

The Racer's Edge



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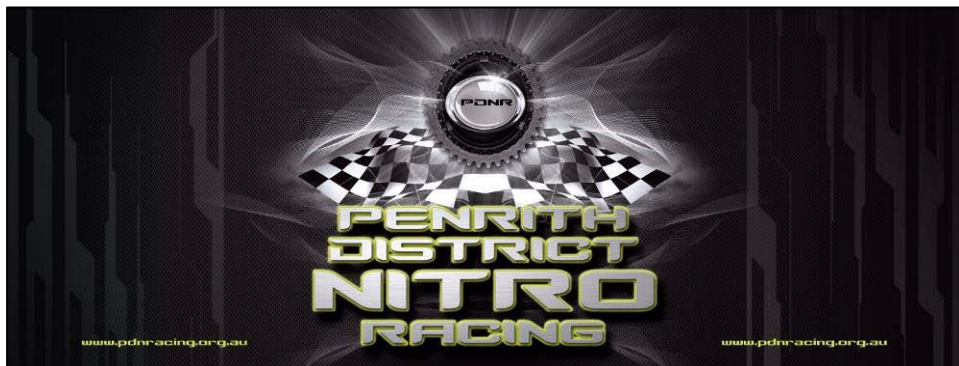
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WELCOME

Welcome to another edition of *The Racer's Edge*. This is the final edition for 2013 and once again we have heaps to report. The move at the start of the year to P3 with new lights and a smooth surface has been a great success. We have seen our members developing their skills at other tracks and major events as well as representing the club at state & Australian titles. Our major events have been well supported by our club members and visitors from many other clubs.



2013 has seen the introduction of new classes including GT & 1/8th Limited as well as a few tweaks to existing classes to ensure we continue to grow our club & our hobby.

In this issue we bring you some updates and several reports from recent events and activities. We also have regular inclusions such as the President's Report and championship point scores.

Make sure you also check out the calendar which has all the dates you need to add to the fridge for 2014.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *The Racer's Edge*.

Catch you at the track!

Cheers,
(Reserve) Pit Crew Chief

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members and Guests,

Welcome to the last edition of *The Racer's Edge* for 2013.

Ladies And Gents , Boy's & Girl's

Another year has come and almost gone. Some fantastic racing in the past 12 months from our Tuesday Night Racing all the way to State Titles and National titles. Congratulations to all the winners in their classes.

And for all the drivers that have been attending other race meets, keep it up, you are not only improving on your skills but doing PDNR proud. The Number 1 Club



I would like to thank again those helpers who week after week help with track set up and pack up, also running of the canteen, your assistance goes a long way to ensuring that each night starts off smoothly.

Also, a big thanks should go to the outgoing committee members for 2013. I feel that PDNR is the number one club in Australia and this is due to the great efforts of the committee, and the loyal support from our drivers and members. A job well done to all of you.

Tonight after the presentation and other formalities is the Annual General Meeting. I urge all drivers to attend the AGM and find out not only who your new committee will be for 2014, but to also find out what the club is aiming for in the future.

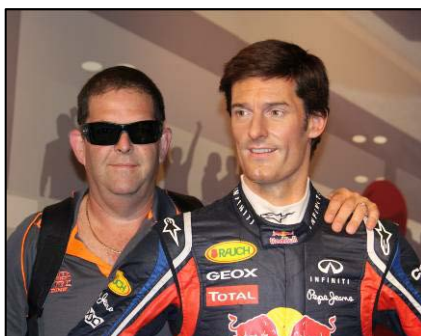
I would also like to give a big thank you to our sponsors for their support throughout the year. I encourage all drivers to support our sponsors when possible and you can see their adverts throughout the Racers Edge newsletters or on the sponsors' page of the PDNR website.

On behalf of PDNR we hope that you and your family stay safe over the Christmas and New Year holidays

Flavio Cataldo

President

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TRACK TALK

~ with Bruce Berg ~

Here's an update of where we are up to with the track and what the committee is working on for the future.

We still have no news on a permanent track. We are communicating with the Regatta Centre to locate us permanently. We are also on the lookout for possible venues that could be used to build a permanent track. The difficulties we face are that we run at night and noise and lighting restrictions limit our options.

