



**NZV8 UTE CHAMPIONS!**









## 2015 Round 5 - Pukekohe Review



## Round 6 - Final Fight, Hampton Downs

UDC NZV8 Ute Champion 2015!!!

The championship came down to the wire for Round 6 at Hampton Downs. Going into the weekend we had a 33 point lead over Brett Rudd and the rest of the UDC V8 Utes. This year the rules were changed so that each driver had to drop their worst round points. This meant the win was never guaranteed and we could not afford a DNF.

The weekend started off in Hamilton on the Thursday with a full day of prep on the ute to ensure it was in peak form. Friday we had 2 practice sessions and hot laps where we found some good speed from both the car and driver.

Saturday rain was anticipated however we had a dry qualifying session where we managed the 4th fastest lap time. Race 1 was held in torrential rain and we raced a conservative race cruising around fighting to stay on the wet track. The race was then red flagged and we finished in 4th.

Sunday brought race 2 and 3 with dry weather conditions. Race 2 was a reverse grid. Which had us start off P10. We raced hard and made some good clean passes to get up to 4th. Race

3's grid was a combination of the points from the previous 2 races so this left us on P5. Knowing that just getting a finish would secure the championship we put on a clean run and finished in P6.

It was really good to have so many family and friends to share the celebrations with both after the race and at the prize giving held at Hampton Downs on Sunday night.

This may have been our last ever NZ V8 ute race as we are listing the ute for sale as we look to move up to another level of racing. At the moment it's "Watch this Space" we will of course keep you informed when there is further developments. If you are interested in becoming a partner with us in whatever our next venture might be then we would love to hear from you.

Thanks to the wonderful family of sponsors and race team for the support to make this championship win possible also thanks to my supporters for turning up and cheering me on.

Sam Barry







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## NZV8 Ute Series Points Standings

POSITION	DRIVER	UTE BRAND	UTE#	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Sam Barry	Ford	71	84	90	77	89	55	68	<b>408</b>
2	Brett Rudd	Holden	99	68	93	68	78	66	0	<b>373</b>
3	Matt Spratt	Holden	48	74	71	78	58	0	69	<b>350</b>
4	Peter Ward	Holden	69	77	43	65	51	68	79	<b>340</b>
5	James Urquhart	Holden	10	72	60	72	64	61	0	<b>329</b>
6	Jeff Kernohan	Ford	21	59	56	51	38	38	48	<b>252</b>
7	Mason Barbera	Ford	16	85	55	0	74	0	0	<b>214</b>
8	Simon Ussher	Ford	94	48	51	29	31	32	0	<b>191</b>
9	David Kernohan	Ford	12	0	55	0	55	52	0	<b>162</b>
10	Mike Lightfoot	Ford	96	0	71	70	0	0	0	<b>141</b>
11	Peter Dudson	Ford	82	0	0	0	52	34	48	<b>134</b>
12	Paul Manuell	Holden	15	0	0	0	93	0	0	<b>93</b>
13	Brent Collins	Holden	11	0	0	90	0	0	0	<b>90</b>
14	Mark Gibson	Ford	67	0	0	0	0	88	0	<b>88</b>
15	Richard Moore	Holden	15	0	0	0	0	0	84	<b>84</b>
16	Kris Walton	Ford	16	0	0	0	0	0	81	<b>81</b>
17	Andy Booth	Holden	23	0	0	0	0	79	0	<b>79</b>
18	Glen Collinson	Ford	17	0	0	0	0	0	73	<b>73</b>
19	Nigel Hanley	Holden	27	0	0	0	0	0	57	<b>57</b>
20	Geoff Spencer	Holden	22	0	0	0	0	0	50	<b>50</b>
21	Kirk Shier	Ford	6	49	0	0	0	0	0	<b>49</b>
22	Jason Land	Ford	18	0	0	0	32	0	0	<b>32</b>
23	Todd Bressnell	Holden	5	0	0	0	29	0	0	<b>29</b>

