

12-10-19

#### Ray Tulk Memorial – Ellenbrook Speedway

The season kicked off on the weekend with the first round at Ellenbrook for the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series. 20 cars were on hand for the meeting and with finishes of 5th and 3rd in our heats we got a 7th place starting spot for the feature. We moved up to 5th after dropping back early but came together with another car and spun. We were sent to the rear with 9 laps to go and were able to work our way back up to 7th.

It was a very interesting race, Ellenbrook is very narrow and passing is tough, but for some reason cars starting moving onto the infield and the infield was almost taking rubber. Towards the end of the race we were 3 car widths on the infield and only getting back onto the track midway down the straight. It was something that I haven't experienced before but by adding the width to the track, the race had plenty of passing to make quite an exciting feature.

We had a great car and 7th doesn't accurately reflect how good our car was in the feature but a decent amount of points banked and we are off to the Motorplex in two weeks time for round two.

26-10-19

#### Powerpalooza Grand Opening – Perth Motorplex

On Saturday night we had round two of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series at the Perth Motorplex. 21 cars were on hand for what was a different night at the Motorplex with both the Speedway and the Drags racing at the same time to kick off their respective seasons.

A slightly different format with qualifying, one heat and a feature. We qualified 2nd and won our heat in what was looking like being a track record but a late caution stopped that from occurring. It would have been nice to get our 8 lap track record back after we held it for a couple of seasons and lost it towards the end of last season.

We started the feature from the third spot but on the 2nd lap a car tried to pass and made contact, damaging our rim and popping our left front tyre. In Australia we are unable to change tyres and so we kept racing but it is not ideal on three tyres and ended up 7th. Decent in the fact that it was damage control, great heat result and qualifying points plus 7th in the feature meant that we didn't lose too many points. We are 4th overall, only 11 points behind the leader in the points standings so we are right in the hunt.

We are back at the Motorplex this Saturday night where hopefully we can kick this run of 7ths and get the win.

2-11-19

#### Super Speedway Stampede – Perth Motorplex

On Saturday night we had round three of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series at the Perth Motorplex. 20 cars were on hand for what was a memorial race for Ian "Bonza" Bradford.

We finished 6th and 5th in our heats which gave us an 11th place starting spot in the feature. We moved forward initially getting up to 7th and building some momentum. But as the race continued I wasn't able to continue moving forward and slowly slipped back, ending up 10th.

Not our greatest showing but sometimes nights like that happen. I just need to make sure that I step it up this week at Bunbury for round 4 and get back to the front.

9-11-19

Pro Dirt Series Bunbury

On Saturday night we had round four of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series at Bunbury Speedway with 18 cars at the track

We finished 6th and 3rd in our heats which gave us a 9th place starting spot in the feature. We moved forward, working up to 3rd position at one stage and looking like we were going to get a decent result, before a lump of mud got into the front of the engine and knocked off the fuel pump belt, knocking us out of the race.

We have slipped back to 7th in the points, but we will be able to catch back up after what has been a tough start to the season. We are back at the Motorplex this weekend, for what will be round five of the Carbusters Pro Dirt Series and round three of the Perth Motorplex Track Championship. Hopefully the track will be smoother than what Bunbury was and we can get back on the podium

16-11-19

King of Kwinana – Perth Motorplex

On Saturday night we had round five of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series at the Perth Motorplex. 21 cars were nominated for what was a lovely warm night, after a top of 40.5 (104) degrees during the day.

We qualified 4th and got 2nd in our heat which gave us a 5th place starting spot in the feature. We started the feature running on the kerb as you can see above. We were slowly moving forward but I moved down the track to avoid contact and passed a car while doing so. That meant at the next restart I was relegated two positions. Luckily the restart was the next lap and we were put back and given an outside starting spot. We then were able to move up to the highline where we drove around the outside from 7th to 2nd in one lap. But unfortunately another caution came out and we had to go back to 7th as the field hadn't completed a lap. The Chief Steward then stopped the double file restarts and moved to single file.