P3 car park surface is still great to drive on with very few bumps or issues to disrupt our racing line. Continuing running repairs from some of our electrical/technical guys has seen the lights repaired and maintained. Thanks Guys.

The track timber removal has seen some spectacular crashes down the back straight and sweeper with most cars surviving and able to rejoin the race after the marshals clean a bit of grass and sticks out.



The small changes made at to extend the sweeper by moving the bridge out and extend the pit straight has given the track an extra 6.8 metres in length and everyone seems to have dealt with the change in their own way.



At a recent working bee the truck and trailer received a well deserved clean. We also put some reversing lights on the trailer to assist with returning the trailer to the storage area. There was also some lights put on the truck to assist in the coupling of the trailer and to light up the interior when we are setting up & packing up.

Track timber painting still needs to be done but with limited help at working bees we aren't able to complete all the tasks to make our track better. Please come and help on working bee. You don't have to be a committee member or even have any specific skills to help.

- ✓ **Rubber corners.** The committee has signed off on the rubber corners and we are having templates made so we can get them cut out. They will be 12mm high with a 25mm bevelled edge and made from Orange rubber.
- ✓ **Monitors.** We have acquired some monitors and they have been fitted to the trailer.
- ✓ **Race Timing.** We are still looking at upgrading the laptops and timing system but we haven't progressed since our last newsletter
- ✓ **Designated Smoking Area.** The designated smoking area has been moved closer to encourage usage by smokers.



If you have any ideas on how to improve our track please don't keep them to yourself. Bring it up with committee members or fill out a suggestion form available at registration.

The committee is there to represent PDNR members and drivers, so if you have any ideas, experiences, thoughts or suggestions please approach one of the committee members and let them know so that they can present and explore them further.

Your club, your ideas!



RACE REPORT

~ 2013 PDNR Challenge ~

By Bruce Berg



A false start due to some unhelpful weather saw only two heats of GT class make the track before the rains came down. We waited a while before making the call to postpone the event. This turned out to be the right decision as it bucketed down for the rest of the day.



The postponing of the event was great for some who couldn't make the first date due to other commitment but we lost some others who couldn't commit to the new date. The RC gods gave us blue skies and sunshine. So with the bacon & egg rolls cooking, everyone loaded into race control it was on to the drivers brief, concourse and photos.

First up on the track were the kids class and the future of racing is in good hands at Penrith with four girls and one boy learning their way around a race track.



Now it was time for some big kids and the two heats of GT didn't disappoint the spectators. It was Rick Seymonsbergen that would set the pace early with an 18 lap qualifier followed by the Wollongong wiz Darren Neave. After ironing out some gremlins Chris Stanley was able to pull out 18 laps in the third qualifier but it was quite quick enough to take TQ from Seymo. A few withdrawals seen all drivers bump up into the 30 minute A final. It was neck & neck for the first 25 laps between Stanley & Seymo with both showing great speed until an issue for Stanley seen him off the track and dropping about six laps to Seymo before he resumed still in second place. Third qualifier Neave never started the race which left Greg Temme charging around in third until drama hit doing a plug. This was the opportunity for the other Rick (Klvetasch) to grab third. Seymo was comfortable out front with Stanley holding an easy second place until another dram took Stanley out of the race on 71 laps. Now it was up to Klvetasch and Temme to try to get past Stanley's mark to take the minor placing's. The final buzzer saw Seymo cross with 100 laps in first place with Klvetasch second and Stanley in third with Greg one lap shy of a podium.



Next up was Limited with a mix of youth, beauty & age with our young gun drivers racing against our only woman driver and our oldest club member. It was in Q1 Corey Fraser setting the pace with Dayton Woodhurst hot on his tail and Monika Woodhurst one lap down in third. This is how it stayed through Q2 & 3 with only Fraser bettering his time. The 20 minute A final started well with little drama at the start. Corey led from start to finish with a consistent and reliable drive. It was the placing's where the excitement was with mum Monika fighting it out with son Dayton. Dayton had some issues which seen him off the track and dropping to 6th when he resumed. It was then a race between Barry & Monika for which step on the podium they would stand. Monika won this battle with consistent driving. Barry had an issue with 3 minutes to go which gave Dayton a sniff at third but Barry was able to get back and hold him out.



