

# **RICHARDS TEAM** *MOTORSPORT*

## **Top 10 finish a top result for Bristow at home track**

Sixth equal overall at the Hydraulink 200 is another great result for rookie Michael Bristow competing in the BNT V8s championship at Pukekohe Park Raceway in the weekend. With three solid race finishes Bristow has collected valuable points to be within striking distance of the top five in the championship.

Two races were run today, the first Bristow was fortunate not to get caught up in the pile up that occurred going into turn one soon after the lights went out. Eight cars were involved in a massive pile up that saw two jump the safety fence and a two hour delay in righting the damage in order for the race to restart.

Bristow saw the whole incident unfold in front of him. "The lights went out and I tried to fill the gap (left by the absence of Andy Knight who was to have started in front of Michael). Another car came across twice, the second time to take up the gap that wasn't there and clipped my front wheel. I got off the gas to try and save it a bit but he ended up spearing off into the wall and going across the track into on coming traffic."

After the restart Bristow finished ninth with John McIntyre (Ford) winning from race one winner Paul Manuell (Holden) and Dean Perkins (Ford).

In race three Bristow started thirteenth (full reverse grid start) and immediately moved forward, slipped back and then moved forward again to cross in ninth position. "We were pretty happy with the result as it was hard to pass with the yellow flags down the front straight (as a result of the earlier incident and damaged barriers). The car started jumping out of second gear heading down the main straight and out of the hairpin and I had to hold it in there which didn't help."

And the points?

"We will just carry on banking championship points as we go along so we are pretty happy with the weekend."

Finishing three out of three races is part of the 'no dents' policy that the team has employed this season. "The team is thrilled" said manager Steve Richards. "That's two rounds with a straight car at the end of the weekend and young Michael has finished in the top ten again."

Kayne Scott was the eventual winner of race three as well as placing third for the weekend behind McIntyre and Manuell.

The team now prepares to head south to the next round at the end of the November at the Powerbuilt International Raceway, Ruapuna.

### **BNT V8s Championship – Round 2, Race 2 (16 laps)**

Position, Driver, Hometown, Car, Points earned

- 1, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 75
- 2, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 67
- 3, Dean Perkins \*, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 0
- 4, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 60
- 5, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 54
- 6, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 49
- 7, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 45
- 8, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 42
- 9, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 39**
- 10, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 36
- 11, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 33
- 12, Andy Booth, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 30
- 13, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 28
- 14, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 26
- 15, Inky Tulloch , Gore, Ford Falcon, 24

## BNT V8s Championship – Round 2, Race 3 (20 laps, reverse grid)

Position, Driver, Hometown, Car, Points earned

- 1, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 75
- 2, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 67
- 3, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 60
- 4, Steve Owen, Melbourne , Ford Falcon, 54
- 5, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 49
- 6, Andy Booth, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 45
- 7, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 42
- 8, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 39
- 9, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 36**
- 10, John Hepburn , Timaru, Holden Commodore, 33
- 11, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 30
- 12, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 28
- 13, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 26
- 14, Dean Perkins \* , Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 0
- 15, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 24

## BNT V8s Championship – Provisional Points after Round 2

Position, Driver, Hometown, Car, Total Points

- 1, John McIntyre, Nelson, Ford Falcon, 345
- 2, Kayne Scott, Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 332
- 3, Andy Booth, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 253
- 4, Paul Manuell, Auckland , Holden Commodore, 239
- 5, Andrew Anderson , Auckland , Holden Commodore, 238
- 6, Paul Pedersen, Rotorua, Ford Falcon, 234
- 7, Michael Bristow, Pukekohe, Ford Falcon, 222**
- 8, Craig Baird, Gold Coast, Ford Falcon, 196
- 9, Eddie Bell , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 193
- 10, Dale Williams, Auckland , Ford Falcon, 189
- 11, Paul Radisich , Melbourne , Ford Falcon, 181
- 12, Andrew Porter , Auckland , Ford Falcon, 175
- 13, John Penny , Taupo, Holden Commodore, 163
- 14, Adam Brook , Christchurch , Ford Falcon, 144
- 15, Simon Richards , Hamilton , Ford Falcon, 140

*\* These drivers are competing on a round-by-round basis under a “parked V8 franchise” agreement and therefore are ineligible for championship points.*