

Wayne Brims Successfully Defends NSW V8 Super Sedan Title at Gunnedah Speedway:

In what was a perfect drive Wayne Brims on Saturday night (December 6) at Gunnedah Speedway (North Western NSW) drove to victory to successfully defend his NSW V8 Super Sedan Title for the 2008/09 season.

After starting from pole position for the 35-lap NSW Title deciding feature race, the Tweed Heads (Northern NSW) based hard charger managed to lead the field from start to finish and crossed the finish line ahead of the Queensland duo of Matt Pascoe and Mick Doblo in second and third place.

Towards the closing stages of the feature race it was Pascoe, who is currently in great form after dominating the recent 30/30 events, managed to catch up to the tail of Brims but despite his best efforts was simply unable to find a way into the lead.

The Gunnedah Speedway track has seen Brims win two of his three NSW Titles, the other being at Gilgandra Speedway when he won his first back in the 2004/05 season. Four of the past five NSW Titles have been won by a Brims family member. Wayne Brims has won the past two NSW Titles, while his uncle, Ian Brims, won the 2005/06 season NSW Title that was also held at Gunnedah Speedway.

It is interesting to note that the top three highest point scorers heading into the feature race, Wayne Brims, Pascoe and Doblo, finished in that same order at the fall of the chequered flag.

Outside the top three place getters in the NSW Title was an impressive Lachlan Onley in fourth followed by Tasmanian Brad Smith, current NSW V8 Super Sedan Series point leader Tony Barklimore, reigning Victorian Champion Lucas Roberts, Michael Hickey, Brett Smith and in 10th was former multiple Australian Champion Mick Nicola from Victoria. Nicola, a former two times NSW Title winner, didn't have the best of nights and consequently finished well down the order than he would have liked.

Despite the feature race being peppered by a number of stoppages, Wayne Brims was simply the class of the field and deserving winner of back-to-back NSW V8 Super Sedan Titles.

NSW V8 Super Sedan Title heat race wins earlier in the night were shared between Wayne Brims (x 2), Robert Carrig, Frank Armstrong, Brett Hignett, Ron Pyne, Matt Pascoe, Brad Smith and Mick Doblo.

In the support classes, the AMCA Nationals, returning to Gunnedah Speedway for the first time in three seasons, saw veteran Stu Robertson take out the feature race honours by defeating Queenslander Russ Hardy and local Scott

Lawler. The Street Stocks resulted in Bruce Smith (Ford Falcon) scoring a narrow feature race victory and he just managed to take out the win ahead of hard charging Brett Mitchell in second and third place was taken out by Kevin Keeler. In the Junior Sedans Andrew Smith took a last lap victory in the feature race to spectacularly defeat an impressive and long time race leader Laura Price and in third was James Rodd. The Fender Bender and 4 Cylinder Sedan feature races went to Trevor Landrigan and youngster Aaron Barnes.

The next race meeting on the Gunnedah Speedway calendar for the 2008/09 season is to take place on Saturday night, January 10 2009 when the NSW V8 Dirt Modified Title is fought out. The last time the NSW V8 Dirt Modified Title was fought out at Gunnedah Speedway back in the 2001/02 season and was won by Kevin Hopwood who defeated Mark Robinson and Tony Sneddon. The defending NSW V8 Dirt Modified Title holder is Andrew Pezutti. Supporting the NSW V8 Dirt Modified Title will be the debut of the NOS Sprints and they will be joined by the Street Stock, Junior Sedan, 4 Cylinder Sedan and Fender Bender class.