It was only a small field for Pullstart with some regulars unable to make the rescheduled date. It was Shane Baldwin setting the pace in Q1 with 17 laps. Q2 saw Bruce Berg & Graeme Fraser go faster but not enough to knock Baldwin out of TQ. The start to the race was anything but great for Baldwin breaking the car in warm up and missing the start by 15 laps. It was Fraser who got the jump on everyone and led until the first pit stop. A bullet like stop for Berg saw him gain 5 seconds in the pits and charge out to a commanding lead until disaster struck and he lost second gear with 10 minutes to go. Frank Deak got a twitch in his leg when he heard the call the Berg had lost second gear. Deak with some consistent fast driving pulled back the gap and was right on the tail of Berg who then tried to make his car as wide as possible. With less than 2 minutes to go Deak seized the opportunity to take first and then went back into his rhythm knowing that Berg didn't have the pace to come back.

21 drivers, 6 brands of car & 5 different clubs came to race the Open Tourer class in the PDNR Challenge and the pace was set early by the Moorebank Serpent drivers Aaron Lee & Joey Casey with 19 laps. No one was able to match these two with the next 11 drivers all on 18 laps. It was Lee that would take TQ for this event with Casey unable to improve from Q1. The C final saw Andrew Bardetta in an unusual position have to try to bump up but he was successful along with Darren Brighton & Leon Huie. The B final saw Bardetta & Shaun Kaltenbecher get a flyer from the start to jump up to 2nd & 3rd behind Alex Koussas. This would be how they finished and bump up to the A Final. The A Final saw Casey get the jump from Lee at the start to lead for the first three laps before Lee would take back the lead. The true fight was back in the pack with 3rd to 8th driving around as if they were tied together. Lee had a comfortable lead and was just hoping his pit crew didn't do a repeat from the winter champs and remember to fuel him up. Casey was a clear second until issues start forming for his Serpent. This seen him off the track for quite some time. Taking advantage of this was the man from Singleton Dallas Gardiner and Koussas from the B final. These guys would continue to fight it out for the minor places until the final buzzer saw Lee in 1st, Gardiner 2nd & Koussas 3rd.



With a competitive field of 10 drivers the Open pan class was going to be fast and furious. It was for Michael Turner & Ben Dunn with 19 laps in Q1. This was not the last of the 19 lap qualifiers with 6 drivers all doing a qualifier with 19 laps. The surprise was Matt Oxford Top qualifying with 19 laps in 5.00.225 just missing 20 laps and holding Turner out by 0.104 with Kane Alderton 4 seconds behind to start 3rd. Disaster for Turner not turning a lap for nearly 4 minutes but this meant Oxford was able to get out in front alone. This left Alderton fighting with Ben Dunn for 2nd until Alderton left the race not to return. The race would stay this way with Matt Oxford more shocked than anyone that he had won in a car that wasn't a buggy. Ben Dunn in his first major event in a 1/8 scale was a clear 2nd with Dallas Gardiner holding on by 1 laps from a fast Michael Turner.



