

## ROUND WIN FOR DERUMS AND RYCO HOSE

Goulburn: Sunday, 1 April 2007

Ecstatic 'Excalibur' Derums today attained the top step of the podium for Wakefield Park's Round 2 of the Yokohama V8 Utes Championship.

It was his maiden first placing in a major motor racing event, and he was plenty happy about it!

On another day of perfect weather Derums continued with the scintillating form he has displayed since first taking to the bitumen on Friday.

Simply, Derums dominated the weekend:

Friday:	Practice 1	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Practice 2	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Practice 3	1 <sup>st</sup>
Saturday:	Practice 4	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Qualifying	1 <sup>st</sup>

Today he was first in Races 1 and 3. As is the exciting nature of V8 Utes racing, Derums' Kanga Loaders Holden Ute was involved in some on-track contretemps in Race 2, placing him down the order.

However, Derums' round win was emphatic – a clear 7 points in front of second-placed Palmer !

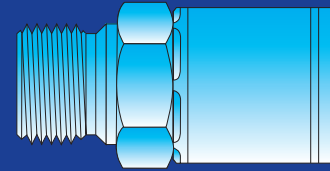
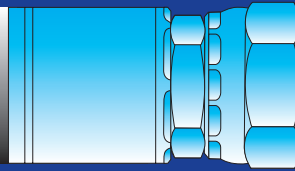
### RACE 1:

(11 laps)

**Grid:** 1 Derums, 2 Jane, 3 Baxter, 4 Palmer, 5 Johnson, 6 Robinson, 7 Pither, 8 Kovacs, 9 Harris, 10 Kingsley

A bitter sweet result for Kanga: perfect result for 'Excalibur' Derums – his first ever win in Utes – and race over for 'The Kud' 200 metres from the start.





## RACE 1 (Continued)

### 42: Chris Pither

#### Grid Position: 7

'I got a really good start and was right up the exhaust of the guy in front. But when he missed a gear I tried to miss him but tore off my front right-hand 'guard. It was swinging back by my door. But it also pulled out some of the engine wiring and the engine stopped.

'It was really disappointing. I'll have to start from the rear in Race 2, so I've got some work to do.'



### 41: Yanis Derums

#### Grid Position: 1

'Jane got a better start than I did and got a good half-car ahead of me. We went round turn 1 together. Pole position giving me the inside of the track was a real advantage there.

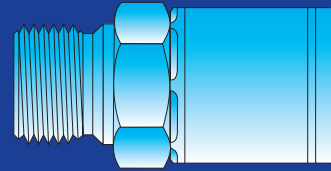
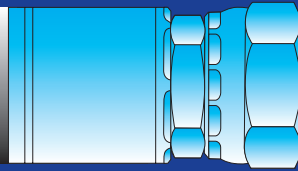
'It got a bit hairy at turn 2 but he gave me good racing room [on the outside] and we came out side by side.

'We went around [the left-hand] turn 3 together, but I got in front for the next one and stayed there.

'The safety car came out on lap 2. When we got underway again on lap 4 Johnson and Baxter were dicing with Jane. That kept them busy so I just focused on getting to the chequered flag without making a mistake.'



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



## RACE 2:

(11 laps)

42: Chris Pither

Grid Position: 28

'I got off the line well and made up some positions around the outside on the first corner. In fact, I got a good run for the first couple of laps and got some lucky breaks when some others made mistakes and I was able to capitalise on them and get by.

'The car was really good. Climbing from 28th to 9th probably shows that!'

41: Yanis Derums

Grid Position: 16

'Coming down the straight at the end of lap 4 Ryal Harris moved across on me. When we hit it lifted the Kanga Loaders Ute off the ground – the wheel alignment was gone as a result.

'It was a real battle from there on.

'Had it not been for that, it would have been a far different result, but that's the way it goes. Given what happened, I was lucky to finish 16th.'

