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The Penultimate round of the Eureka Sprintcars Series at Avalon By Ian Vale

What a big night of Sprintcar action this Saturday night at Avalon Raceway for the penultimate round of the prestigious Eureka Garages & Sheds Sprintcar Series that will double as the Great Southern Showdown paying \$5000 to win, this round of the Series has attached fifty driver nominations for this very important event.

With all the main contenders in Series locked in lead by Rusty Hickman, Brett Milburn, Tim Hutchins and all the top ten drivers in the Series plus a host of other drivers, Steven Lines, Grant Anderson, Peter Doukas and Corey McCullagh will make this event one not to miss.

Heading into this round the Eureka Garages and Sheds Series championship is still very much alive and the three main contenders are Rusty Hickman the current and defending Series Champion Brett Milburn and Tasmania's Tim Hutchins, there is only two hundred and forty eight points separating these drivers and with a maximum of some four hundred points on offer at each round of the Series the Series is sure to go down to the last round once again to be conducted at Premier Speedway the following weekend on Sunday eleventh of March. Yep it will be Sunday night.

Now the next six drivers in the points, Jacob Smith, Brayden Parr, Charles Hunter, Grant Stansfield, Dennis Jones, Jordyn Charge and Sam Wren need to be on their game to make sure they stay in the top ten and to also try to advance in the top ten placing's with good results on the night.

The importance of being in the top ten is the chance to win the new KTM 350 motorbike thanks to KTM Australia and also the opportunity to take a good share of the Eureka Garages & Sheds Series prize poole that is at over \$45,000 thanks to Eureka Garages and Sheds along with other sponsors that have also contributed to the prize money poole, Hoosier Tire Australia, Western Nissan, Camden Signage & Building Services.

Jack Lee has entered for this weekend after finishing his first World Series Sprintcar campaign last weekend, Jack is no stranger to the Avalon venue and with his recent experience around the country he could be in the mix for a top placing.

Once again John Vogels will be out to strut his stuff, John still has the speed to take a win but he will need a little luck to go his way. At the recent Hamilton round of the Series John was on the pace but another car hit the tires sending them back into John's path damaging his car.

Last weekend three drivers from New South Wales Jackson Delamont, Braydan Willmington and Chris McInerney ventured down to the Heartland Raceway for round eleven of the Series where they all made the A Main and ran well in the event, all three drivers will be back again this weekend at Avalon Raceway.

South Australian Brock Hallett was the top points scorer at last weekend's round but a poor time trial in the shootout saw Brock drop from pole position to six starting place in the Eureka A Main, Brock finished in fourth place, he is more than capable of being one of the contenders once again this weekend. Hayden Pitt will also make the journey over from SA.

Two drivers that have been stand outs in the last four rounds of the Eureka Series finishing in the top five at each are VA88 Grant Stansfield and V77 Brayden Parr. Grant also took his maiden feature win in round ten at Western Speedway Hamilton recently.

Since the Christmas break some of feature race winners that have entered for this round of the Eureka Garages & Sheds Series are – Luke Walker, Rusty Hickman and Grant Stansfield taking out Eureka Series wins while Steven Lines took out the Kings Challenge, Grant Anderson won one of the Classic preliminary A mains and then it was Cory McCullagh to take out the biggest race in the country the Grand annual sprintcar Classic.

With all of these drivers entered then add in the other forty plus drivers nominated you will have one of the best shows in the country this weekend.

Saturday night the Eureka Garages & Sheds Sprintcar Series round 12 the penultimate round of the Series will be conducted at Avalon Raceway on Saturday the 3rd of March that will pay \$5000 to win.

For more information go to the Avalon Raceway web site www.avalonraceway.com.au



Eureka Garages and Sheds Series - KTM Top 10:

1st - Rusty Hickman - 3295

2nd - Brett Milburn - 3108

3rd - Tim Hutchins - 3047

4th - Jacob Smith - 2644

5th – Brayden Parr - 2576

6th - Charles Hunter - 2469

7th - Grant Stansfield - 2456

8th - Dennis Jones - 2053

9th - Jordyn Charge - 2052

10th - Sam Wren - 2022





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(End of Series random draw between 11th & 20th place)

11th - Peter Doukas - 1929

12th - Bobby Daly - 1704

13th - Corey McCullagh - 1679

14th - Glen Sutherland - 1537

15th - Rhys Baxter - 1491

16th – Jamie Veal - 1450

17th - Jye Okeeffe - 1399

18th - Stephen Spark - 1388

19th – David Aldersley – 1369

20th - Eddie Lumbar - 1350

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