

## PITHER WINS FOR RYCO HOSE

Friday, 16 March 2007

Chris 'The Kud' Pither took the honours in today's six lap reverse grid V8 Utes Race 2 at Melbourne's Australian Grand Prix meeting.

Still plagued mid-race by the brake fade that yesterday robbed him of any chance of a podium in the opening contest, after building a substantial lead Pither eased off for the last lap, crossing the chequer over five seconds in front of runner-up Elsegood.

Team mate, Yanis 'Excalibur' Derums, couldn't repeat yesterday's stellar run. After making up four positions by lap 3, an engine miss stole the power necessary to continue his charge through the field.



## RACE 2:

(6 laps)

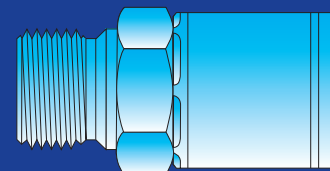
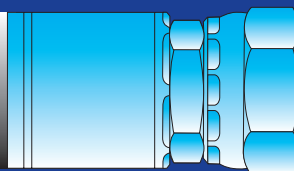
42: Chris Pither

Grid Position: 10

'The track seemed to have more grip. It rained last night, which probably cleaned off all of yesterday's rubber, but the F1 guys' time on track today laid down plenty of rubber, giving good grip.

'Over the first couple of laps there was a fair bit of carnage. I got hit fairly heavily in the left-hand side, but other than that I had a fairly good run. There were cars everywhere; tyre bundles had been moved; bumpers and side skirts were all over the track.

'In those first laps when I was focused on getting to the front, I got a bit knocked around. There were a few small gaps, but I managed to "squeeze" through without too much damage and was able to carry on.



Once I got in front [the end of lap 3] I built up a bit of a lead and then took it easy because the brakes were fading. The ute's a bit battered, but it's all good. To stand on that top step of the podium was just great, and I want to thank Kanga Loaders and all of our other sponsors, both here in Australia and in New Zealand, for their support over the years. It's just been great. I can't thank them enough.

'If we can get around the brake issue, it'll be really good. We fitted new disks and pads overnight, so it's a bit of a mystery. At the moment that's limiting our speed a bit.

'But I reckon I'll be starting around the second row of the grid tomorrow, and I'm really looking forward to running at the front of the pack.

41: Yanis Derums

Grid Position: 14

'An engine miss pretty well sums up my race. It may have been a fouled plug, but we're not sure.

'With the reverse grid, I started off down in the mid-field pack and there was absolute carnage. Just about every time I came around a corner there were cars facing the wrong way. It was definitely an action-packed race! [Nearly a quarter of the 29-car field failed to finish].

'With my third from yesterday, I'm hoping to start around row four or five tomorrow, so I'll give it my best shot.'

## RACE 2 PROVISIONAL

Pos	Driver	Vehicle
1	Pither	Falcon BF
2	Elsegood	Falcon BF
3	Baxter	Holden SS
4	Van Twest	Falcon BF
5	Jane	Holden SS
6	Corkery	Falcon BF
7	Johnson	Holden SS
8	Palmer	Falcon BF
9	Miedecke	Falcon BF
10	Fisher	Falcon BF
13	Derums	Holden SS