



## Luff Takes Positives out of Negatives

Although Warren Luff had brought back to the garage a damaged race car for the second weekend in a row; the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) driver was able to take some solace out of what he been a disappointing and premature finish.

The driver of the # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore was the innocent party in the opening lap crash between Craig Lowndes and Rick Kelly in the third and final race of the Australian Grand Prix (AGP) weekend on the streets of Albert Park in Melbourne, Victoria, which was not a V8 Supercar Championship points event. After the heavy hit, which occurred when he was hit from behind as he approached the accident at a high speed corner and that pushed him into a stranded Kelly, Luff was pleased to report that there was no chassis damage and it was mainly superficial.

Despite the disappointing end, which was the second crash within a week for the LDM team after their shunt in the final race at the Clipsal 500 event, Luff was able to take a number of positives out of the weekend.

"Our team had made a number of promising gains in the second race and we were looking forward to building on that in the final race, however those plans were thrown out the window on the opening lap," expressed Luff, who had in second race recorded the 13th fastest lap and he was consistently the 12th fastest car over the duration of the race. "The team had worked extremely hard during the week to repair the damage from the Clipsal 500 in the time for the AGP weekend and to be involved in another crash is a big hit to our small team, but we were able to take a lot of confidence out of our performance in the second race."

Earlier in the weekend, Luff had finished 26th and 25th fastest respectively in the two practice sessions, followed by a disappointing 28th in qualifying and then 22nd in the opening race and 23rd in the second race.

"We struggled for speed in practice, qualifying and the opening race, but we managed to turn things around in the second race after we made a couple of big changes and that brought a lot more car speed," Luff enthused. "Although the weekend didn't end up how we had planned, we, like many teams, used it [the weekend] as a test session and it saw our team find more speed, which we're hopeful of building on for the remainder of the year."

The next round of the V8 Supercar Championship is going to be on April 15 – 17 for the ITM400 event in Hamilton, New Zealand.

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