

# **RICHARDS TEAM** *MOTORSPORT*

## **Bristow quick on the streets**

A top ten finish for BNT V8 driver Michael Bristow (TEX Onsite Ford) on the streets of the Hamilton 400 was testament to the team's thorough preparation for the event and the speed of their car at the end of the season.

After setting the ninth fastest time in qualifying, Bristow then had to start from the rear of the grid in race one due to serving a penalty from the previous round at Pukekohe in March.

"What the team was thrilled about was that we set our qualifying time on old tyres, saving the new ones for the racing."

The car had proved to be fast without the aid of fresh rubber and it was this advantage that saw the Ford finish seventh in race one. "That was a really, really good result. The car was out-standing, it was flying," an excited and satisfied Bristow exclaimed after the race.

This excitement changed dramatically during the second race on Sunday morning. After starting from where Bristow finished in the first race he soon found himself in fourth and attacking third position when the car suddenly slowed. "It was the fuel pump that let go" and he ended up not being able to finish the race.

The team re-grouped and Bristow started fifteenth for the third and final race of the non championship trophy round and it was a fight that lay ahead of Bristow on the streets of Hamilton as all drivers gave it everything in their final fling for the season.

"It was an absolute sh...t fight out there," said Bristow now with the excitement back in his veins.

“There was lots of passing, around the outside of cars, through on the inside. Most of us seemed to be running out of brakes, the walls were close, and there was the odd tag here and there.”

Making up seven places and finishing eighth in the third race was another great result which saw the TEX Onsite team finish ninth overall for the round.

“We came through all right for the weekend, the team is happy and the sponsors got lots of great TV coverage and there was heaps of people watching at the track.”

Newly crowned BNT V8 champion Kayne Scott was the in charge of the whole weekend winning all three races and the round.

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