

# **RICHARDS TEAM** *MOTORSPORT*

## **Bristow Brimming**

Young BNT V8 rookie Michael Bristow is brimming with enthusiasm and confidence heading into the fourth round of the BNT V8s at Timaru International Motor Raceway this coming weekend.

Currently 11th in the championship Bristow is keen to move well up into the top ten after a less than satisfactory performance at the last round at Ruapuna in November. "We went well at Timaru last year getting into the top eight for the weekend until we broke a differential in the last race," commented Bristow. "Timaru is quite a flat track with some good opportunities for passing."

It was at Timaru last season that Bristow made his debut in the NZV8s championship when he was invited to replace Cameron McLean in the Tex Onsite Ford Falcon. He was already racing and leading the V8 Development class that he went onto win.

Car setup is vital says Bristow. "There is the setup for qualifying and then there is race setup which is quite different. As long as your car is setup properly then there is three or four places available for passing."

After a disappointing result at the previous round it has been back to the gym over the December New Year period. "Our expectation is to finish better than we did at Ruapuna and the team is focused on doing very well at both the Southern 200 rounds".

First up Timaru followed by the fifth round of the competition a week later at Teretonga Park, Invercargill

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