



BETTER LUCK THIS YEAR AT SANDOWN

It was a dark weekend at Sandown last year and luck was not on SP's side. Starting on Friday The Giz was forced to retire from Practice after being involved in a high speed incident at turn 7 in the second session. A bit shaken after making contact with the armco, Shane escaped injury and after a routine check was cleared by the circuit's medical centre.

Shane van Gisbergen –“I was pushing hard and locked the right front tyre, the car went straight ahead and we ended up in the wall. I hurt my ribs a bit in the impact and feel a bit sore but otherwise all okay.

Saturday Qualifying 7th in the Top Ten Shootout van Gisbergen started the 33 lap race on soft tyres as a strategic move to streak to the front of the field. It soon turned to a day the Giz would rather forget with a horror start to the first race of the Norton 360 Sandown Challenge Shane locking up the soft tyres on his SP Tools Racing Falcon on the first corner of Lap 1 and found himself in a number of different incidents. When Shane found himself at the back of the race pack after his mistake on the first corner it was decided by the team to change over to hard tyres on Lap 10 in order to save the soft tyres for Sundays race. Recovering well Shane finished 15th.

Sunday The Giz was unable to improve on his shootout effort from Saturday starting the race from 24th. Shane copped another cruel blow to his championship points tally when he was forced to retire from Race 2 on the second lap. The SP Tools Racing Falcon was unable to press on after early contact with Michael Patrizi, van Gisbergen reported to the team he would enter pit lane for repairs but from that point on both the car and Shane remained in SBR's garage.



Last year is way in the past and the boys are positive. Coming straight from Tasmania last weekend to finishing off final preparations ready to take on the 2010 Norton 360 Sandown Challenge this 19-21 Nov, it's another race, a new weekend the boys can only improve from last years results.

Accompanied by Peter Sengstock The Giz will visit the Monash Ronald McDonald House Thursday morning 18th Nov before hitting Sandown Raceway Friday morning for the 2010 Norton 360 Sandown Challenge.

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