



Mike Zamora 2005 Series Champion

Late Model Challenge Series 'WIX Filters 100' at Yakima Speedway May 20

Graham, WA (May 17, 2006): On Saturday May 20 the best Northwest Late Model Racers get together at the Northwest's fastest half-mile oval. Yakima Speedway once again has drawn the best for the 'Wix Filters 100' to the fabled hot bed of Northwest racing. The traveling Late Model Challenge Series returns after almost a 2-year hiatus. Over 40-cars are expected to challenge the track that many feel can not be tamed.

The Series was last at Yakima Speedway on July 10, 2004. Each of the previous three stops at Yakima the number of Late Models has been large. With the 40+ cars expected only 26 will make it to the start of the 100-lap main event. The top 20-qualifiers will be locked into the main with 2-provisional positions available for those with points from last season. The remaining 4-starting spots will be filled by the top 4-finishers in the Last Chance Main.

The Late Model Challenge in its seventh year, has three of the series' former champions two time champion '2000 & 2400' Ron Wolf (Auburn, WA), Jason Hedrick (Graham, WA) '2003' and the '2005' champion Mike Zamora (Kennewick, WA) on the pre-registered list.

Pre-registered drivers representing the states of Oregon, Washington, Montana, North Carolina plus Canada will make this event one of the best attended of the early 2006 season.

Traveling from Salisbury, N.C., former Portland Speedway Late Model Champion, Darren Shaw returns to the Northwest to compete in the 'Wix Filters 100'. Four drivers from Canada are making the trip south across the border. They are Wade Bland, Rob Angus, Ryan Fischer and Darrell Midgley. Traveling west is Mark Owens (Kalispell, MT) who has won the Montana 200. All the way up from Oregon two drivers will make their debut at Yakima Speedway. Willy Thom (Dundee, OR) and Bryon Harvey (Sutherlin, OR) will try to be the one to tame the half-mile.

Local drivers that have to be considered favorites are: former Yakima Speedway Champion Jason Jefferson (Naches, WA), another former track champion BJ Tidrick (Yakima, WA), also a championship contender is Erick Hargraves (Selah, WA), Jarrod Crum (Kennewick, WA), Lon Werremeyer (Yakima, WA), and many time winner at Yakima Speedway Ron Bemis (Yakima, WA).

In addition to the 'Wix Filters 100', the Yakima Speedway's Street Stocks and Hobby Stocks will be featured. Practice for all classes begins at 2:00PM. The all important qualifying session begins at 5:00PM with the racing getting underway at 6:30PM. Front Gates open at 4:30PM. Tickets available call the Speedway's office at 509-248-0647 or on race night May 20 at the front gate.

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