Final Results

Open Pan					
Pos	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final
1	Matthew OXFORD	PDNR / MMI / GFY Racing / Neo / Mugen MRX5	109	30:03.3	A Final
2	Ben DUNN	EDAM /	106	30:02.2	A Final
3	Dallas GARDINER		101	30:01.7	A Final
4	Michael TURNER	PDNR / JPM Racing / Mugen MRX5 / 5463924	100	30:12.8	A Final
5	Peter ALLEN	ACT / / /	60	21:24.6	A Final
6	Jamie OTTEN		49	16:53.1	A Final
7	David STRONG	ACT / / Mugen /	43	15:48.7	A Final
8	Kane ALDERTON	NSWRCRCC / Online Hobbies / MMI / Neo / Co	23	08:33.8	A Final
9	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR /	1	00:17.9	A Final
10	Robert WILLAIMSON	NSWRCRCC /	0	00:00.0	A Final
Open Tourer					
Pos	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Aaron LEE	NSWRCRCC / Walter RC / Bartz RC Partz Serp	109	30:04.8	A Final
2	Dallas GARDINER		107	30:10.8	A Final
3	Alex KOUSSAS	NSWRCRCC / Kickass Racing / /	106	30:02.7	A Final
4	Andrew BARDETTA	NSWRCRCC / /	104	30:03.5	A Final
5	George KAROZIS	NSWRCRCC / Gammakappa Inc Racing / XRAY NT	101	30:13.7	A Final
6	Shaun KALTNBCHR	PDNR / / Serpent /	97	29:24.1	A Final
7	Tony FIRTH	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / JPM Racing /	89	30:14.8	A Final
8	Joel CASEY	NSWRCRCC / / Serpent 747 /	71	30:12.9	A Final
9	Rick SEYMO	PDNR / / Serpent 747 /	58	17:54.8	A Final
10	Tim MOYLAN	PDNR / / Kyosho R4 /	51	15:03.5	A Final
11	Rod MORGAN	PDNR / Mortech / Capricom /	65	20:06.3	B Final
12	Jamie OTTEN	/ / /	64	20:04.5	B Final
13	Phillip WOODHURST	PDNR / / /	58	20:11.4	B Final
14	Leon HUJIE		56	19:08.1	B Final
15	Steve VALLETTA	PDNR / / /	42	12:39.1	B Final
16	John GERMANOS	NSWRCRCC / / XRAY NT1 /	16	06:03.2	B Final
17	Darren BRIGHTON	ACT / / Mugen /	0	00:00.0	B Final
18	John REILLY	PDNR / / Mugen MTX4R /	31	10:11.5	C Final
19	Clinton CHAMBERS	NSWRCRCC / / /	28	09:49.5	C Final
20	Lachlan POTTS	/ / KM HK1 /	11	03:16.4	C Final
21	Darren NEAVE	NSWRCRCC / Kickass Racing / Serpent 747 /	0	00:00.0	C Final

Pullstart					
Pos	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Frank DEAK	PDNR / Me / Kyosho V1S3 Evo /	97	30:13.0	A Final
2	Bruce BERG	PDNR / Express Test and Tag Penrith / Kyos	97	30:16.5	A Final
3	Grahame FRASER	PDNR / G and E Signs / Team Noizee / Butte	93	30:06.1	A Final
4	Shane BALDWIN	PDNR / Image Mart /	81	30:06.9	A Final
5	Jayson RUTHFRD	/	34	20:06.5	A Final

Limited					
Pos	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Corey FRASER	PDNR / G and E Signs / Team Noizee / Edam	59	20:03.7	A Final
2	Monika WOODHURST	PDNR / With a K Racing Team / /	57	20:17.5	A Final
3	Barry GAVIN	PDNR / / Edam /	53	20:14.7	A Final
4	Dayton WOODHURST	PDNR / 2379222 / /	52	20:01.6	A Final
5	Caine FRASER	PDNR / G and E Signs / Team Noizee / Edam	44	20:21.3	A Final
6	Tate FIRTH	PDNR / Grahams Hobby Centre / Kyosho V1S3	41	20:15.8	A Final
7	Luke BERG	PDNR / Express Test and Tag Penrith / Kyos	33	19:59.6	A Final
8	Brayden STANLEY	PDNR / / /	25	11:04.7	A Final
9	Adam SEYMO	PDNR / / /	24	20:15.7	A Final

1/8 GT					
Pos	Name	Details	Laps	Time	Final Name
1	Rick SEYMO	PDNR / 9586732 / GT Serpent / 4119910	100	30:14.3	A Final
2	Rick KLUVETASCH		78	30:19.9	A Final
3	Chris STANLEY	PDNR / / Serpent /	71	22:31.9	A Final
4	Greg TEMME	PDNR / / /	70	30:13.8	A Final
5	Joseph PATANE	PDNR / JPM Racing / /	59	26:43.0	A Final
6	Robert PARRINGTON		47	30:06.3	A Final
7	Jim CRANSTON		25	14:24.7	A Final
8	Robert WILLAIMSON	NSWRCRC /	2	09:20.3	A Final
9	Darren NEAVE	/ / /	0	00:00.0	A Final
10	Grahame FRASER	2540595 / / /	0	00:00.0	A Final



