



FASTEST MAN ON THE ISLAND ON DAY 1

FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Day 1 – Fastest in practice

1. VAN GIS 1.32.80 2. Lowndes 1.33.02 3. R Kelley 1.33.41 4. Coulthard 1.33.42 5. Whincup 1.33.51

After a long nine week break the V8 Supercars were back on track today for the opening day of the L&H 500 at Phillip Island. It was the Kiwi's who set the pace with Shane van Gisbergen and John McIntyre ending the day with the quickest overall lap time in the SP Tools Racing FG Falcon after three 30 minutes practice sessions.

Shane van Gisbergen – Driver, SP Tools Racing Car #9 “I think I spent the first lap just laughing, thinking how good is this, I have missed being in the car so much, it's just good to be back!”

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Good results with The Giz qualifying 3rd and John McIntyre 12th and race result finishes of The Giz 3rd and McIntyre 17th left the boys with a nice starting position of 6th on the grid for the big race on Sunday.



SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER A day of highs and lows

Starting off on a high with world champion surfer Stephanie Gilmore going for the ride of her life around Phillip Island race circuit with Shane van Gisbergen in the SP Tools V8 Supercar. With a good starting position of 6th on the grid Johny Mac in the driver seat first up and a 3 pit stop strategy things were all set to go. John driving the first 2 legs and Shane finishing off with the last 2. Great potential soon turned to tragedy. Van Gisbergen and McIntyre's hopes of a good result were cut short early in the race when on Lap 8 it became evident that the SP Tools Racing Falcon was experiencing engine problems. After starting the race and hanging in there for 54 long laps McIntyre's driving duties were over and van Gisbergen held on for the remainder of the race to finish 27th.

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

“It was tough, we had an engine issue early on with John in the car and we tried a lot of things, as much as we could but it got no better, no worse. When I got in the car I just cruised around and luckily got to finish, I would have been crushed if it made it all that way and didn't finish. It's such a shame because we had such a good car all weekend and to have that happen in the race just sucks!”

John McIntyre – Co-driver, SP Tools Racing Car #9

“It's a real shame but as everyone knows these events are out of your control and I'm sure this is a good precursor to Bathurst, we have good speed, a good driver combination and I think we will be right come the big race next month.”

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