Results: 1 B. Dunn, 2 Robinson, 3 Van Twest, 4 Corkery, 5 Kovacs, 6 Palmer, 7 Flemming, 8 Elsegood, 9 Pither, 10 Fisher, 16 Derums

## RACE 3:

(13 laps)

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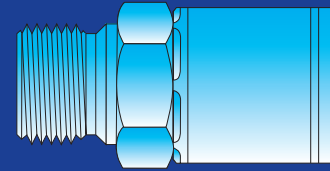
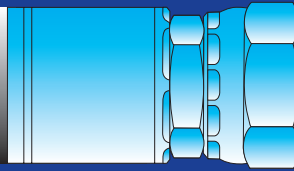
Grid Position: 22

'My start was okay but I couldn't get passed anyone because I was boxed in. There was a crash in turn 3 of the first lap and a whole lot of utes ran off the track. So I got past five of the competition.

'But that was about where I stayed for the rest of the race. I was a second a lap slower than the guys in front. The car wasn't that flash, and I couldn't get past anyone.

'I don't know what happened to the car between Races 2 and 3. For some reason it was a lot worse, whereas it should have been better because we had a new tyre to put on. That's something we'll have to think about before the next round.'





## RACE 3 (Continued)

41: Yanis Derums

Grid Position: 2

'That was a really tough race!

'I got a good enough start. Dunn and I were side by side but, starting on the inside, he had better track position. He drove really well and his car was strong.

'When the race resumed on lap 5 after the safety car period I was right on Dunn's hammer for pretty well the next 7 laps. I made a couple of lunges, but I was desperate not to hit him [which would impose a penalty].

'But on lap 12 he made a mistake. I think he may have been looking backwards rather than forwards; he locked up the brakes and around he went, and that was it. Had he not made the mistake, I'm not sure I would have been able to pass.

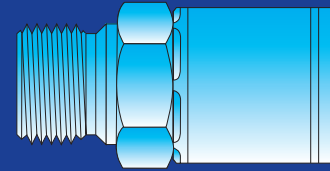
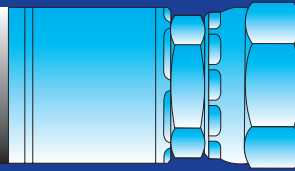
'I thought I was home and hosed, but Ryal Harris managed to catch up to us with all our dicing, and he tortured me all the way to the end.

'The motor racing gods were favourable to me in the end. I think they took pity on me after Race 2.'

Results: 1 Derums, 2 Harris, 3 Baxter, 4 Robinson, 5 Palmer, 6 Dunn, 7 Kovacs, 8 Elsegood, 9 Johnson, 10 Kingsley, 16 Pither

## ROUND RESULTS (PROVISIONAL):

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Pos	Driver	Vehicle	Points
1	Derums	Holden SS	95
2	Robinson	Falcon BF XR8	85
3	Baxter	Holden SS	84
4	B. Dunn	Falcon BF XR8	84
5	Harris	Holden SS	83
6	Palmer	Falcon BF XR8	81
7	Kovacs	Holden SS	78
8	Elsegood	Falcon BF XR8	73
9	Flemming	Falcon BF XR8	71
10	Jane	Holden SS	70
20	Pither	Falcon BF XR8	41



## CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS (PROVISIONAL):

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Pos	Driver	Vehicle	Points
1	Elsegood	Falcon BF XR8	177
2	Palmer	Falcon BF XR8	170
3	Johnson	Holden SS	161
4	Jane	Holden SS	152
5	Robinson	Falcon BF XR8	149
6	Fisher	Falcon BF XR8	135
7	Baxter	Holden SS	134
8	Pither	Falcon BF XR8	125
9	Kingsley	Holden SS	122
10	Corkery	Falcon BF XR8	117
15	Derums	Holden SS	95

Next outing for Chris Pither and Yanis Derums in their Kanga Loaders V8 Utes is at Eastern Creek, west of Sydney, from 9 to 11 June.

In Oz, 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 standalone Utes program at 1.30 pm on Saturday, 28 April. Check your local guides for details.

