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# Luff aiming for Clipsal Top 10

Gulf Western Oil/Autopro Racing Commodore V8 Supercar driver Warren Luff is aiming to walk away from this weekends Clipsal 500 in Adelaide with his teams first ever top 10 finish.

The unforgiving nature of the Adelaide parklands street circuit has broken many hearts, but it has also provided some of the great fairytales of the V8 Supercar era, where lowly qualifying performances have been turned into outstanding race results. Cameron McConville drove from 26th grid position to a podium finish in 2008, while last year James Courtney moved through from 16th to finish second.

Luff is looking forward to getting back to the Adelaide circuit, having last raced at the event in 2006.

Its a great place and a great event, Luff said.

I cant wait to jump in the Gulf Western Commodore on Friday and reacquaint myself with the circuit.

Its got a street circuit feel but parts of it are very much like a permanent circuit so its got a bit of the best of both worlds about it.

Its a tough weekend. 78 laps around there is tough enough, but then to have to back up and do it two days in a row makes it really hard on drivers.

But Im fit and raring to go so I cant wait to get stuck into it.

The Clipsal 500 is held around a shortened version of Adelaides former Formula One Grand Prix circuit and is a grueling test of man and machine.

Team owner Lucas Dumbrell has high expectations for his young team this weekend, with a top 10 finish well within reach.

Its an event that is tactically much like Bathurst, Dumbrell said.

You know theres going to be a lot of safety cars due to the layout of the circuit, so you just need to stay on the lead lap, keep out of trouble and hope that you are there at the finish.

Those tactics worked well at Bathurst last year and with a bit of luck we would have finished well inside the top 10.

We'll rely on the experience of Warren and (team manager) Dean Orr to guide us through the first three quarters of the race and then go for it at the end.

Im really excited because I honestly think were on for a good result this weekend. The Clipsal 500 begins in Adelaide on Thursday, with V8 Supercars hitting the track for the first time Friday morning.

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caption: Warren Luff and the Gulf Western Oil/Autopro Commodore in action during the first round of the championship in Abu Dhabi