We worked our way from 7th up to 3rd and were making a move for 2nd when I made slight contact with the wall which slowed me up and we slipped back to 4th. Then another caution came out and the race was declared with 7 to go. Quite an exciting race, with so many cautions it adds extra elements to the race and I feel makes it more exciting. The promoter and chief steward will probably disagree. This was our first top 5 of the year and probably could have driven more conservatively for 3rd but I was really pushing to get 2nd and it cost us a podium. We have moved up into the top 5 in

points and hopefully have got all our bad runs out of the way and can get even higher at next week's show back at the Perth Motorplex.

23-11-19

City of Kwinana Cup – Perth Motorplex

On Saturday night we had round six of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series at the Perth Motorplex, with 22 cars nominated.

We finished 5th and 3rd in our heats which gave us a 7th place starting spot in the feature. We ran on the bottom for the first couple of laps before a caution gave us an outside position in the restart. There we were able to move to the middle of the track and move forward up to the 2nd position. We challenged for the lead as I moved higher up the track but some holes started appearing on the entry and I had to change it up and couldn't keep the same pace. With two laps to go I got passed and move back to 4th but rallied back to 3rd missing out on 2nd by eight hundredths of a second.

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Great to see John McBride down on Saturday night cheering us on. If ever you are down, make sure you come and say hello.

Thanks for your support

7-12-19

John Day Classic – Perth Motorplex

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26-12-19

#### Christmas Cup – Perth Motorplex

On Boxing Night, we raced at the Perth Motorplex for round 8 of the Carbusters Pro Dirt Series. A huge crowd was on hand for what is one of the most popular nights of the season, the Boxing day meeting is a real tradition in Perth and this year didn't disappoint. 30 Cars were on hand for the event and two second place finishes in the heats got us a

4th place starting spot for the feature. We started well and were able to get up to the lead by the 3rd lap. We would pull a gap before a caution would bunch the field, bringing us back to the field. We survived several cautions before a slower restart gave the 2nd place car a bit of a run. We then ran next to each other for several laps before slipping back to 2nd. With four laps to go we got a run on the leader but were unable to get past and nudged the wall, slowing my challenge and meaning we would finish 2nd.

A great result, I would have loved the win but to have a great run leading up to the major meetings for the year gives me a lot of confidence. We also were able to move from 5th to 2nd in points in the Kwinana Track Championship and to 4th in the Carbusters Pro Dirt Series.

Great to see Ray Makene from Ray Makenes Truck Driving School and Greg Mizza from Mizco down at the track, thank you both for your support.

We now have a few days off before night one of the Australian Late Model Championship on Wednesday the 8th of January. Last year we finished 3rd in Sydney, hopefully we can step it up and get the win.

Have a great new year and I will see you all in 2020.

8-2-20

#### Westernapolis – Perth Motorplex

Hello

Saturday night was our State Title at the Perth Motorplex. This also doubled as round 13 of the Carbuster Pro Dirt Series.

We finished 1st and 5th in our heats which gave us a 4th place starting spot in the feature. We started the feature well moved up the 3rd early and settled in. There were a few cautions early which we were able to avoid, but on lap 7 as the caution lights came on, the leader slowed quickly, we slowed up also and a car came past and put us in the wall. Unfortunately, it was a quite a big hit and the damage to the front bumper was too much to continue and put us out for the rest of the race.

We now have a week off before heading back to the Motorplex. Hopefully we can get a good result as the car is fast and we are looking good, just need a bit of luck

Thanks for your support

22-2-20

## World Series Sprintcars Grand Final – Perth Motorplex

Hello

Saturday night we were back at the Motorplex for Round 14 of the Carbusters Pro Dirt Series. It was one of bigger crowds of the season and with 25 cars nominated it was a great night. We finished 3rd in both our heats which gave us a 5th place starting spot for the feature.

We started ok but slipped back a few spots early in the feature but settled back to the low line and worked our way back to 5th. With ten laps to go we got a restart and were able to move up to 4th and tried to go around the outside of 3rd but slipped back to 5th. We were unable to make any further ground and finished overall in 5th.

A good result, we brought out the red car because of the damage to the blue one so it was great to have two cars that we can switch between and be competitive. They are very similar but have little differences so hopefully we can use the comparisons in the cars to improve both.

We now have a few weeks off before we are back at the Motorplex for the penultimate round of the year.

Thanks for your support