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Jim Pettit Wins the 2009 Flashco SRL Championship While Young Bear Rzesnowiecky Win's the Go LiveStream.TV Network 100 at the Las Vegas Bullring

Wilton, CA (November 2, 2008) - Saturday night in Las Vegas was a night of incredible racing and celebrations for a veteran who won The Flashco SRL 2008 championship, a new rookie of the year and an even younger Las Vegas native who wowed his hometown fans with a terrific display of driving.

Prunedale, CA's Jim Pettit II in his #03 Top of the Hill Performance Ford won his third touring series and first SRL Southwest Tour Series Championship Saturday at The Bullring with another impressive run. With his strong showing Pettit was able hold off Cottonwood, CA's Craig Raudman who came into the final event of the season just 39 points behind. "I am so proud of my awesome team. We have been consistent all year and that's what enabled us to get the championship", said a very satisfied Pettit as he signed autographs for fans in the pits.

Josh Combs in his #7 Mudracing.net Ford wrapped up an outstanding rookie campaign and was able to finish ahead of rookie of the year contenders Justin Westmoreland and Joe Farre' to capture the 2008 Victory Circle Chassis Rookie of the year award. "Winning the SRL rookie of the year is a great start. We had a couple bad breaks this year but were still able to capture this award", said Combs. "We hope to learn from our experiences this year and make a run at next year's championship, continued Combs. As a prize for winning this award, Combs will receive a new chassis from Victory Circle Chassis.

And as if that wasn't enough for the great Bullring crowd, the night's main event was a tremendous display of quality racing between SRL regulars and some new drivers to "the Tour". The night's main event was won by Las Vegas' own "Bear" Rzesnowiecky in his #95 Jackson Racing Chevrolet who earned it with an impressive performance holding off the best of the SRL regulars in the GoLiveStream.TV Network 100.

Rzesnowiecky took the lead on lap 34 when race leader Jim Pettit made contact with the second-place car of Dan Holtz in the #23 Go Live Stream.TV Ford causing Pettit and Holtz to go high in turn 2 to avoid causing a major accident. Rzesnowiecky, who had worked his way up to third, took advantage of the situation and slipped beneath both cars to claim the lead.

After the contact with Holtz, which sent Pettit sideways up the track in turn 2, he then had to worked his way back through the field and was able to get by Rzesnowiecky on lap 51 and recapture the lead.

Then on lap 59 just as the young sixteen year old Rzesnowiecky drove beneath Pettit in turn 4 to take the lead, his pass was negated as the red flag flew because of a six-car accident in turn 2. In a tightly bunched pack the #4 Auto-Pro Racing Engines Chevrolet of Greg Voigt appeared to make contact with second fast qualifier Eric Richardson in the Short Track Enterprises/Rich-Pac Chevrolet which ignited a chain reaction that collected the cars of Raudman, Darrell LaMoure, Mike Mendenhall and the #1 of 2007 SRL champion Dave Byrd who ended up literally on top of Voigt. Amazingly all cars were able drive away from the accident under their own power including the #4 car after being on the bottom of the pile. Officials put the red out until the cars involved were cleared. Then the track was back to yellow and things up front got interesting.

Pettit had to pit under the caution due to a flat tire and Rzesnowiecky found himself back in the lead. Pettit's crew got his tire changed and he was able to join the rear of the field before the green flag. From that point, all the fans at The Bullring could see that Pettit was on a mission as he began his charge toward the front.

While Pettit was working his way back through the field for the second time, young Rzesnowiecky had shown how comfortable he was on his home track by building up a large lead on Dan Holtz and the #88 Chevrolet of Jamie Dick. By lap 80, Rzesnowiecky enjoyed a full-straightaway lead on the second place car. The last 20 laps came down to whether Pettit had enough time to get through the field and make a final push and would Rzesnowiecky continue his flawless driving around The Bullring. Pettit continued to move through the field like a driver possessed but in the end there were not enough laps as his charge through the field fell short with a second place finish. Bear Rzesnowiecky had shown that although young, on this night he had what it takes to run with the veterans of the SRL.

In the winners circle with all his hometown fans cheering him on, Rzesnowiecky was ecstatic about his victory. "It was great to race with the best drivers in the west and to win versus the veteran SRL drivers is unbelievable as I have grown up admiring many of them", said Rzesnowiecky.

Race winner Rzesnowiecky was also the Mid-Valley Iron and Metals Hard Charger coming from a 15th place starting position to get the win. Troy Ermish in his 510 Parts Outlet #38 Pontiac was the races Ron's Rear Ends Hard Luck Award recipient with engine problems had him out of the race at after only 25 laps.

"What a great way to finish off the season! The Las Vegas Bullring put on a fantastic show with the USAC Sprints, the SMRA Supermodifieds and our Flashco SRL Touring cars", said SRL executive director Steve Fensler. "We would like to thank our event sponsor GoLiveStream.TV and The Bullring for including our championship race as the headline event. Mike Stafford and his team are the best", continued Fensler.

Saturday night's racing action will be web cast on www.GoLiveStream.TV beginning this Monday night.

The Flashco SRL Southwest Tour Series will be holding its annual championship awards banquet on Saturday, December 6th at the Buck Owens Crystal Palace in Bakersfield, CA

About the FLASHCO SRL Southwest Tour Series:

Celebrating its eighth season in 2008, the FLASHCO SRL Southwest Tour Series is a regional stock car series competing on paved ovals in the southwestern portion of the U.S. The series utilizes cars based on the former NASCAR Elite Division Series rulebook.

For more information contact the FLASHCO SRL Southwest Tour Series offices at 916-687-7284 or go to www.srlatamodels.com

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*** Rookie of the Year Contender**

	Main Event Finish	Points		Qualifying Race Finish	Points
1.	95 "Bear" Rzesnowiecky	50	1.		Trans.
2.	03 Jim Pettit	48	2.		Trans.
3.	23 Dan Holtz	46	3.		10
4.	88 Jamie Dick	44	4.		9
5.	37 Keith Spangler	42	5.		8
6.	4 Greg Voigt	40	6.		7
7.	7 Josh Combs	38	7.		6
8.	44 Eric Richardson	36	8.		5
9.	17 Darryl Lamoure	34	9.		4
10.	2 Craig Raudman	32	10.		3
11.	54 Joe Farre'	30	11.		2
12.	84 Eddie Secord	28			
13.	28 Nick Williams	26			
14.	48 Mike Lay	24			
15.	9 Justin Westmoreland	22			
16.	10 Mike Mendenhall	20			
17.	1 Dave Byrd	18			
18.	09 Brennan Newberry	16		MID VALLEY IRON	
19.	54x Mike Obrist	14		HARD CHARGER	
20.	38 Troy Ermish	12		94 "Bear" Rzenowiecky	
21.					
22.				RON'REAR ENDS	
23.				HARD LUCK AWARD	
24.				38 Troy Ermish	

Fast Qualifiers

	Car Number	Qualifying Time	Points
1.	1 Dave Byrd	14.760	5
2.	44 Eric Richardson	14.789	4
3.	54x Mike Obrist	14.792	3
4.	38 Troy Ermish	14.819	2
5.	4 Greg Voigt	14.830	1