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## Wet and Wild Weekend for Luff and LDM

Warren Luff and the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) team battled their way throughout last weekend's second round of the V8 Supercar Championship, the Clipsal 500 on the streets of Adelaide in South Australia, and the tough run was unfortunately capped off for them by a crash in the infamous turn eight during the second and final race.

Once again the team struggled for speed in qualifying, after they had posted the 26th and 27th fastest laps in both sessions; despite a good improvement aboard the # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore from last year's Clipsal 500 event, Luff found more pace in the wet conditions in both races.

In the opening race of the weekend Luff had worked his way up to finish in 21st spot and in the second and final race he progressed up to 17th spot up until they were hampered by an unscheduled pit stop due to windscreen vision troubles during one of the safety car periods. Luff, who had recorded the fifth fastest lap in the wet during the second race, fought on despite the dramas, but it all came undone on the 47th lap in the infamous turn eight. After he had slipped off the race line, Luff thought that he could save it, but it wasn't to be and it resulted in heavy contact with the concrete wall and this brought his weekend to a premature end.

"Our qualifying speed is something that we're continuing to work on, as we're making gains, but so is the rest of the field, so it makes it hard," Luff explained. "We weren't too bad in the wet conditions in both races and it was just a shame that we had to make an unscheduled pit stop, as it hurt our chances of a Top 15 finish. Our crash on the 47th lap in turn eight happened when I run just slightly off the race line and I was unable to save it. Although there is thankfully no structural damage to the car in the crash and it's mainly just cosmetic which the team will fix up in readiness for this weekend."

This coming weekend Luff and the LDM team will take part in the annual V8 Supercar support event to the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix on the streets of Albert Park in Victoria, which is not a V8 Supercar Championship point's event, and they are very much looking forward to it.

"I cannot wait to be part of the Grand Prix weekend, as it's a very big event and it's going to provide us with a great opportunity to continue to work on finding more speed out of our car in order to move further up the field," enthused Luff.

To find out more about LDM visit [www.ldmotorsport.com.au](http://www.ldmotorsport.com.au) or Gulf Western Oil visit: [www.gulfwestern.com.au](http://www.gulfwestern.com.au)

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