

Morris Finance and Holden Racing Team win on the streets of Adelaide

Hi Michael,

The <u>Holden Racing Team</u>'s James Courtney claimed victory over the weekend at the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide finishing with the trophy for Round 1 of the 2014 V8 Supercars Championship.

Courtney managed to avoid an incident packed race early. He raced with consistent pace and worked his way through the pack with a sound race strategy. After qualifying in 15th place Courtney had a lot of ground to make up if he was going to take out the final Race.

The race was action packed, full of incidents and controversial penalties with nine drivers failing to finish. The final podium position changed hands three times in the final dozen laps keeping teams on their toes.

"Man, that felt good!" Courtney said getting out of the car. "We knew we had good car speed, but the race was crazy... We didn't get it gifted, we had to pass a few guys and work pretty hard."

Courtney hasn't driven a V8 Supercar since his near fatal crash at Phillip Island late last year when he was involved in an accident that resulted from a failure on another car.

Clipsal's final race was full of carnage resulting in the safety car being deployed on a number of occasions as the famous street circuit continued to live up to its reputation as one of the hardest and toughest events in V8 Supercars.

The Walkinshaw Racing Team have made a number of changes over the new year including appointing Adrian Burgess as Managing Director. Adrian's previous role was with the highly regarded Red Bull Racing Australia outfit and the result is a further step in the right direction as the team are determined on continuing to rise back up the V8 Supercar ladder.

The Morris Finance backed Holden Commodore's will again hit the streets of Melbourne in two weeks' time for the Melbourne Formula One Grand Prix starting on Thursday the 13th of March 2014, we will provide updates throughout the year on our social media channels Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.