

## Presnell celebrates first victory of season at Newport Speedway



SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. (June 12, 2010) — After a phenomenal rookie season competing in full-bodied late model stock cars last year, which resulted in four victories and several top-5 and top-10 runs along the way, the current campaign had not been too kind for Dylan Presnell of Sevierville, Tenn., until his breakthrough victory Saturday night at Newport Speedway.

The 15-year-old Presnell, a Sevier County High School student, started the 75-lap Late Model Stock feature from the pole position and quickly settled into the second spot after one lap was completed. But riding a strong mount, Presnell overtook Dennis Queen for the lead and once out front he never looked back en route to capturing the victory. At times Presnell held a full-straightaway advantage over his closest challengers, only to see the field tightened back up for restarts following caution periods.

The good taste of victory never tasted sweeter for Dylan, driving the [AmericanMountainRentals.com](http://AmericanMountainRentals.com) (Smoky Mountain Cabins - Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN)/Goulds Pumps/Clearwater Drilling Co./Race 101/Robbie White Racing Engines/No. 83 Chevrolet Impala for his family-owned Presnell Motorsports race team, which is based in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains in East Tennessee.

“Oh man, you don’t know how great it is to finally get our first win of the season” said Presnell following victory lane celebrations at Newport Speedway with crew and family. “It’s awesome to win here at Newport . I guess you could say this is our home-track because really it’s the closest track that we race at due to the way we mainly compete with national and regional touring series. So to be able race here before our sponsors and family and friends, and not only run well but to win ... it doesn’t get any better.

“Let me tell you, we were long overdue to have a strong run like we did tonight. When you run good and don’t get into ‘situations’ that will get you in trouble, you’ve got an excellent opportunity to win races. We’ve got a good race team, but we’ve just not had any luck on our side this year. We’ve really had our ups and downs this season ... and by that I mean we’ve had some good runs going, but just not the good finishes to back up just how good we’ve ran. We’ve qualified on the front row for a couple of races this year, and we’ve also had several top-10 runs going, but it seems like we’ve just been in the wrong place at the wrong time and have gotten collected up in wrecks not our own fault. But I guess that’s just racing, you take the good with the bad.”

Besides winning the Late Model Stock feature, Presnell pulled double-duty on the night by competing in the 100-lap Super Late Model main event. He battled hard to the checkered flag (finishing side-by-side with Mart Nesbitt) only to barely come up short of a runner-up finish by a couple of feet.

“I thought I was going to edge (Mart) Nesbitt out there for second-place, we were right alongside him,” Presnell said reflecting on the close finish. “But we’ll take the third-place run because we learned some things tonight about our Super Late Model that will definitely benefit us especially when we run the Pro All Stars Series South (PASS South) touring events here in August and then later in the fall in October.

“I really like racing here at Newport Speedway. From the first laps I ever ran here I really took a quick liking to this track. It just fits my driving style really well. This place is a momentum track, and you really carry a lot of speed around this high-banked layout, especially driving the Super Late Model. You’ve got to really get up on the (steering) wheel and hustle your car around here. If your car is working (handling) real well, generally you’ll have good run here at Newport .”

Presnell, the premier driver for the Race 101 program in 2010, chauffeured the AmericanMountainRentals.com (Smoky Mountain Cabins - Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN)/Goulds Pumps/Clearwater Drilling Co./McGunegill Engine Performance/No. 83 Ford Fusion to victory lane in the Super Late Model event.

Working out of the Presnell Motorsports race shop in Sevierville, with Dinky Torbett overseeing the day-to-day operations, plus working with Tony Blanchard’s RACE 101 (Research – Analyze – Consult – Educate – 1 On 1) Super Late Model program, the veteran guidance has proven to be outstanding for young Presnell.

“Yeah, I’m very fortunate to have such knowledgeable people as Dinky and Tony to help steer me in the right direction,” Presnell said. “Those guys have been around racing for many years, and I’ve got faith in them that they’ll put a good car under me. And as a racer, I feel that’s very important to know you’re going to have a good handling car, one that you feel comfortable driving.”

Next up for Dylan will be the United Auto Racing Association – Southern Touring Asphalt Racing Series Black’s Tire & Auto Service 150 at Myrtle Beach (S.C.)

Speedway on Saturday, June 19. For more info, visit the UARA-STARS Web site at [www.uara-stars.com](http://www.uara-stars.com)

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