



SOLID END TO FRUSTRATING QUEENSLAND FOR McNALLY
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Mark McNally made solid progress today in the Fujitsu V8 Supercars at Queensland Raceway after mechanical setbacks ended any real chance of a top finish.

After brake failure in Race 1 yesterday Mark was on the last row of the 30 car grid for Race 2 today.

"We went out there with the same set-up as yesterday," Mark said.

"Because of the problems we had there was no opportunity to get valuable feedback so we basically had to go with what we learned from qualifying."

Mark had quite good race pace and started to work his way through the field, getting all the way to 16th position by the end of the 14 lap race.

"It was good to get a trouble-free race under my belt.

"Making good progress, even though I finished 16th, was important for my confidence and to gain valuable data to improve the set-up for Race 3.

"We made a few minor changes to the set-up and adjustments to the brakes to try and get the car to stop better."

Starting from grid 24 for the final race today Mark was expecting a bit of rough racing down the back.

"I was surprised at how clean everyone drove out the," Mark said.

"It allowed me to get past and get on with my race."

Once again Mark finished 16th, putting down some competitive lap times along the way.

"I had good pace in that race; it is just that I started so far back.

"Once the field spread it was impossible to make ground on the front guys, even though my times were similar, because I had used the best part of my tyres passing the guys down the back.

"The meeting had its positives but the mechanical issues really set me back from the start, especially when I came here with quite a bit of confidence that I would be able to run well inside the top ten," he said.

The next round is at Victoria's Winton Raceway, Mark's test track, in two weeks.

"Winton should be a completely different story; I know I am fast there and we have a really good set-up for that track.

"It is good to have two meetings so close because it helps to stay in the swing of things."

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