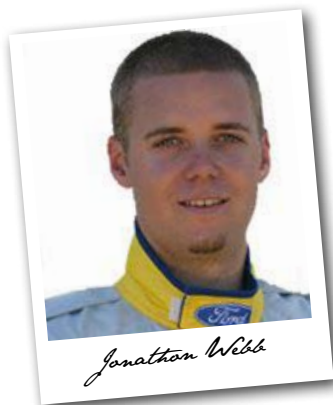




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Gallant Podium Result for MWR and Webb:

It certainly wasn't the most ideal of starts for Matthew White Racing (MWR) driver Jonathon Webb during the opening round of the 2009 Fujitsu V8 Supercar Development Series on the streets of Adelaide in South Australia over the weekend but he managed a great fight back to finish on the podium.

After trouble free runs aboard the # 26 Gulf Western Oil supported BF Ford Falcon in both practice sessions, Webb was hampered by power steering issues during the qualifying session and it only allowed him to post a handful of clean laps but it still resulted in him ending up an impressive third quickest.

In between the qualifying session and the opening race on Friday, the MWR team worked swiftly to repair the power steering dramas and they made it out onto the grid without a minute to spare. The dramas didn't end there as Webb noticed a low alternator during the warm up lap for the opening race and he returned to pit lane and the team replaced the alternator and consequently had to start the race from the pit lane.

With it all to gain and nothing to lose, Webb fought hard to end up in fifth place at the completion of the 24-laps. Webb didn't have the easiest of runs through the traffic and his progress was hampered by some rivals making their slower cars very wide when he attempted to pass them. At the finish Webb had closed in fourth place finisher Sam Walter but as unable to make a pass and settled for fifth.

Starting the second and final race, over 24 laps again, from fifth on the grid, Webb made an average start and held down fourth place for the opening laps. With his Gulf Western Oil BF Ford Falcon coming on stronger in regards to the setup as the race wore on, Webb was able to move into second place by half race distance. Webb then spent the remainder of the race chasing after leader David Russell and simply ran out of laps despite being the stronger car in the end.

At the completion of the weekend Webb ended up third overall for the round, after he finished fifth and second in both races, and it was definitely a pleasing finish to what was a tough weekend for the MWR team.

"First of all, a big thanks must go to the MWR team for all their efforts in getting the car back out onto the track and it was great to finish the weekend on the podium," Webb said. "Our car was consistently the quickest over the weekend and had we not suffered the setbacks earlier in the weekend we might have had a better chance to finish higher on the podium."

Webb leaves the opening round third in the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Development Series point standings and is now very much looking forward to the second round that is to be held at the Winton Motor Raceway in Victoria on May 1 - 3.

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