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Prosperous Start to the 2011 for Luff and LDM

After a short break over the Christmas / New Year period; Warren Luff and the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) team returned to the track at Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway for last weekend's official V8 Supercar Championship practice session.

At the completion of the two sessions; Luff showed a good turn of pace aboard the # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore and he ended up 24th and 21st place respectively in the sessions.

"It was great to get back behind the wheel and we were able give our rebuilt car a really good hit out and there were plenty of positives to come out of the weekend," commented a pleased Luff. "We were using older tyres throughout the day while a lot of the other teams were using fresh tyres. I think our times don't really reflect our end positions and we were probably inside the Top 15 or thereabouts in regards to the positioning in the practice sessions, especially in the afternoon."

In regards to the year ahead; Luff and the LDM team have set their aims at being a consistent Top 15 contender throughout the V8 Supercar Championship and with a bit of luck they can crack the Top 10.

"There's no reason why we can't be a consistent Top 15 contender this year and we're very confident of being able to achieve that," Luff enthused. "When you look through the field cracking the Top 15 is not an easy task, as everyone is very competitive, but we feel that we have what it takes to make it happen."

With a re-built VE Holden Commodore, along with a continued relationship with the Walkinshaw Racing team and securing the full-time services of engineer Rob Palermo, who is a man of extensive experience that includes Formula One and V8 Supercars, the 2011 V8 Supercar Championship looks to be a promising one for the LDM team.

"Acquiring a full-time engineer, along with re-built car and our continued relationship with the Walkinshaw Racing team is going to be a major benefit for the whole team and we're confident of that playing a big part in our improved consistency," Luff commented. "Rob [Palermo] is a man of great experience as an engineer and there is no doubt that he's full-time presence is going to play a part in the growth of our team."

The 2011 V8 Supercar Championship is set to kick off on February 10 – 12 for the opening round with the running of the YAS V8 400 at Abu Dhabi in the Middle-East.

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