



TOUGH DEBUT RACE FOR McNALLY AT SANDOWN
8 June 2008

Day 1 of Mark McNally's debut Fujitsu V8 Supercar meeting at Victoria's Sandown Raceway turned out to be tougher than his practice speed indicated, with the West Australian struggling with handling problems in qualifying and Race 1.

After being seventh fastest in yesterday's practice, which was in slippery and sometimes wet conditions, Mark had high expectations for today's events.

"We never really got a clear lap yesterday but when we looked at the data it showed that we should have had a pretty good result today," Mark said.

With fine weather today and more rubber on the track a handling problem became apparent with the car having no front grip going into the corners.

"It was a real handful out there, it just would not turn in."

Mark's data showed that his driving was on par with the BJR V8 drivers (McConville and Jones) but the car would not respond the way it is meant to.

Changes were made after qualifying, where Mark was 15th fastest, but they did not have the desired effect.

"It is a new track to me and the BJR guys do not have prior experience here with Holden cars so it is a bit of a learning curve for all of us.

Mark finished 14th in today's opening race of the round and will make some drastic changes to the set-up in order to get more form the car tomorrow.

"I could have made an extra place out there today but it just was not worth risking the car to finish 13th instead of 14th.

"We just need to sit down and go through the data and re-think the way we are setting the car up.

"It is a challenge but sometimes the best meetings are the ones where you overcome a problem and get improvement out of the car," he said.

Mark has the final two races of the round tomorrow at 11am and 2.45pm respectively.

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