

## DERUMS PUTS KANGA AND RYCO HOSE IN TOP 3 ALL DAY

Wakefield Park, Goulburn: Friday, 30 March 2007

A cold morning greeted the Kanga Loader V8 Ute crews in Goulburn, the overcast sky and high wind making them feel even colder than the morning temperature of 10°.

By the final session of the day, only one second covered the first 19 of the 28-car field, with Kanga Loaders' Derums top of the pile!



### PRACTICE 1:

A field of 23 Utes took to the track for the session.

#### 42: Chris Pither

'We spent the first part of the session bedding in brakes. After a stop in the pits I did a couple of quicker laps.

'The car is handling okay.'

#### 41: Yanis Derums

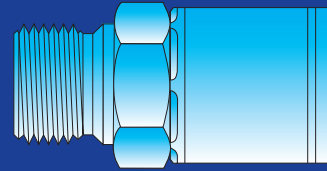
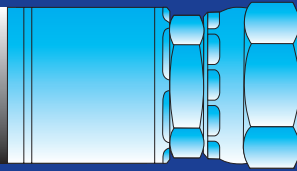
'We did a lap or two double checking that the repairs to the front end [damaged at the Australian Grand Prix] was okay.

'I did only two quick laps. We're second for the session, but that's not going to be good enough; we need to get some more [speed].

'The car is flying.'

**Results:** 1 Miedecke, 2 Derums, 3 Baxter, 4 Palmer, 5 Kovacs, 6 Robinson, 7 Crambrook, 8 Johnson, 9 Jane, 10 Hodges, 14 Pither.





## PRACTICE 2:

25 cars on what is still a slippery track, due to the cold conditions and not much rubber being laid down. The front-runner from session one left his Ute in the garage.

42: Chris Pither

'The brakes seem better and the car is okay. 'We'll see if we want to change anything. If not, we might not go out this afternoon in session 3.'

41: Yanis Derums

'We tried a couple of things but we didn't really get the car to go much quicker. 'If we go out this afternoon it will just be to bed in brakes.'



## PRACTICE 3:

The skies cleared for this session and the sun's rays warmed the tarmac to the extent that the 28 Utes on track were slower than in the earlier two sessions.

42: Chris Pither

'We just swapped tyres front to rear and worked on a few different things on the track, like different gears in different places and different braking points.

'We're still half a second off the guys at the front, but I think a lot of it is in the tyres.

'What really counts is qualifying tomorrow afternoon when everybody has their two new tyres for the weekend. We probably won't practise tomorrow morning.'

41: Yanis Derums

'I was just going to go out and bed in the brakes, but it felt pretty good so I thought I'd have a bit of a crack.

'As it turned out, it was alright.

'We tried something different and it seemed to work. It felt pretty good. That's the first time ever in Utes for me to top the timesheet.'

**Results:** 1 Derums, 2 Fisher, 3 Elsegood, 4 Kovacs, 5 Baxter, 6 Jane, 7 Johnson, 8 Harris, 9 Pither, 10 Flemming

Tomorrow at the Wakefield Park circuit, Goulburn, NSW Chris Pither and Yanis Derums and their Kanga Loaders V8 Utes will be on track for one practice session and qualifying and on Sunday will attack three 11 lap races.

In Australia, catch Race 1 of the Wakefield Park V8 Ute action as part of the V8 Supercar live telecast from New Zealand on Channel 7 on Saturday, 21 April, and the remainder of the Wakefield Park V8 Ute action on Channel 7's stand alone Utes program at 1.30 pm on Saturday, 28 April. Check your local guides for details.