

RICHARDS TEAM *MOTORSPORT*

Bristow sets high goals

Although the TEX Onsite Richards Team Motorsport struggled to meet the high expectations that they had set themselves going into the third round of the BNT V8s at Powerbuilt Tools International Raceway, Christchurch, they are more than satisfied with driver Michael Bristow finishing all three races, the car in one piece and the consistency of finishing and gaining valuable championship points.

While disappointed with finishing results from the round Bristow is up beat with the knowledge gained from a hard weekend at the track. "The team is reasonably happy as we have learnt a lot and we will go back home to work it all through for the next round at Timaru in the New Year."

Bristow came away with a twenty third in the first race, fifteenth in the second and thirteenth in the final race. This leaves him eleventh overall in the championship.

"In race one we had the wrong set up then on the second lap we had a puncture and had to come into the pits. This put us a lap down and we struggled then on to the end," commented Bristow. "Then in race two we had a much much better car as we changed the set up. However it developed a fuel pump issue which we couldn't resolve until after the race"

"We got turned round early in race three after starting third and that also turned a bad weekend to worse. I had smoked the rear tyres when I tried to turn her back round and that was too hard on them so early in the race."

Although disappointed consistency brings rewards over a long season and the team are thrilled with getting through the weekend with more points in the bag. "It's all about the points and hey, we have had a great run so far this season," said team manager Steve Richards after the meeting, " and what's more the boys are really happy that the car is straight at the end of another weekend."

Kayne Scott won the round from John McIntyre (second) and Craig Baird and Andy Booth (third equal).

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Qualifying Results Top 16

- 1, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 1:30.135
- 2, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 1:30.222
- 3, Andy Booth , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 1:30.671
- 4, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 1:30.780
- 5, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 1:30.968
- 6, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 1:31.225
- 7, Andy Knight , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 1:31.276
- 8, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 1:31.401
- 9, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 1:31.816
- 10, Tim Edgell , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 1:32.058
- 11, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 1:31.509
- 12, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 1:31.688
- 13, Steve Owen, Melbourne , Ford Falcon, 1:31.784
- 14, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 1:31.806
- 15, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 1:31.979
- 16, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 1:32.086**

Race 1 (12 Laps) (Top 15)

- 1, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 75
- 2, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 67
- 3, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 60
- 4, Andy Booth , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 54
- 5, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 49
- 6, Andy Knight , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 45
- 7, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 42
- 8, Tim Edgell , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 39
- 9, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 36
- 10, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 33
- 11, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 30
- 12, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 28
- 13, John Hepburn , Timaru, Holden Commodore, 26
- 14, Alan McCarrison , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 24
- 15, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 22
- 23, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 9**

Race 2 (16 Laps) (Top 15)

- 1, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 75

- 2, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 67
- 3, Andy Booth , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 60
- 4, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 54
- 5, Tim Edgell , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 49
- 6, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 45
- 7, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 42
- 8, Eddie, Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 39
- 9, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 36
- 10, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 33
- 11, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 30
- 12, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 28
- 13, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 26
- 14, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 24
- 15, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 22**

Race 3 (20 Laps) Full reverse grid

- 1, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 75
- 2, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 67
- 3, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 60
- 4, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 54
- 5, Andy Booth , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 49
- 6, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 45
- 7, Nick, Ross, Cambridge , Holden Commodore, 42
- 8, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 39
- 9, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 36
- 10, Tim Edgell , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 33
- 11, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 30
- 12, Andy Knight , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 28
- 13, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 26**
- 14, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 24
- 15, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 22

BNT V8s Championship – Provisional points after Round 3 (Top 15)

- 1, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 533
- 2, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 529
- 3, Andy Booth , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 416
- 4, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 359
- 5, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 331
- 6, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 329
- 7, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 312

- 8, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 306
9, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 300
10, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 291
11, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 280
12, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 249
13, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 235
14, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 228
15, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 200