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## Sieders' Weekend of Hit and Miss

It was a weekend of mixed results at Winton Raceway on the weekend for Gulf Western's David Sieders. Going into round 5 of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Development Series on a track that Sieders was quite familiar with, he was quietly confident of a top 10 or 15 spot.

Qualifying was a definitely a highlight of the weekend, with Sieders placing 12<sup>th</sup> despite temperamental weather. It was a good effort from Sieders, who didn't let the turbulent conditions affect his concentration on the race.

"I didn't find the wet weather to be too much of a problem for me. With these races its more about the preparation you do prior to the race rather than outside elements you have no control over".

"12<sup>th</sup> place was not a bad effort [for qualifying]. I think I could have done better, but I just wasn't ready to push the car as hard as it was capable of. I was disappointed I didn't make it into the top 10".

Sieders' confidence of a top 15 spot was well placed during race one, starting in 12<sup>th</sup> position and finishing 14<sup>th</sup>. While he was content with his top 15 result, he felt he could have done better if not for a shaky launch off the start line in his Gulf Western Falcon.

"I am reasonably happy with the result considering the start I had. I just didn't get off the start line too well, then I locked the brakes up in the first turn and that resulted in the car going off the road. I do think that if I'd had a better start I could have moved into the top 10. But hey, I recovered from a bad start and still managed to finish 14<sup>th</sup>".

Going into race two, Sieders was sure of a better result. He was in the top 10 with his lap times during race one and the team had made minor changes to the car overnight. He was set for an impressive race, ready to take on his opponents and emerge victorious. His self-assurance and the effort of the team however, was not enough to overcome mechanical difficulties.

Starting race two from 14<sup>th</sup> position, it all ended prematurely for Sieders, a broken diff eliminating him from the race. This was especially disheartening for the Gulf Western driver after a good start which saw him move up into the top 10 in the early stages.

"I had a great start and tried to keep my nose clean after that. But unfortunately I endured a few hits, with the last tap pushing me off the road. Upon re-entry, the diff broke. It was very disappointing to end race two with a DNF [Did Not Finish], but its one of those things that can't be predicted. The diff broke after some damage from a few hits earlier in the race".

Luckily for Sieders and his team, the diff was able to be repaired and they were back in action by race three, starting in 24<sup>th</sup> position. But it was unclear at this stage whether it was too late to make a comeback.

"I had an extremely good start, in fact I was ecstatic with it, I gained quite a few positions. I made up three rows and then passed a few more cars before going into turn one. I ended up passing about eight cars".

Later in the race, Sieders got stuck in third gear, causing him to stop once again, to have the problem repaired.

"I made an error with the gearstick. I selected one and a half gears, which consequently resulted in being stuck in third gear. I had to come in and get it repaired during the race. The team acted quickly, fixed the gear box and made a few changes at the same time. They did a great job".

Sieders finished race three in 21<sup>st</sup> place, with a 23<sup>rd</sup> overall placement for the weekend. Sieders will take on the track next at Bathurst, round 6 of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Development Series, on October 10-12.

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