

RYCO HOSE RACING: 4TH AND LAP RECORD

Adelaide: Sunday, 4 March 2007



The Kanga team mates, Pither and Derums, finished at opposite ends of the championship points table at the Round 1 V8 Ute Clipsal meeting this weekend.

Scoring 2nd in Qualifying and a 5th, 6th and 4th in Races 1, 2 and 3, 'The Kud' had a very solid weekend, capped off by grabbing the lap record for the Adelaide circuit in the last race in his Kanga Loaders Falcon, showing promise of things to come.

Derums took an early shower after cooking his engine on Friday, with his team unable to get its spare from the workshop, ending the weekend with no championship points.

42: Chris Pither

Grid Position: 5

Cooler weather and an early start made for ideal fast racing conditions. 'I got a reasonably good start, held 5th through the chicane and had a go at picking off 4th into turn 4, but it didn't come off,' said Pither. Chris did better in the chicane than Kovacs and Cribbin, whose tangle ended their races and brought out the safety car until the end of lap 3.

On the restart the young Kanga Loaders pilot took Jane under brakes on the outside into turn 4 and managed to hold him out into turn 5. With clear track ahead of him, it was pedal to the metal, setting a new lap record on lap 5.

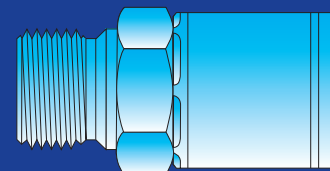
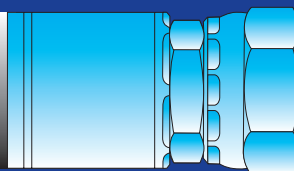
Of his new-found car speed, a very happy Pither commented, 'In the other races I could keep with the other guys but didn't have the pace to pass, but this time I felt I had the pace to have a go.'

On lap 5 Flemming, who runs out of the same garage as Pither, clipped the inside wall of the notorious, high-speed turn 8, banging into the outside wall on the exit and ricocheting back to the inside wall. Officials deemed that the prudent thing was to bring out the chequer at the end of lap 6, two laps early.

41: Yanis Derums

Grid Position: DNS

After cooking his engine on Friday, Derums was out for the remainder of the weekend. Yanis is hoping for a better result at the Australian Grand Prix meeting in a fortnight.



RACE 2 RESULTS:

Pos	Driver	Vehicle
1	Elsegood	Falcon XR8
2	Johnson	Holden SS
3	Palmer	Falcon XR8
4	Pither	Falcon XR8
5	Kingsley	Holden SS
6	Fisher	Falcon XR8
7	Crambrook	Falcon XR8
8	Baxter	Holden SS
9	Hodges	Holden SS
10	Jane	Holden SS
DNS	Derums	Holden SS

ROUND RESULTS:

Pos	Driver	Vehicle	Points
1	Elsegood	Falcon XR8	104
2	Johnson	Holden SS	98
3	Palmer	Falcon XR8	89
4	Pither	Falcon XR8	84
5	Kingsley	Holden SS	82
6	Jane	Holden SS	81
7	Fisher	Falcon XR8	77
8	Crambrook	Falcon XR8	65
9	Hodges	Holden SS	65
10	Corkery	Falcon XR8	65
	Derums	Holden SS	0

Chris Pither and Yanis Derums and their Kanga Loaders V8 Utes again take to the track at Melbourne's Australian Grand Prix meeting from 15 to 18 March.

In Oz 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.

For more info and pics, go to www.rycohose.com.au