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Bad Luck Denies LDM of Top 10 Result at Bathurst:

A late safety car period spoiled the Top 10 chances of the Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) team during last weekend's Bathurst 1000 and therefore they disappointingly finished in 17th place.

LDM team drivers, Nathan Pretty and Mark Noske, had driven strongly throughout the Bathurst 1000 and had worked their way into Top 10 contention towards the latter stages only to have a safety car period ruin any chance of an outstanding result.

"We were right up there towards the end, but as disappointing as it is [missing out on a Top 10 result] there is still so much to be proud of," commented Pretty. "The team never missed a beat all weekend, as we had a good strategy and consistent speed and to work our way into Top 10 contention was very pleasing. It was just a shame that the late safety car spoiled a better result, but to finish the Bathurst 1000 on the lead lap is still an achievement in itself and something we are very proud of."

The LDM team had worked hard leading up to Sunday's Bathurst 1000 and Noske explained that they used the practice and qualifying sessions earlier in the weekend to build up their speed for the 'Big Race' aboard their # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore.

"In practice and qualifying we were building up our speed and our focus was the race itself," Noske said. "We ended up qualifying down the field 26th, but we had a lot of confidence in our speed for the race itself. We certainly weren't left disappointed as we had a great run throughout the entire race and were unlucky not to come away with a better result."

The next appearance for LDM is the Gold Coast 600 on the weekend of October 23 – 24 where Pretty will run with US Champ Car racer Scott Pruett.

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