from the start to the end.

Immediately after, Jess Moulden with a 2.38.243 race time ran a faster race than Robilliard winning by just over a second from Wren, Mark Balcombe, Alford & Baxter with the top three in their positions start to finish.

Shaun Beared picked up a win from Phil Micallef in the eighth, Daniel Beard, Andrew Thompson & Chivell. Shaun got the jump at start from outside pole whilst Thompson slid back from the front to fourth on lap one.

Picking up a second heat win by the largest gap to this stage of the night, Robilliard beat Hossack by 3.782, and then came Grayland, Alex Thomson & Glenn Jones. Grayland was in second until Hossack picked him off on lap five.

The last chance B Main of fifteen laps was led from pole position by Baxter until lap eleven when his engine expired. From there Green who was second to this point moved to the lead holding off Jones, Uebergang, Mugavin & Watts at the flag.

Leigh Balcombe led the field away from lap one with Micallef & Alex Thomson behind him until lap seven where the first of the backmarkers hit the top five with Jess Moulden moving into fifth place whilst Thompson passed Thomson for third.

Wren was carving his way through the field also & by lap twelve Moulden moved into second, Wren into fourth & Uebergang into fifth place Leigh Balcombe still leading & Micallef in third place.

Moulden on lap fifteen was sent to the rear of the field for causing a race incident Leigh Balcombe leaving the # 27 with some damage & out of the race, Micallef also made contact with Wren & Green & Chivell were innocent parties caught up in the action. Chivell took a nasty ride landing him in Geelong Hospital overnight for precautionary checks & was let out on Sunday, Moulden was back into fourth by this stage with ten laps to go.

Wren then led Mugavin & Moulden from lap sixteen to the line for another fantastic win 3.859 seconds in front of second place with Hossack then Alford in fifth place. All top five drivers were turning laps under the 16 second barrier thrilling race fans at 'Heytesbury Stockfeeds Simpson Speedway'.

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