PDNR Challenge – Round 3

SUNDAY SUPER SERIES



Top 3

Pullstart

Bruce Berg
Frank Deak
Rod Albronda

Limited

Monika Woodhurst
Dayton Woodhurst
Lachlan Potts

Open Tourer

Aaron Lee
Michael Stone
Tony Firth

1/8 GT

Rick Seymonsbergen
Chris Stanley
Joe Patane

Open Pan

Michael Turner
Steve Valletta
Shaun Kaltenbacher



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2014 EVENT CALENDAR

Summer		
Tue	7-Jan-14	Registration & Practice 1
Tue	14-Jan-14	R1
Sat	18-Jan-14	2014 IMCC Cup (Fairy Meadow)
Tue	21-Jan-14	R2
Fri	24-Jan-14	2014 AARCMCC VIC IC State Championships (Lilydale, MRCCR)
Sun	26-Jan-14	
Mon	27-Jan-14	Australia Day (Public Holiday)
Tue	28-Jan-14	R3
Tue	4-Feb-14	R4
Tue	11-Feb-14	R5
Tue	18-Feb-14	R6
Tue	25-Feb-14	R7
Tue	4-Mar-14	R8
Sat	8-Mar-14	TopGear Festival Sydney (Sydney Motorsport Park)
Sun	9-Mar-14	
Tue	11-Mar-14	R9
Sun	16-Mar-14	F1 Australian Grand Prix
Tue	18-Mar-14	SIRC NOT AVAILABLE - NO RACING
Sat	22/03/2014	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser/Promo (Nth Penrith)
Tue	25-Mar-14	SIRC NOT AVAILABLE - NO RACING
Tue	1-Apr-14	SIRC NOT AVAILABLE - NO RACING
Tue	8-Apr-14	R10
Tue	15-Apr-14	R11
Fri	18-Apr-14	2014 AARCMCC NSW IC State Championships (Moorebank, NSWRCRCC)
Sun	20-Apr-14	
Tue	22-Apr-14	R12
Fri	25-Apr-13	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
Sun	27-Apr-14	PDNR Sunday Series
Tue	29-Apr-14	R13
Tue	6-May-14	Summer Presentation Night

Autumn		
Tue	13-May-14	Registration & Practice 1
Tue	20-May-14	R1
Tue	27-May-14	R2
Tue	3-Jun-14	R3
<i>Fri</i>	<i>6-Jun-14</i>	<i>2014 AARCMCC ACT IC State Championships (Canberra, ACTMCRC)</i>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>8-Jun-14</i>	
<i>Mon</i>	<i>9-Jun-14</i>	<i>Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)</i>
<i>Mon</i>	<i>9/06/2014</i>	<i>SIRC RC Model Club Promo Day</i>
Tue	10-Jun-14	R4
Tue	17-Jun-14	R5
Tue	24-Jun-14	R6
<i>Sun</i>	<i>29-Jun-14</i>	<i>Racing Lines - Winter Champs (PDNR) - Bump-in & Practice: Saturday Afternoon / Evening</i>
Tue	1-Jul-14	R7
Tue	8-Jul-14	R8
Tue	15-Jul-14	R9
Tue	22-Jul-14	R10
Tue	29-Jul-14	R11
Tue	5-Aug-14	R12
Tue	12-Aug-14	R13



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Spring		
Tue	19-Aug-14	Registration & Practice 1
Sun	24-Aug-14	V8SC - Sydney Motorsport Park 400
Tue	26-Aug-14	R1
Sun	31-Aug-14	2014 PDNR Challenge - Bump-in & Practice: Saturday Afternoon / Evening
Tue	2-Sep-14	R2
Sat	6-Sep-14	PDNR Promo at St Marys Spring Festival
Tue	9-Sep-14	SIRC NOT AVAILABLE - NO RACING Autumn Presentation Night
Tue	16-Sep-14	SIRC NOT AVAILABLE - NO RACING
Tue	23-Sep-14	R3
Tue	30-Sep-14	R4
Thu	2-Oct-14	2014 AARCMCC IC National Championships (Littlehampton, RRCSA)
Mon	6-Oct-14	
Mon	6-Oct-14	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
Tue	7-Oct-14	R5
Sun	12-Oct-14	V8SC - Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000
Tue	14-Oct-14	R6
Tue	21-Oct-14	R7
Tue	28-Oct-14	R8
Tue	4-Nov-14	R9
Sun	9-Nov-14	PDNR Sunday Series
Tue	11-Nov-14	R10
Tue	18-Nov-14	R11
Tue	25-Nov-14	R12
Tue	2-Dec-14	R13
Sun	7-Dec-14	V8SC - Sydney 500
Tue	9-Dec-14	Spring Presentation Night / Santa / AGM
Tue	16-Dec-14	PDNR 2.4 Hour Le Mans

