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Pretty happy to be heading back to the Mountain

Experienced Bathurst specialist Nathan Pretty will return to Mt Panorama for his 14th attempt at Australia's 'Great Race' having resigned with Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport.

Pretty will partner Warren Luff in the Gulf Western Oil/Autopro Commodore in this year's enduros - the L&H 500 at Phillip Island and the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 at Mt Panorama - his second year with the LDM team.

The 37 year old has six top 10 Bathurst finishes to his credit and was unlucky to miss out on yet another last year when a cunning strategy by the Gulf Western team was negated by an untimely Safety Car.

"I'm absolutely rapt to be able to continue on in the Gulf Western Oil Commodore, to have a drive locked away this early in the year and then to be able to get some testing in through the year is fantastic for me and for the entire team," Pretty said.

"We were really unlucky last year with that late race safety car, but the team showed in their first Bathurst how good a job they do.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for me to drive alongside Warren and with the team having another year's experience under its belts I am sure we'll be able to figure prominently in the results."

Team owner Lucas Dumbrell was thrilled to be able to retain the experience of Pretty.

"Nathan is a proven endurance driver who did a really great job for us at Phillip Island and Bathurst last year - he knows the car and the team, and we are happy to have him back in the Gulf Western Oil/Autopro Commodore," Dumbrell said.

"To get our driver line-up sorted so early in the year puts us in a much stronger position than last year.

"We'll get Nathan into the car at the test days as much as we can so he's fully prepared and ready to go when the enduros roll around."

Luff and Pretty will test the Gulf Western Oil/Autopro Commodore at Winton Motor Raceway in Victoria tomorrow, with the next round of the 2011 International V8 Supercar Championship, the Clipsal 500 taking place in Adelaide on 17-20 March.

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