



The Promoter of Heartland Raceway Moama Dave Roberts would like to express his concerns regarding the World Series Sprintcars show at Moama last Saturday Evening December 2nd.

These are the Facts as stated by Dave Roberts himself in a discussion with Bear from BCM Motorsports Marketing.

The Track preparation on the night and the days leading up to the event were good but over watered due to two major factors we counted on, dry winds & day light saving.

It was a hot day and very windy and that was one of the major factors in drying out the track. This is why more water was added. One thing we didn't want was a dry slick race track for the competitors. It was also decided prior to the event to start later because of daylight savings.

After engine start ups and track packing the officials decided to grade off the top of the surface while waiting for Sun to go down. It would have been in drivers eyes and very dangerous at the speeds in which they were approaching at the end of the straight.

We lost approx 1 hr in time during this and from this point on we were trying to make up as much time as possible. Racing finally started approx 8.35 the track was lighting fast with some big moves in all heats. Some of the quickest times ever recorded at the venue. A weather change came through which we did not count on and with a cold front attached to it with scorching cold south winds which caused discomfort for spectators and fans in some area's.

We tried filing in time with the World Series Big screen and had 6 burn out cars to fill in some gaps between races, which took about 3-4 minutes each.

2 Sensational – Dashes- B Main were run in very quick time and a credit to all concerned.

The A main started approx 11.15 and was one hell of a race until lap 6 when unfortunately Drew Kruck required medical assistance, the race restarted and red lighted on lap 14 with another incident, at this point Drew's condition was serious and with his safety a main concern to all us it required the ambulance to leave immediately for Echuca Hospital and he was airlifted to Melbourne Hospital for treatment, nobody in the spectator gallery would have been aware of this and the troubled that followed in trying to get another ambulance to the venue. The turn around time for a replacement ambulance was an agonizing 35-40 minutes which started to get late into the night, the race finally finished approx 1am.

Summary.

We got the track preparation wrong and in doing this didn't allow for factors such as the late start, dry hot winds and the sun setting this all cost us time in starting the program. Also the

ambulance having to depart and trying to secure another the turn around time 35-40 min assisting Drew Kruck.

Drew Kruck or any other driver or official that requires medical assistance is more important to me than running over time; his safety was our main concern.

The competitors in both divisions were absolutely sensational and done every thing that was asked of them. It was a night of many small problems that turned into a timing nightmare we couldn't catch up in time but the program but we had an obligation to the teams, drivers & fans to get through as best we could.

All WSS officials & workers of Heartland Raceway were tired and disappointed by late finish and this was not something we had planned on but I'm sure its not the first time a track has ran overtime but sometimes it just out of our control. It seemed we just had our bad luck all at once.

No one was more disappointed than me.

But I do know this, we learnt a lot and the next meeting on January 13th for the National Super Sedan Series will surely make up for it.

We all wish Drew a speedy recovery.

Get well Soon.

Dave Roberts

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