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS – SPRING 2013

Here are the Final Championship Points from the 2013 Spring Championship. It was another great championship with many podiums determined on the final 15 minute race. There was only one night affected by rain.

Division Sponsor GFY RACING		
OFF ROAD PRO		
P	Name	Pts
1	Matthew OXFORD	408
2	Darrell KNIGHT	380
3	Jonathan HART	321
4	William VANDEBELD	248
5	Don BISHOP	228
5	Steve HART	228
7	Greg ROSSITER	217
8	Tom HARRISON	61
9	Shaun HASKETT	37
10	Matthew PARLETT	18
11	Rick KLUVETASCH	17
12	Will SHIELD	0

Division Sponsor JPM RACING : RB : ATS : CASTER		
1/8 LIMITED		
P	Name	Pts
1	Darrell KNIGHT	434
2	Chris EARL	317
3	Greg ROSSITER	285
4	Darrel THOMPSON	236
5	Greg TEMME *	210
6	Rick KLUVETASCH	153
7	Chris CIAPARRA	119
8	Matthew PARLETT	94
9	Jonathan HART	36
10	Grahame FRASER	28
11	Joseph PATANE	21
12	Barry GAVIN	0
12	Michael TURNER	0



Division Sponsor NOIZEE : G & E SIGNS		
OPEN PAN		
P	Name	Pts
1	Michael TURNER	436
2	Barry GAVIN	308
3	Darrel THOMPSON	298
4	Ben DUNN	150
4	Matthew OXFORD	150
6	Jamie OTTEN	133
7	Shaun KALTENBACHER	32

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS Cont'd

Division Sponsor PIRTEK AUSTRALIA		
PULL START		
P	Name	Pts
1	Bruce BERG	378
2	Frank DEAK	364
3	Joe GALEA	206
4	John NEWHAM	202
5	Matthew OXFORD	200
6	Flavio CATALDO	172
7	Jayson RUTHERFORD	90
8	Rod ALBRONDA	78
9	Kris ALBRONDA	61
10	Grahame FRASER	42
11	Dayton WOODHURST	28
12	Darrell KNIGHT	0

Division Sponsor IMAGE MART		
OUTLAW		
P	Name	Pts
1	John REILLY	249
2	Lachlan POTTS	215
3	Tony FIRTH	160
4	Chris STANLEY	148
5	Jamie OTTEN	116
6	Nick JANJIC	69
7	Daniel WOODHURST	68
8	John NEWHAM	58
9	Aaron Lee	48
10	Phillip WOODHURST	30
11	Jason MOYLAN	26
12	John CHRONO	25
13	Jonathan GILBERT	24

Division Sponsor		
1/8 GT		
P	Name	Pts
1	Rick SEYMONSBERGEN	400
2	Chris STANLEY	389
3	Steve VALLETTA	306
4	Shaun KALTENBACHER	138
5	Flavio CATALDO	122
6	Darren NEAVE	112
7	Grahame FRASER	36
8	Rod ALBRONDA	26
9	Jamie OTTEN	20
10	Ben DUNN	0

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P	Name	Pts
1	Tim MOYLAN	440
2	Rick SEYMONSBERGEN	352
3	Rod MORGAN	299
4	Steve VALLETTA	297
5	Shaun KALTENBACHER	259
6	Aaron LEE	48
7	Jonathon GILBERT	37
8	Jayson RUTHERFORD	32
9	Chris STANLEY	30
10	Scott MACDONALD	24
11	Jamie OTTEN	21
12	Darren NEAVE	20
13	John REILLY	10
14	Lachlan POTTS	0

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