



## **PAYCE MOTORSPORT**

### **Shannons Nationals 1–3 April 2016 at Sandown Raceway**

**A thrilling weekend of racing for PAYCE supported teams and drivers on both sides of Bass Straight.**

**John Bowe** and **David Wall** had the fans cheering them on as they battled top competitors in the Touring Car Masters and Sports Sedans respectively at Sandown Raceway in Victoria for the Shannons National Series.

#### **Touring Car Masters Delivers Tight Racing at Sandown – Brian Boyd**

John Bowe arrived at the race meeting with an expectation of some tight racing at one of his favourite tracks where he has had lots of success in the past. He wasn't disappointed! After the recent Clipsal meeting in Adelaide, where he accomplished 2nd and 3rd in the two championship races, John knew he had a real fight on his hands against some experienced drivers in new cars at the Sandown Raceway meet.

The TCM field had the luxury of three practice sessions, which was greatly appreciated by the teams. From the outset, John was lapping among the top times, but clearly some of the competition was going to make it difficult come race time.

#### **John Bowe Puts in an Electric Performance in Race 1 of the TCM – Brian Boyd**

Qualifying for race 1 in the wet saw John in 2nd spot, putting him on the front row of the grid. The Torana was performing fantastically on the tight track, but lacked the straight line speed of two of his stronger competitors in Greg Ritter and Jim Richards.

Off the line in race 1, he was beaten by Jim Richards in the Javelin into the first corner but kept up the pressure none the less. After Ritter was forced to drop out with engine problems, John battled with Richards for the remainder of the race, but had to settle for 2nd after Richards drove a faultless race to hold off John by just 0.2 seconds at the chequered flag.

John said: "Jimmy and I had a great battle and he didn't make a mistake. Despite me putting a lot of pressure on him, he just soaked it up."

#### **Race Two of the TCM Sees JB Break his own Lap Record – Brian Boyd**

Race 2 was payback time, with JB making a great start that took him into the lead over Richards and he was never headed, re-setting his own lap record on the way.

#### **Race Three Delivers Exciting Racing with JB Topping the Board for the Round – Brian Boyd**

Race 3 was a speedway style reverse grid that saw JB on the charge through the field to finish a great 3rd after some heart-stopping passes. The wheel to wheel action kept the crowd on their feet for the whole race. As the last race did not count in the championship points, JB finished the winner of the round and on top of the leaderboard. A great weekend of racing for JB and PAYCE!

## **Brian Boyd Congratulates John Bowe's Tenacious Weekend Performances.**

Brian Boyd added his congratulations to John Bowe on his great performances in winning the round over the weekend. John's tenacious performance and racing spirit came to the fore at the TCM meet as he fought wheel to wheel with newer, high-powered race cars.

Never one to flinch, JB wrung every ounce of performance out of the Torana to deliver a great result for the team.

"JB had a fight on his hands against new machinery in the hands of equally experienced drivers," Brian Boyd said.

"Being the racer's racer he is, JB welcomed the competition and obviously enjoyed all three races in the lesser-powered Torana." Continued Mr. Brian Boyd

## **Philip Island will be a Guaranteed Fight to the Finish – Brian Boyd**

The next round of the Touring Car Masters is to be held at Phillip Island on 15-17 April 2016 and promises to be a fantastic event. For those who can't be at the meeting, PAYCE representatives will be delivering another Wrap Up set of articles of the weekend's racing from the PAYCE website, with comment from Managing Director Brian Boyd.

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