

RICHARDS TEAM *MOTORSPORT*

TexOnsite Bristow consistent at Pukekohe

Young 21 year old rookie Michael Bristow put in a consistent performance in the BNT V8s Championship on the first day of the Hydraulink 200 race weekend meeting at Pukekohe Park Raceway today.

First he put the TexOnsite Falcon eighth on the grid for race one and then finished eleventh after being pushed back to sixteenth mid way through the race.

“We were very pleased with qualifying. We didn’t get a perfect lap but we finished in the top ten which is great for the team,” commented Bristow. Making the top ten shoot out is vital for grid position and the team only completed four laps in the final fifteen minutes.

“It was done on purpose in order to save tyres for the weekend. You can only get the best out of them in those initial laps so you might as well save them.”

Pukekohe’s Paul Manuell made it a start-to-finish win for Holden, winning race one ahead of last season champion John McIntyre (Ford) and Dean Perkins (Ford).

The twelve lap race involved two incidents that required safety car intervention – the first being on the very first lap when, racing very closely, Andy Booth, Craig Baird, Andrew Porter and Michael Bristow clashed. Booth then scored a drive-through penalty by officials.

Bristow was maintaining eighth early in the race then suddenly fell back to sixteenth. “Steve Owen came under us at the hairpin and I got a bad run out of the corner. Going over the hill I was nudged onto the grass by another car which wasn’t too good,” reported Bristow.

He then set about clawing his way back up the field eventually crossing the line in eleventh.

“The car is a pretty good race car and I am confident of moving forward in the next two races”

The second part of the BNT V8s Championship at Pukekohe sees a 16-lap race on Sunday morning and a 20-lap reverse grid race on Sunday afternoon, both with rolling starts.

BNT V8s Championship – Round 2, Race 1 (12 laps) – Top 15

Position, Driver, Hometown, Car, Points earned

- 1, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 75
- 2, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 67
- 3, Dean Perkins , Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 60
- 4, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 54
- 5, Steve Owen, Melbourne , Ford Falcon, 49
- 6, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 45
- 7, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 42
- 8, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 39
- 9, Andy Knight , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 36
- 10, Cam Hardy , Hamilton, Holden Commodore, 33
- 11, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 30**
- 12, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 28
- 13, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 26
- 14, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 24
- 15, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 22

BNT V8s Championship – Provisional points (after race 1 of round 2)

- 1, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 228
- 2, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 206
- 3, Paul Radisich , Melbourne , Ford Falcon, 181
- 4, Andy Booth, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 174
- 5=, Angus Fogg , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 146
- 5=, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 146
- 7=, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 144
- 7=, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 144**
- 9, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 135
- 10, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 133