



MCNALLY FAST IN FUJITSU V8S AT WINTON 2 MAY 2009

Mark McNally turned some good speed in race 1 of the Fujitsu V8's at Winton Raceway today despite a late race spin that cost a strong result.

Overnight changes to the car before this morning's qualifying session turned the car from understeer to oversteer, making it quite a handful for Mark as he tried to push his way up the grid.

A credible 9th place was not what Mark had hoped for but considering the battle he had with the car he felt he could work from there.

"As I said yesterday, it is all about having balance in the car to get a fast lap at Winton and we just didn't get it right for qualifying," Mark said.

In race 1 Mark didn't get a great start, understandably cautious after the incident at Adelaide, but soon got on with it and managed to forge his way up to seventh on the track.

"I was really cautious with the clutch and took it extremely easy off the line, we are actually going to change the clutch for tomorrow's races to give me a bit more feel."

Mark spent the bulk of his race behind Taz Douglas with little opportunity to pass.

"Taz had really good power down out of the corners, which is where I was struggling.

"I could catch him on most parts but I didn't have anything where I needed it to make a move."

Mark, Taz and Shane Price had quite a battle in the latter stages, and for Mark to fight it out with, and be ahead of, the likes of Price is quite an achievement.

Late in the race, on the second last lap, Mark had a slow spin at turn ten after going in a little too fast which dropped him down the order to finish 14th.

"It was such a slow spin, I could feel it going but couldn't stop it," Mark said.

"It was my fault, just a little error."

With one clear lap afterwards Mark set the second fastest lap of the race which gives him confidence that after a few more changes before tomorrow that he still has plenty of opportunity for a strong result.

"We will end up back where we started with the setup.

"We have come full circle to be back at our standard setup for this track tomorrow."

Mark has race 2 and 3 tomorrow.

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