



Luff looking for continued improvement in Hamilton

After a marathon, round-the-clock effort just to get the Gulf Western Commodore to New Zealand for Round 3 of the 2011 V8 Supercar championship, the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport team are ready to fire when cars hit the track at Hamilton on Friday.

After sustaining heavy damage at both the Clipsal 500 and Australian Grand Prix meetings the smallest team in the V8 Supercar paddock pulled out all stops, working long hours to repair the badly damaged Gulf Western Commodore in a mad dash to make the plane for the fly away round.

Team owner Lucas Dumbrell was proud of the effort put in by his small five-man crew.

To be honest on the Saturday night at the Grand Prix we were feeling pretty good, Dumbrell said.

Wed made some pretty big changes to the car over the weekend and it had definitely improved the car.

Warren was the happiest hed been with the balance of the car and we wanted to put on a good show on the Sunday but we got caught up in a big crash on the first lap.

It was really gut wrenching because wed finally started to get on top of the car, but were still heading into the Friday sessions at Hamilton with a pretty good feeling.

Driver Warren Luff was excited about his first visit to Hamilton and had spent the past week studying up on the Kiwi street circuit.

Ive been studying the vision of last years race and there are parts of it that look similar to the Adelaide street circuit and we actually had fair pace there so Im feeling pretty optimistic.

Thankfully through our association with Walkinshaw Racing we have a lot of data from their cars to look back at and try to get a handle on how to set the car up to be fast around there.

Im really looking forward to getting on track and seeing what we can do.

Practice for the ITM400 Hamilton starts on Friday and the event continues on Saturday with a 20 minute qualifying session and 200 kilometre before another qualifying and 200 kilometre race on Saturday.

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Caption: The Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport/Gulf Western Oil Racing team are feeling confident heading into the next round of the V8 Supercar Championship in New Zealand this weekend.

