



## **PAYCE MOTORSPORT**

### **Tyrepower Tasmania Super Sprint At Symmons Plains**

**April 2016**

#### **PAYCE Backed Drivers Battle for Top Positions in a Thrilling Race Meeting.**

A sensational weekend of motor racing for PAYCE supported teams at the Symmons Plains International Raceway in Tasmania

Scott McLaughlin and James Moffat competed in the 2nd round of the V8 Supercars championship at Symmons Plains Raceway in Tasmania, showing tenacity under pressure in the practice sessions.

#### **James Moffat on the Racing Edge in Practice 1 to Secure Top Position.**

Round two of the V8 Supercars championship at Symmons Plains started on a highest of notes for the Wilson Security Racing GRM team. (Volvo Cyan Racing)

James Moffat delivered a superb lap on the penultimate lap of practice 1 to explode from 23rd place to the top of the time sheets. While the early practice session is not always a true indication of how the race weekend will play out, it was a big confidence building exercise for James who is understandably still on a steep learning curve with the #34 Volvo.

James said: "I won't get carried away as it is only Friday, but it's a better feeling being up that end of the time sheet!"

Scott McLaughlin fought hard in the session, though was not able to get a clear run and ultimately came home 12th fastest in practice 1.

#### **Brian Boyd Congratulates James Moffat on a Stellar Performance in the 1<sup>st</sup> Practice Session**

Brian Boyd, PAYCE's Managing Director sent his congratulations to James Moffat on his flawless lap to place the #34 Volvo at the top of the time sheets.

"It was a solid start to the meeting with James gazumping the field with a fantastic lap just before practice ended," Brian Boyd said.

#### **Tight Qualifying Times Place Scott McLaughlin in 8th Position for the Race Start – Brian Boyd - PAYCE**

Race 1 qualifying on Saturday was a close shoot out with an acutely tight field. With only seven-tenths of a second separating all cars in the session, final qualifying was an exciting spectacle. Scott put in full effort to qualify in 8th spot on the grid while James was regrettably relegated to the back in 23rd spot, albeit only 3/10ths off Scott's time.

Brian Boyd said: “there was little between the entire field in qualifying. With less than a second separating the first to last times, any cars not in the top 10 were always going to find it difficult to work their way up the order in the race.”

### **Engine Problem in Race 1 an Unfortunate Turn of Events for Car #33 – Brian Boyd**

Race 1 saw an unfortunate turn of events where Scott's car #33 suffered an engine problem, being a broken butterfly on the inlet manifold. Scott diverted to the pits to remedy the problem, ultimately starting the race from the pit lane. Quick thinking by the team meant that Scott had officially started the race by completing his first lap before pitting to rectify the engine problem. Pushing hard, Scott was able to earn some points even though he finished 10 laps down beyond re-joining the race. James raced through heavy traffic and was able to move up several positions to finish in 20<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Sunday Qualifying has Scott on the Pace Again with a Top 4 Finish**

Sunday opened with the team resolved to put Saturday's challenges behind them. The longer race qualifying saw Scott on the pace early in 4<sup>th</sup> position to ultimately finish 8<sup>th</sup> on the starting grid. James felt more attuned with the car and finished in 14<sup>th</sup> spot on the grid, albeit just 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a second slower than Scott.

The lap timings were as close as they could be with thrilling racing for the whole race.

### **Race Two Delivers a 4<sup>th</sup> Position Finish for Tenacious Scott McLaughlin – Brian Boyd**

Scott and James delivered good starts for the second race and quickly gained positions to sit in the Top 10. Scott kept pushing hard and was remunerated with 4<sup>th</sup> position at race end. Scott was aided by two of the leading cars being caught out when oil was dropped onto the race line. This racing incident resulted in Will Davidson having a 'Steven Bradbury' styled win.

James had the harder tasks, being caught out with a double-stack and a drive through penalty for pit lane speeding. James also fell victim to the oil spill, but managed to complete the race with some solid lap times and an intact car to take the 16<sup>th</sup> position.

### **Full Credit to Garry and the GRM Team – Brian Boyd**

Brian Boyd said: “We all felt deeply for Scott and the team when he couldn't take his place on the grid for the first race. Full credit must go to Garry and the GRM team for the strategic decision to send Scott out at the right time to capture some well deserved points.

“I thought race 2 was a good indication of both cars' potential with Scott and James into the top 10 at one point and travelling well. Mr. Boyd continued. “But then the safety car period messed things up somewhat with James forced to double-stack and then being hit with a penalty for exceeding the pit lane speed.”

“The oil spill on turn 4 was a game-changer, but for a change worked in Scott's favour, and he was unlucky to just miss out on his first podium of the year.

“The race produced some exciting, close racing up front, which is what everyone wants to see throughout the season. I look forward to seeing the Volvos up there too, mixing it with the frontrunners,” Brian Boyd said.

On the championship leader board, Scott remains in the top 10 in 10th spot, while James is 21st.

The team travel down the coast to Phillip Island in less than two weeks' time for the third round of the championship on 15-17 April 2016.

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