

# **RICHARDS TEAM** *MOTORSPORT*

## **TEX Onsite Team successfully achieve objectives**

It's smiles all round for the Tex Onsite team as they head to Invercargill as Michael Bristow moved the team back into the top ten in the BNT V8s championship. Bristow achieved a positive result finishing eleventh for the Southern 200 round held at Timaru International Motor Raceway over the weekend.

After a great start to the season at Taupo and then Pukekohe where they ran as high as sixth in the series, the team momentarily came unstuck with a disappointing result at Ruapuna. With this behind them and the start of a New Year the team were determined to get back into the top ten in the series.

Three finishes in three races (11th, 8th, 16th) has now moved Bristow back up the championship ladder.

Race two this morning proved to be the best for the team with Bristow finishing eighth. "It was a good race although we had some under steer and what appeared to be a leaking radiator six laps from the end," said Bristow.

Busy was an understatement for the team in describing the third race for the weekend. "Man, that was one of the most eventful races that I've ever had," Bristow exclaimed afterwards.

The reverse grid of race three created havoc soon after the start with Simon Richards spearing off into the barrier on the start finish straight. This created a large dust cloud for drivers to race through, also creating minor panel damage on a number of cars.

"When I came down into turn one there was a big dust cloud and I couldn't see a thing. I punched someone in front of me and got booted in the back," commented Bristow.

Later he clashed with Andy Booth with the latter spinning and Bristow having to lose his seventh place to serve a drive through penalty.

Kayne Scott won the round from Craig Baird and John McIntyre. Scott extends his championship lead to 31 points ahead of McIntyre with Michael Bristow back in tenth position as the team head to Invercargill for stage two of the Southern 200.

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