



MCNALLY WRESTLES HIS WAY THROUGH FUJITSU V8'S AT WINTON 3 MAY 2009

Mark McNally wrestled his car through the final two races of the Fujitsu V8 Supercars today and was left wondering what could have been at his home circuit had his car been up to speed.

Overnight changes to the clutch helped Mark get off to a good start for race 2 and pick up a number of places in the first few corners and kept the pressure on those ahead to pick up a few more places during the race despite struggling to be precise with the car.

"We just were not fast enough and the car would not go where I wanted it to go," Mark said.

"It was really hard to meet every apex and when that happens you are not getting the most out of the car."

Mark finished the race a credible 7th given the struggle he had but in his own words "did not come here to finish 7th".

Before race 3 the team changed the front shocks and the rear roll centre in an attempt to bring some sort of balance to the car.

"I got a good start and started to make some headway while the tyres were still cold."

But once things heated up Mark had one of his toughest races yet.

"With track temperature changing and other classes putting different rubber down we really could not get the set-up right."

Mark suffered severe understeer and was making changes to the sway bar settings throughout the race which in turn used up the rear tyres.

"It was such a disappointing meeting at our test track," Mark said.

"We can come here any day of the week and put in good lap times and I have done it before at race meetings here, but for some reason this weekend we could make it happen."

"I have asked BJR to have a good look over the car before the next round to see if there is still some residual damage from Adelaide.

"I can't afford to have weekends like this, we had a bad one in Adelaide and now this, we need to keep putting our best foot forward."

"The best part of my weekend was Glenn's first win in the V8 Utes, I was so excited to see it happen."

On the upside Mark is now focused on working through the issues before next round and has also had discussions with a few teams about endurance drives at Phillip Island and Bathurst.

"We have had a few preliminary discussions and there is a possibility that I will get an opportunity."

Mark's next race is in June at Townsville's new street race.

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