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Webb Shows Good Speed at Sandown despite Setbacks:

The fourth round of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series at Sandown International Raceway in Victoria may not have been the end result that Jonathon Webb was looking for but he was pleased with the speed he showed throughout the weekend.

For the first time in this year's Fujitsu Series Webb finished off the podium overall for a round, where he finished fifth, and this consequently resulted in him slipping back to second the series point standings battle.

Webb's weekend started off strongly when he topped the time sheets in the opening practice session, then was fourth fastest in the second practice session and narrowly missed out on claiming pole position in qualifying where he ended up second.

The fortunes of Webb and his # 26 Gulf Western Oil supported BF Ford Falcon throughout the three races were certainly a mixed bag. In the opening race of the weekend Webb was unlucky not to record a podium finish after he challenged for the lead in the latter stages of the race only to spin off the circuit. Luckily Webb and the top three runners were so far ahead of the rest of the field that when he joined the circuit he had only dropped back to fourth and that was where he finished.

Looking to bounce back from the disappointments from the opening race, Webb was determined to record a strong result and after making a good start he was turned around by a fellow competitor and he suffered a flat tyre. At that same time there was a safety period, due to another incident, and he was able to make a pit stop to replace the flat tyre and rejoin at the back of the pack for the restart. Webb fought his way back to finish in 12th place.

The third and final race turned out to be the best result for Webb over the weekend after he worked his way forward, from his sixth starting position on the grid, to finish in third place and this gave him fifth overall for the round.

"We finished off the podium for the first time this year and slipped back to second in the overall point standings in the series which is not the ideal situation," explained Webb. "On the positive side of things the MW Motorsport team and I are finding our feet and our consistent front running speed is proof of that. Despite the adversity over the weekend we managed to keep our Fujitsu Series chances alive and that is the main thing."

The fifth round of the Fujitsu Series is to be held at Webb's home circuit, Queensland Raceway in Ipswich, on the weekend of August 21 - 23.

Latest Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series Point Standings (after four completed rounds):

- 1 David Russell - 1010 points**
- 2 Jonathon Webb - 986**
- 3 James Moffat - 881**
- 4 Grant Denyer - 866**
- 5 Daniel Gaunt - 744**

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