



TOUGH LUCK FOR THE GIZ AT BATHURST

161 laps to pass 12 cars. That's the prospect SP Tools-backed Stone Brothers Racing pairing Shane van Gisbergen and John McIntyre face after qualifying 13th for Sunday's Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 km race. Qualifying day (Friday) wasn't the best of days for Stone Brothers Racing, with van Gisbergen and McIntyre the best of the team's three combinations.

Shane van Gisbergen – Driver, SP Tools Racing Car #9

"We started pretty good yesterday but fell back after my incident at turn 2. I made a mistake pushing too hard, the time just wasn't coming so I kept trying different things and just braked too late and spun the car to soften the impact but just couldn't slow it up in time.



"A lot can happen on Sunday though so I'm not concerned with starting from 13th. Starting up the front does help but we have 161 laps to pass 12 cars.

Today's [Sunday] Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 was one of toughest weekends on the mountain for SBR finishing the 161 lap race outside the top ten. With just 22 laps to go van Gisbergen was in 6th position and looking strong when on a restart the steering failed and a wheel came loose ruining the Kiwi's chances of a solid Bathurst result.

Delaminating tyres were issue forcing the crew to adapt to a change in race strategy throughout the day.

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"It was pretty tough the whole weekend really. Today we had a really good race car, probably not good enough to challenge for the win but the way we had positioned ourselves all day we were looking alright for a while there. We had a few tyre dramas but at the end we were in the fight and I thought we were sitting good before the restart with just 22 laps to go but something failed in the car going through The Chase which was pretty



scary so we pulled in to fix it and managed to bring the car home.

"I am shattered over the whole thing, we were up against it all day but managed to be up there towards the end when it really mattered and to have that happen is devastating. I have never finished inside the top ten here so I would have settled for 6th although I know we were capable of a podium at the end." THE GIZ FINISHED POS 21

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