

STEVENS FIRST ALKY TITLE

Ben Bray (Pontiac Firebird, 5.765/237.47) continued his domination of Top Alcohol when he top qualified in his Funny Car.

Next came Steven Reed (Oldsmobile Cutlass, 5.774/254.09) in another Funny Car, then the Dragster of Gary Phillips (5.833/243.64).

Mark Brew (Chevrolet Camaro, 5.853/221.35) put his Funny Car into fourth place followed by the Dragster of Debbie Reed (5.879/234.25), then Brett Stevens (Ford Mustang, 5.971/222.11) in his Funny Car, the Dragster of Wayne Newby (5.984/236.35) and Damien Harris (Chevrolet Camaro, 6.083/193.13) in a Funny Car.

Missing the cut were Dean McClennan (Oldsmobile Cutlass, 6.087/236.34), John Cannuli (Pontiac Firebird, 8.752/106.43) and Tim Wakins (NZ, Pontiac Firebird, 9.417/96.38) all in Funny Cars, then Dean Oakey (Dragster, 10.101/82.39). David Glenwright did not attempt a pass in Paul Shackleton's Alford.

The first round saw Brew (6.305/156.63) beat Debbie Reed (6.633/150.91) after both cars suffered tyre shake and skated around the track.

The second race also saw more tyre shake and a win for Steve Reed (5.748/251.54) over Newby (5.825/209.50).

Stevens (5.762/249.59) won after Phillips got out of shape and crossed the centre line, while Bray (5.560/258.18) won over Harris (5.703/249.18).

In an all Funny Car semi finals, Stevens (5.695/244.17) advanced to his 50th career final when he defeated Steve Reed (6.810/254.25), while Bray (5.529/257.00) beat Brew (5.751/246.72) and established a new ET national record.

In the final, Stevens (5.757/247.12) recorded an easy win after Bray (19.477/37.04) shook badly off the line.

After his win, Stevens said he didn't go as fast with the Funny Car as we he would have liked, but was happy with his first Top Alcohol Gold Christmas Tree (winner's trophy).

"Ben (Bray) went 5.52sec and that's a credit to him. We threw a bit at our car for the final to try and match that (time) and obviously he threw a bit at his car to try and probably get a 5.40sec. We overpowered the track but not as much as what Ben did and we came out with a win, which is good," Stevens said.

STEVENS DOUBLES UP

Top Bike qualifying threw up a few surprises, but eight entries meant all riders would be back on the Sunday.

Brett Stevens (Harley Davidson, 6.527/209.79) top qualified followed by Kim Stevens (Harley Davidson, 6.623/210.48) and Athol Williams (Puma, 6.776/213.17) from New Zealand.

Next came Mark Ashelford (Harley Davidson, 7.252/179.50), Troy McLean (Harley Davidson, 7.897/180.65), Jay Upton (Triumph Puma, 8.266/193.97), Phil Parker (Suzuki, 9.382/143.96) and Dennis Grant (Harley Davidson, 11.320/87.48).



First round of eliminations saw McLean (6.526/198.51) beat Ashelford (7.201/189.24); Parker (15.975/46.38) with a win after Kim Stevens did not leave the line when his transmission locked.

Williams (6.775/204.83) won a close race against Upton (6.755/212.87) despite Upton trying to run him down and Brett Stevens (6.609/208.44) won after Grant drifted across the centre line.

In the first semi, Stevens (6.51/210.38) led all the way to defeat team mate McLean (6.68/192.97), while Williams (7.312/158.28) had an easy win after Parker shut down on the line.

Stevens (6.507/214.19) won his first-ever Winternationals Top Bike final when he led all the way despite Williams (6.623/210.28) trying hard to run him down.

Stevens said a Winternationals Christmas Tree is something that all drag racers strive to win and to win two at the one event is amazing.

"The bike went 6.52, 6.51 and 6.50sec. I actually put a lot more clutch in it for the final and then I thought

RESULTS

Castrol EDGE Winternationals
Willowbank June 9-11, 2006

TOP FUEL BIKE

Final qualifying order

Brett Stevens	6.521/209.79
Kim Stevens	6.623/210.48
Athol Williams	6.776/213.17
Mark Ashelford	7.252/179.50
Troy McLean	7.897/180.65
Jay Upton	8.266/193.97
Phil Parker	9.382/143.96
Dennis Grant	11.320/82.48

First round eliminations

Troy McLean	6.526/198.51
Mark Ashelford	7.201/189.24

Phil Parker	15.975/46.38
Kim Stevens	stalled

Athol Williams	6.775/204.83
Jay Upton	6.755/212.87

Brett Stevens	6.609/208.44
Dennis Grant	broke

Semi finals

Brett Stevens	6.51/210.38
Troy McLean	6.68/192.97

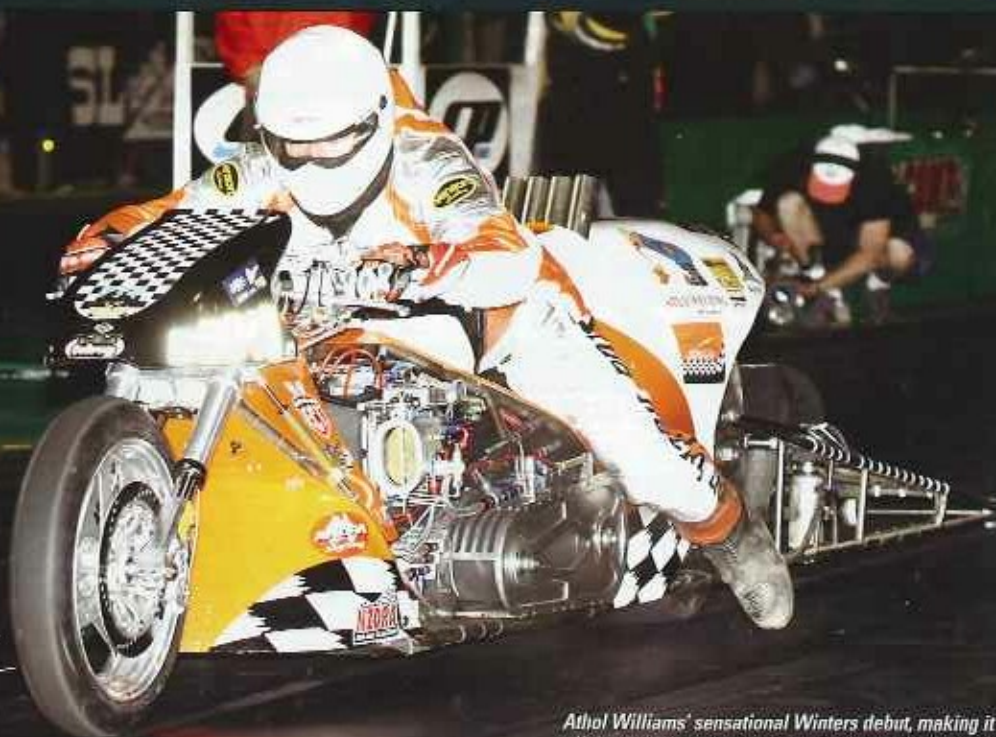
Athol Williams	7.312/158.28
Phil Parker	DNS

Final

Brett Stevens	6.507/214.19
Athol Williams	6.623/210.28

Points this event

Brett Stevens	110
Athol Williams	80
Phil Parker	60
Troy McLean	60
Jay Upton	40
Mark Ashelford	40
Dennis Grant	40
Kim Stevens	40



Athol Williams' sensational Winters debut, making it all the way to the final against Brett Stevens (above).