



McNALLY FIGHTS HIS WAT TO A TOP TEN FINISH AT SANDOWN
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Mark McNally overcame yesterday's handling issue to forge his way to a pair of 8th positions today for round 3 of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series at Sandown Raceway.

After suffering from serious handling issues, that hampered his progress in qualifying and Race 1, yesterday the BJR team made major changes to the set-up of the car overnight in an effort to get Mark further up the field for Race 2 today.

"We really got some speed and feel back into the car in Race 2," Mark said.

"It was a great effort by the team to make changes that overcame the issues we had; we were able to push through the field pretty easily in Race 2.

"We got to a point where the field was spread out and we couldn't make any more positions but the lap times were similar to the front guys."

Race 3 presented a track that was wet in places which made it difficult to get the most from the car, but Mark was still able to push his way to eighth place again.

"I started on the wet side of the track which cost me a few places," Mark said.

"The car was good but we probably could have kept chasing the set-up for Race 3 but decided to stick with what we knew.

Mark's driving as well as the team's efforts in turning around a difficult day yesterday to make solid progress today signifies a big step for all.

"I struggle all last year with a lack of feel for what the car was doing and never really got on top of it.

"I think we cannot underestimate the gains we made this weekend with the set-up and I think it will serve us well in future rounds, especially when we come across handling issues.

"Sometimes when you overcome big hurdles you feel as though you have achieved a lot more than if the hurdles were not there, that is how I feel today and full credit to the guys for working through the set-up issues with me to achieve a good result.

"I am now looking forward to the next round in Queensland," he said.

In a continuation of Mark's recent airline dramas his flight home tonight has been cancelled and he will spend the night in Melbourne before a re-scheduled flight leaves tomorrow.

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