



FRUSTRATING END FOR SP TOOLS SHANE VAN GISBERGEN AT TASMANIA

The euphoria of Surfers Paradise was but a distant memory for SP Tools Racing driver Shane van Gisbergen on the first day of competition (Saturday 13th Nov) at the Falken Tasmanian Challenge. SBR's Falcons "simply need to qualify better" according to team boss, Ross Stone in order to finish inside the top ten at Symmons Plains. Saturday morning's 20 minute qualifying session saw the Giz miss the Top Ten Shootout leaving plenty of work to do in the 50 lap race. The entire field opted to start and finish the race on the soft compound tyres making them last the entire 120km distance. the Giz qualified 14th and after a lengthy battle with BJR's Jason Bright during the dying stages of the race, Shane van Gisbergen crossed the line in 13th.

Shane van Gisbergen – SP Tools Racing Car #9

"It was just a frustrating race, I got a bad start and dropped a couple of places, then managed to get them back but when we were in the train behind Courtney and Bright I just struggled to get past.

"Bright and I were racing for most of the race but on the last lap I had a go to pass and at the last corner he whacked straight into the back of me."



Sunday was a frustrating end to the Falken Tasmania Challenge event with the Giz finishing outside the top ten for the second day in a row. After a full season on the shelf the wet weather tyres were out for the race start thanks to a full day of solid rain. The conditions changed at the races half way point with the track drying out enough for the soft 'sprint' tyres to make an appearance for the final stint. Drive through penalties put an end to any attempt of a good result for van Gisbergen after being involved in separate racing incident at the hair pin. A risky tyre strategy saw van Gisbergen recover well to finish 11th.

SBR will now travel straight to Melbourne to begin preparations for the

Norton 360 Sandown Challenge November 19 -21.

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