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Gulf Western Falcon Hits The Track

David Sieders, aboard his Gulf Western Oil Falcon, has hit the track today for the opening practice sessions of the V8 Supercar Development Series at the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide.

The Clipsal 500 is the first round of the 2008 Series with two practice sessions today, qualifying on Friday then two 24 lap encounters on Friday and again on Saturday.

With a deliberate ploy of not running on new tyres, the Sieders camp were 16th fastest in the early morning session and made further improvements to end up 11th in the second session but according to David, the Gulf Western Falcon has plenty more potential.

"Most of the other teams came out with new tyres in the first session but our strategy was to conserve as much rubber as possible and use an old set [of tyres] for the first shakedown. The Gulf Western Falcon is totally new to us and we are still learning about the set up, so bolting on new tyres would have been a waste," said David Sieders.

"Overall I'm feeling good about the car, the second session was much better and we're getting close to the type of setup we need to have a good qualifying session tomorrow. The data we got from our test day at Oran Park has been excellent and has transferred to the Adelaide circuit really well. We've only had to make a few small adjustments which should make a good result more than achievable."

Sieders has been inundated with comments on the flame design of the new Gulf Western Falcon – "Everyone loves the presentation of the car. The flames are a real hit and we're hoping it will perform as well as it looks."

"We haven't seen a car with such a distinctive design like this for a few years, so I guess it was always going to turn a few heads. It's been great, I think the entire pit lane is talking about it."

Tomorrow's qualifying session gets underway at 1.00pm with the fastest 50% group out first and the bottom 50% bracket coming out 25 minutes later. Qualifying will determine the grid positions for the twilight opening race which kicks off at 6.30pm.

Gulf Western Oil are the largest Australian owned lubricant company and are proud supporters of Sieders Racing and Australian motorsport.

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