

Max Schroeder Just Misses ROTY and Championship Runner-up in NWSLMS Action



Spokane, WA - Max Schroeder opened his Northwest Super Late Model Series career at South Sound Speedway in 2020. He came away with a victory in his series debut, beating Gracin Raz and two-time series champion Brittney Zamora. He entered the 2021 season looking to continue that momentum with the goal of earning the Jefferson Racing Rookie-of-the-Year (ROTY) Award and competing for the series championship. Schroeder nearly achieved both goals, when he ended up tied for the ROTY Award with Bryce Bezanson, losing it only in a tie breaker. He finished third in the championship standings, also losing the tie breaker with Bezanson.

Schroeder began his racing career in Quarter Midgets, at the age of nine. He moved to the FSCRA Super 4's at the age of 14 and moved to the Pro Late Models three years later. He toured around the state of Washington in his Pro Late Model, getting multiple wins at his home track of South Sound Speedway. At the age of 21, he moved to the Super Late Models, where he scored the NWSLMS win at South Sound Speedway in 2020.

Schroeder opened the 2021 campaign in the "Leonard Evans Memorial 150" at the Wenatchee Valley Super-Oval with a solid seventh place run. He followed it up with another seventh at Stateline Speedway, earning the TI Company Hard Charger Award. In Round #3 at his home track, Schroeder had his best run of the season, contending for the victory and finishing second behind Austin Thom. He backed it up with another top-five, coming home fifth in the "Atomic 125" at Hermiston Raceway.

Schroeder opened the second half of the campaign with a disappointing 13th-place finish in the "Spud 150" at Magic Valley Speedway, completing only 38 laps. He quickly rebounded, however, scoring fourth and fifth place efforts at South Sound and Hermiston to take the ROTY lead, vaulting himself to second in the championship standings. The finale at WVSO found Schroder and Bezanson in a back-and-forth battle for the rookie

title, with both drivers exchanging to position throughout the event. Late race issues however, relegated Schroeder to an 11th-place effort, while Bezanson finished sixth, just good enough to tie Schroeder in the standings.

With the tie breaker determined by best finishes, Bezanson got the nod by finishing third at Magic Valley Speedway, versus a fourth by Schroeder at South Sound Speedway. It was a tough pill to take, but the Tacoma, WA racer was still pleased by the team's championship efforts.

"My 2021 season was awesome", Schroeder exclaimed! Myself, and the whole team, had a great time stepping up and running the whole season. In the end, falling short to Bryce in the Rookie-of-the-Year battle was a tough pill to swallow, but I'm proud of our team for never giving up and pushing until the end. The season was full of close battles, and I wouldn't have it any other way. We're already prepping and putting the work in full swing for the 2022 season. We're looking for a championship, and nothing else in the 2022 season, and we won't settle for anything less. It's go time."

Look for Max to get his 2022 Northwest Super Late Model Series championship effort underway at the traditional season opening event at the Wenatchee Valley Super-Oval. The "Leonard Evans Memorial 150" will kick off the ninth season for the series on May 1st. 26 Super Late Models attended the event in 2021.

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