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## Tough Gold Coast 600 Weekend for LDM

The Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport (LDM) team and their drivers, Warren Luff and Scotland's Marino Franchitti, endured a tough run throughout the Gold Coast 600 weekend around the streets of Surfers Paradise in Queensland.

Lady luck certainly didn't shine down on the LDM team and their # 30 Gulf Western Oil supported VE Holden Commodore, as they had premature ends to both of the 300km race events.

In Saturday's opening race, where they had qualified strongly in 19th, Franchitti was forced into retirement after just 15 laps due to steering damage caused from contact with another rival. There wasn't much better luck in the second 300km race on the Sunday for the LDM team, after they were, once again, hampered from posting a solid result. Due to a developing gearbox issue, Franchitti was forced to retire after only completing a total of 14 laps. They had qualified 27th on the grid

Regular LDM team driver, Luff, said that it was a tough and disappointing weekend, especially since the team had carried good form into the event and the fact that international Franchitti was guest driving.

"We didn't have a lot of luck on our side over the weekend and consequently we didn't see a lot of track time," commented Luff,

who didn't do a lot of driving over the course of the weekend and didn't get the opportunity to drive in either of the 300km races. "Qualifying 19th for Saturday's race was one of our best results of the year and we were confident of being able to build on that, but it simply wasn't to be."

The LDM team are now regrouping and preparing for the next round of the 2011 V8 Supercar Championship in three weeks' time. The Falken Tasmania Challenge is going to be held at Symmons Plains Raceway, near Launceston in Tasmania, on the weekend November 12 and 13.

To find out more about LDM visit [www.ldmotorsport.com.au](http://www.ldmotorsport.com.au) or Gulf Western Oil visit: [www.gulfwestern.com.au](http://www.gulfwestern.com.au)

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