

# LUDLOW Racing

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07/08 DIRT LATE MODEL AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION

## LUDLOW SETS PACE EARLY FOR CHAMPION SERIES

I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I arrived at Kalgoorlie International Speedway last Saturday night having not ventured to the Goldfields in almost 10 years. With the risk of thunder storms and car numbers down slightly from the initial count the meeting looked uncertain from the outset, but I was pleasantly surprised to say the very least! The Kalgoorlie Speedway track curators did a marvellous job of maintaining a consistently 'hooked up' track all night allowing for some hard fast Late Model action!

Heat 1 saw Brad Blake (#0) on pole with Warren Oldfield (15) on the outside followed by brother Jamie Oldfield (#44), Ben Ludlow (Aus#2) and Alan Nylander (#54). Blake sped to the lead setting the pace whilst hiking the left front wheel most of the way around the Kalgoorlie clayway. Blake took victory in the first heat of the 2008/2009 Champion Industries Pro Dirt series closely followed by Ben Ludlow and Warren Oldfield. Alan Nylander and Jamie Oldfield retired late in the race with mechanical difficulties.

Heat 2 was quite an eventful race with Craig Vosbergen (#8) starting pole, Jay Cardy (#52) outside followed by Darren Currell (#35), the Australian Champion Brad Ludlow (Aus#1), Terry Chamberlain (#3) and rookies Jason Moyle (#6) and Ian Burt (#60). Vosbergen rocketed to an early lead before spinning on lap 2 and being collected by Cardy. Also

caught up in the action was Brad Ludlow in the Aus#1 Dicandilo Steel City machine and Terry Chamberlain who both spun to miss the #52 car stopped on the track.

The race was restarted only to have Cardy spin in front of the field leading onto the main straight narrowly missing a flagman and causing another stoppage and forcing Darren Currell to retire with damage to the front of his car.

Vosbergen shot to the lead followed very closely by Ludlow before running wide 2 laps later allowing the Australian champ to take the lead and seal victory in his first race of the season. Jay Cardy came back to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by Vosbergen, Moyle and Ian Burt.

After a closely contested first heat Ben Ludlow hit his straps in heat 3 securing victory over Brad Blake, Warren Oldfield and Jamie Oldfield.

Heat 4 saw Brad Ludlow start pole followed by Darren Currell, Jay Cardy, Craig Vosbergen, Jason Moyle and Ian Burt. Ludlow dominated speeding to the front and pulling a lengthy lead over Vosbergen and Cardy. Finishing the race a quarter of a lap ahead of the field Ludlow made it 2 wins front 2 starts and securing highest points leading into the final.

The top 6 drivers in the night's points standings entered into the BCM Motorsport Marketing Dash to determine their starting position in the final. Being top points holder Brad Ludlow started pole with the

lightening quick Brad Blake on his outside and father Ben Ludlow breathing down his neck out of position 3. Cardy started from position 4 with Vosbergen and Warren Oldfield rounding out the starting 6.

As the green flag dropped Blake raced to the lead closely followed by Brad Ludlow and Ben Ludlow. After a hard and fast 6 laps that's how they finished.

The near capacity Kalgoorlie crowd 'went off' and showed their appreciation by flashing their lights and beeping their horns as the thunderous V8s rolled around ready for a start, it was quite a sight indeed! Brad Ludlow started strongly tailing the multiple national champ Brad Blake before the Dicandilo Steel City #1 Chev dropped a cylinder coming into lap 2 forcing him to retire and hand 2<sup>nd</sup> place to his father Ben.

Blake led from start to finish pulling a convincing half lap lead on Ben Ludlow in 2<sup>nd</sup>. The highlight of the night's racing was the 18 lap tussle between Ludlow, Vosbergen and Warren Oldfield for second place where there was never more than 3 car lengths between the 3 of them, absolutely brilliant watching!

Blake leads heading into the second round of the Champion Industries Pro Dirt series at Manjimup Speedway on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Followed by Ben Ludlow, Craig Vosbergen, Warren Oldfield, Jason Moyle, Darren Currell and Ian Burt.

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## LUDLOW SET FOR SUCCESS IN 2008/2009

Ludlow Racing is set for what chanced a brand new 2008 GRT With the purchase of 2 new cars looks to be their biggest season chassis direct from the US and a huge effort in the off sea- yet. With Brad initially cam- which is due to arrive late next son I think you will be seeing the 2007/2008 Australian Cham- track early in the new year. the Aus#1 Dicandilo Steel City pionship he definitely looks to After being the first father – City car on the podium on a be in with a strong chance of son duo to achieve Australia #1 regular occasion! victory this season. and #2 in the history of Late All I can say is WATCH THIS

To ensure success in the Models in Australia, Ludlow Champion Industries Pro Dirt Racing are looking for a repeat series this year Brad has pur- of their success this season.

SPACE!!

*David Nylander*



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