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## Luff and LDM Finish Abu Dubai Strongly

Although it wasn't one of their strongest performances; Warren Luff and the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) managed to finish the opening round of the 2011 V8 Supercar Championship in Abu Dubai strongly.

In what was a close call with the fuel strategy aboard the # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore during the second and final race of the round; Luff managed to work his way forward from 26th on the grid to finish in 17th place.

"We rolled the dice with our fuel strategy and it paid off with a satisfying result," commented Luff. "In the final stages we knew that we'd be cutting it fine, so we had to conserve as much fuel as possible and that consequently hurt the pace of our car and the possibility of an even better finish. After the opening race our team made a number of changes as we weren't completely happy with the car and the signs of improvement were very encouraging."

Luff in the opening race finished in 23rd after he had qualified 24th, but it was a result that he felt could have been a lot better.

"I made a great start and moved up three spots off the start line, but on the opening lap I had to avoid a spinning car and lost a number of spots as I had to run off the circuit to avoid contact," Luff explained. "Throughout that race we were lacking quite a lot of corner speed and around a circuit like Abu Dubai that hurts you."

Early next month Luff and the LDM will head to Winton Motor Raceway in Victoria for their second practice session of the year in readiness for the second round of the V8 Supercar Championship, the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide - South Australia from March 17 through to 20.

"We'll be using the test session to implement a few new changes within our team and hopefully it'll put us in good stead for the Clipsal 500," said Luff. "The Clipsal 500 is one of the biggest events of the year and also one of the toughest on teams, so we'll be preparing the very best that we can in order to work our way into the Top 15 of the field."

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