



COMP Cams® Engine Builder Championship on LOLMDS A Tight One

Memphis, TN – With the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series recently surpassing the midpoint of the 2011 season, the battle for the series' COMP Cams® Engine Builder of the Year competition provides all indications that it will be a fight to the final event.

Over the past few years the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (LOLMDS) has grown to be arguably the most potent national tour in the Dirt Late Model world. It's no big surprise then that just about every major contender in the Dirt Late Model engine builder world has a presence on the tour, and the closeness of the current COMP Cams® Engine Builder of the Year standings reflects the parity among the top horsepower producers. With a grueling slate of dates that includes more than 40 events across the country, the LOLMDS is a true challenge for even the most seasoned veteran. And with tracks ranging from 1/4 mile bullrings to 1/2 mile motor eaters, the durability of engines are equally tested on a nightly basis.

The LOLMDS recently surpassed the midpoint of the 2011 season, and right now it is Somerset, Kentucky, builder Cornett Racing Engines that resides atop the point standings in the COMP Cams® Engine Builder of the Year standings. Cornett's leading pilot is Jimmy Owens from Newport, Tennessee, who has used four wins and several top five finishes to position not only Cornett Racing Engines atop the standings, but also himself as the current drivers' points leader. Owens has been a model of consistency in 2011, and it's reflected by his position in the standings in his #20 Bloomquist/Cornett Ford Thunder Super Late Model. Along with Owens in the Cornett Racing Engines camp is Brad Neat, who resides in the top ten in the tour standings and has won a single LOLMDS event in 2011 in his #41 Longhorn/Cornett Lightning Super Late Model. Another Cornett Racing driver, John Blankenship, recently won a series event at Hagerstown Speedway in his #23 Rocket/Cornett-powered entry.

Just ten points behind the leading engine builder in the competition is Roush Yates Racing Engines. While the company has just one regular driver competing on the tour, it has its stock in a strong candidate as two-time defending tour champion, Scott Bloomquist from Mooresburg, Tennessee, utilizes Roush Yates products. Alternating between Ford and Chevrolet power plants from Roush Yates Racing Engines, Bloomquist is currently second in the series standings on the heels of a tour best nine wins, several top five finishes, and an array of fast time awards.

Twenty-two points removed from the top spot is Aberdeen, Mississippi-based Jay Dickens Racing Engines, which has made a resurgence in 2011 after a brief merger with Roush Yates Racing Engines in 2010. With two regulars on the tour, Don O'Neal and Bub McCool, the engine builder has seen his clients record several strong runs as O'Neal has recorded one win and currently holds down the third position in the standings. Bub McCool has flirted with victory on the tour on several occasions and is currently tenth in the latest standings and second in the Quarter Master® Rookie of the Year battle.



Fourth place in the current COMP Cams[®] Engine Builder of the Year competition is Sullivan, Wisconsin-based Pro Power Racing Engines. Quarter Master[®] Rookie of the Year contender Frankie Heckanast Jr. has helped keep the engine builder in the top five. Invading driver Tim McCreddie also recently raced his Pro Power entry to a feature win during a New York swing, while fellow outsider Brian Birkhofer positioned his #15b Pro Power Racing Engines entry in victory lane at Tri-City Speedway in July.

Rounding out the top five in the current competition is North Carolina-based Earnhardt Childress Racing Engines. With Clint Bowyer Motorsports teammates Dale McDowell and Jared Landers running power plants from the company, the engine builder has visited victory lane once in 2011 with Landers. The engine provider has also powered Landers to the lead in the latest Quarter Master[®] Rookie of the Year standings.

Other engine builders earning points in the COMP Cams[®] Engine Builder of the Year competition thus far in 2011 include Race Engine Design (RED), Gaerte Race Engines, Vic Hill Racing Engines and Rhyne Competition Engines.

In addition to its support and sponsorship of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series, COMP Cams[®] also has direct involvement with nearly every engine company represented in this contest via products and technical support. These top-notch engine builders and COMP Cams[®] share a common goal to provide the best product possible, while putting their clients in victory lane. Whether it is a national tour, regional tour or weekly show, COMP Cams[®] develops parts and offers full support for all levels of racing. The never ending pursuit for advancement in technology keeps COMP Cams[®] at the forefront of the motorsports world and keeps its customers at the front of the pack.

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