

## ZAMORA LEADS NW LATE MODEL CHALLENGE SERIES TO 'DUEL' AT STATELINE'S IDAHO 200 WEEKEND

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Graham, Wash. (August 2, 2005) – Mike Zamora of Kennewick WA currently holds top position in the Late Model Challenge Series 2005 points championship and is busy preparing his car for this weekend's scheduled race at Stateline Speedway in Post Falls, ID. He will be joined by many of the top Late Model Super Stock drivers from throughout the Northwest region for a 100-lap special event, dubbed the 'ROCKSTAR 100'. This race will be one of three Late Model events scheduled this weekend at Northern Idaho's premier high-banked, paved 1/4-mile oval during the sixth annual Idaho 200 weekend, August 5<sup>th</sup> –7<sup>th</sup>.

The Idaho 200 three-day event offers a unique format, with Friday and Saturday serving as both point races and as qualifier events for Sunday's 200-lap feature event. On Friday, Stateline's local late model program - Inland Northwest Super Stock Association (INSSA) will be competing and on Saturday the Late Model Challenge Series (LMCS) will be featured. These 100-lap qualifier races, named the 'ROCKSTAR Energy Drink Duel for the 200' pits the best of both series against the top local and regional Late Model and Super Stock drivers in 100-lap qualifier/duels, with the top six finishers of each event receiving a guaranteed starting position in Sunday's main event – the IDAHO 200 sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts. The remaining starting positions will be filled by teams advancing through consolation heats Sunday morning.

Full fields of late model super stock teams are expected at each of the three scheduled races this weekend, which will easily draw over 40 of the region's top teams from throughout Washington, Idaho, Montana and BC Canada. On Saturday, drivers will be competing for the twenty-two main event positions available in the 'RockStar100'. This is the fifth of eight point races on the Late Model Challenge Series 2005 touring schedule, and the series final visit this season to Stateline Speedway. The series last visited Stateline Speedway in May and had 27 cars participate, with Garrett Evans of E. Wenatchee WA setting fast time. Unfortunately, the event was rain-cancelled after just 16 laps of green flag racing.

Mike Zamora of Kennewick WA currently leads the LMCS points battle with only a small margin between the remaining top five drivers: Jimmy Johnson of Orting WA, Brent Harris of E. Wenatchee WA, Jay Sauls of Puyallup WA, and the team of Mark Sundberg & BJ Tidrick. Harris won the series first two races at WVSO this season, and BJ earned top honors at Montana Raceway Park (Tidrick went on to win the MT200 two weeks later). Johnson was victorious at last season's LMCS event held during the Idaho 200 weekend. Zamora is still pursuing his first

victory this season, but has earned the top points position by consistently placing in the top-5 and securing fast qualifier points at WVSO in May. Zamora's most recent Late Model victory was with the LMCS at Tri-City Raceway in June of 2004, which was that track's last LM event since going dormant after the 2004 season.

For 2005, the LMCS series secured eleven races at a total of eight venues throughout the Northwest. Eight of the races are LMCS point races, with three additional 'invitational' non-points events. The point races include three dates at WVSO, two at Stateline Speedway ID, and one each at Montana Raceway Park MT, Western Speedway BC, and Evergreen Speedway WA. The three 'invitational' races are scheduled at Mission Valley MT (same weekend as Kalispell LMCS event), Sun Valley Speedway BC, and an open-comp event at Pacific Raceway's 2.25-mile road course in Kent, WA.

Stateline Speedway's 'RockStar 100' race schedule: Hot laps start at 2pm with qualifying for all classes to begin at 6pm. Racing at 7:30pm. Front Gate opens at 5:30pm. Ticket prices: \$13.00 adult, \$11.00 student(12-16)/senior/military, \$6.00 juniors(5-12), \$30 family. Friday qualifying begins at 6pm with racing at 7:30pm. Fireworks are scheduled after both Friday and Saturday events. On Sunday, qualifying begins at 1pm with racing at 2:30.

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