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Osborne Racing Newsletter #6 – February 16, 2009 – Palmy Teams Review

We headed up north for what is considered the biggest meeting on the calendar - the Palmerston North Teams Champs.

This is a meeting that I love and we were all amped up for 2 nights of hard racing. Our team was definitely one of the strongest we have had and we were all confident of a great result. There was no easy group and we knew our group would be tough as well. We faced off against Waikato and quickly got the advantage by running second behind Jason Smith while Brad Rosewarne took care of some of the Waikato cars! We got taken to the wall by Warwick Ansty which slowed us up a bit so our main goal was to help protect Jase's lead. We ended winning 155 to 40 in what was an amazing start to the night. Funnily enough the only Waikato car to finish was another Top Gear Chassis!! Which is a credit to Scott and the team at Top Gear who have built a strong and fast car. We came away with a bent front bumper and out-riggers so we were happy to come away with the win over the Wanderers and with minimal damage.

Our second race against Nelson was going to be tough but the team was on a high from the win over the Waikato Wanderers.

Things didn't quite go as well as planned with Malcolm and Jase being taken out early, it was 2 cars against 4..not exactly the position we were hoping for as we could've secured a semi final spot with a good result. However this was not to be and we went down 150 to 45 with a 3rd and a 4th placing for Canterbury.

The car went great all weekend and although we could not qualify for the finals, we still had a shot at the 2nd tier championship.

We lined up against Wanganui in the Minor semi-final but the team had made the decision and we were stood down for this race. I was a bit gutted not to be out there but I knew the team would give it their best shot as we did in our other races. The race itself was brutal to say the least but the boys put in some huge hits and definitely had the pace to run when needed. However the Wanganui were just too strong as they won the race 140 - 0. It was still a great meeting and we were pleased with the team who showed what they are capable of and if we can keep working together and building on what we have learnt we can definitely put on a lot of stronger performances in the future.

We wish to thank all the Canterbury fans who made the trip and supported us over the nights racing. Osborne Racing and The Canterbury Glen Eagles would like to thank the following sponsors for all their support whenever the Glen Eagles race, whether it be the McCall Trophy or the teams champs, the following people make this happen and we would not have a team at all if it wasn't for them: Metalman, All Cars Auto Dismantlers, Reflex Fibreglass, Porthills Forklift Service, Riverlands Holiday Park, Blazing Firewood, Absolute Chemicals, Action Powdercoating, Mainland Photos, Top End Motors and Baldricks Caravan Park. A special thanks goes to Shaun Pearson of Eagle Spares for the use of the workshop over the weekend for the Glen Eagles, very much appreciated mate.

We must congratulate the Palmerston North Panthers on their 4th straight title and to the Tigers, who as always, put up a fight to the end.

Unfortunately we have to end this update on a very sad note, Kihikihi Kings driver Peter Barry sadly passed away on Thursday Night through injuries sustained during one of the teams races. On behalf the Canterbury Glen Eagles and the Osborne Racing team, I would like to pass on our Condolences to Peter's Family and

Friends. It's never nice to hear news of a fellow competitor's injuries and we wish his family all the best in these hard times.

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PS: The Osborne Racing Team will be up in the North Island again later in the season, taking in the Easter Extravaganza meeting at Rotorua on April 11 & 12, Speedfest at Huntly on April 16, and the Autumn Nationals at Meeanee, Hawkes Bay, on April 25.