



## PITHER CHARGES HARD

Saturday, 3 March 2007

In the first V8 Ute reverse grid race of the year young Kiwi Chris Pither more than halved the number of cars in front of him by race end. Starting from grid 13, by race end Pither was 6th.

That was a much better result than team mate Yanis Derums, whose spare engine didn't make it from the team's base at Wollongong. Race 2:

**42: Chris Pither**

Grid position: 12

Unusually for 'The Kud' he lost one position in the first lap. 'I didn't get a very good run and got boxed in a couple of times. I went down the inside (into corners) a couple of times but got squeezed out.'

On lap 2 Chris got Kingsley at the turn 9 hairpin, taking him to 12th. The next lap he got by Fisher, the exit of Kovacs from the lead and a trip through the pits for Jarvis elevating the Kanga Loaders Falcon to 9th.

Things got a bit messy through the 90-degree turns 4 and 5 on lap 4, with plenty of pushing and shoving and swapping of paint. Pither was re-passed by Fisher, but got by Moorehead and Millett pulled out – a net gain of one position to 8th.

Lap 5 saw Chris dispense with Hodges, taking 7th, and on the following lap his race-long duel with Fisher continued, Pither coming out on top to finish the lap in 6th, which he held to the chequered flag. Displaying his usual optimism, Chris said, 'The car was a little bit better. We fiddled with tyre pressures and it was a bit more consistent, so I'm looking forward to Race 3 tomorrow.'

**41: Yanis Derums**

Grid position: DNS

Unfortunately Derums' team could not get the spare engine for his Kanga Loaders Holden, so Yanis is out for the remainder of the weekend.



Pos	Driver	Vehicle
1	Elsegood	Falcon XR8
2	Jane	Commodore SS
3	Corkery	Falcon XR8
4	Palmer	Falcon XR8
5	Johnson	Commodore SS
6	Pither	Falcon XR8
7	Fisher	Falcon XR8
8	Harris	Commodore SS
9	Crambrook	Falcon XR8
10	Baxter	Commodore SS

## RACE 2 RESULTS:

Chris Pither and his Kanga Loaders V8 Falcon Ute faces Race 3 on Sunday (8 laps). In Australia catch all the V8 Ute action on Channel 7's V8 Ute program at 12.30 on Saturday, 17 March.

Check your local guides for details. The V8 Utes will be telecast in New Zealand on TV NZ's One Sport, with times yet to be determined.