



MCNALLY CONFIDENT AFTER PRE-SEASON SHAKEDOWN

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Mark McNally heads to Round 1 of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series at Adelaide's Clipsal 500 with confidence after one of his best test days to date at Victoria's Winton Raceway.

Having not tested since November last year Mark was keen to get behind the wheel and see the effects of off season changes made to the West Coast Racing Commodore under the guidance of Brad Jones Racing.

"We gave the car about 10 laps on Monday just to make sure it was going to be ready to go for a full day on Tuesday," Mark said.

With three sets of tyres on hand for the bulk of the day Mark described each set as 'ordinary', 'pretty ordinary', and 'half ok', which meant that they would cycle them throughout the day to make sure changes made to the car could be properly measured.

"We had a set of green tyres (new) which we wanted to hold until the end of the day when the track is fastest and our set-up had been finalised."

With track temperature around 50 degrees the team had to pick their moments of cloud cover in order to get the best from the car through the day.

Mark was benefiting from a vigorous summer of fitness training where he completed a lot of triathlon training which put him in good stead for the 50+ degree temperature in the cabin.

"I was fresh all day, I could have done another 100 laps," Mark said.

Mark is joined in 2009 by Matt Boniface, who engineered his car in 2008 and Andrew Edwards who has joined Mark's engineering team in 2009.

"It was good to work with the guys in preparation for Adelaide," Mark said.

"We will really be able to hit the track running this year with the momentum gained towards the end of last year paying off early."

Mark was able to put in a time of 1:24.8 at around 4.30pm when the track had cooled somewhat, just ½ a second shy of Cameron McConville's best time the previous day.

The opportunity to get back out on the track at an even cooler 6pm was lost when Marcus Zukanovic was injured in a major accident.

"I think we could have gone faster once the track had cooled," Mark said.

"I really feel for Marcus and wish him all the best in his recovery, it was an unfortunate accident."

Mark is as confident as ever of a strong performance going to Adelaide and can't wait to get on with racing.

"I have a lot of experience there and the whole team is working together really well now so there is no reason why we shouldn't be pushing for podium finishes this year.

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