



***Heads high after a tough
ITM 500 weekend***





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2015 Round 5 - Pukekohe Review



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It was a busy start to the weekend at the V8 Supercar ITM 500 at Pukekohe. Practice was early Friday morning where we had some slight set up issues. However the ute was set to go for Qualifying at midday where our plan was to put it up the front.

Qualifying went well and we ended up 4th, putting us onto the 2nd row for Race 1 the next morning. There were 16 utes on the starting grid this weekend and all V8 Ute track time was live on Channel 55.

Race 1 got off to a great start and slotted into 4th. The BEL Group Ford Falcon was a rocket from the start as we approached turn 10. However I then had the biggest moment of my life when I took too much curb and it sent me sideways. Managed to keep it off the wall and rejoined in 8th where I finished.

Race 2 was a reverse grid and so started off P9, it was a hard battle for me as no one was making it easy to move up the field. Was run off the track a number of times which made it very

frustrating as my crew had prepared a fast Ute. Made some good passes and put on a good show ended up in 8th spot.

Race 3 grid was decided from points gathered over the weekend so that put me off P9. I battled up to 7th behind Brett Rudd who is 2nd in the Championship. Good way to finish our roller-coaster Round here at Pukekohe and to keep the Championship lead. Was good to put on a show for the fans and get loads of air time for our great sponsors.

Thanks to all who came out to watch and who watched it on TV.

Coverage from Round 4 in Taupo will be on TV3's CRC Motorsport, this Sunday at 2.25pm.

The next and final championship round is Round 6 at Hampton Downs on the 27/28/29th November 2015.

Thanks Sam

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	-	395
2	Brett Rudd	Holden	99	68	93	68	78	66	-	373
3=	Matt Spratt	Holden	48	74	71	78	58	48	-	329
3=	James Urquhart	Holden	10	72	60	72	74	61	-	329
5	Peter Ward	Holden	69	77	43	65	51	68	-	304
6	Mason Barbera	Ford	16	85	55	41	74	0	-	255
7	Jeff Kernohan	Ford	21	59	56	51	38	38	-	242
8	David Kernohan	Ford	12	0	55	48	55	52	-	210
9	Mike Lightfoot	Ford	96	61	71	70	0	0	-	202
10	Simon Ussher	Ford	94	48	51	29	31	32	-	191
11	Paul Manuell	Holden	15	0	0	0	93	83	-	176
12	Kirk Shier	Ford	6	49	0	46	0	0	-	95
13	Brent Collins	Holden	11	0	0	90	0	0	-	90
14	Mark Gibson	Ford	67	0	0	0	0	88	-	88
15	Peter Dudson	Ford	82	0	0	0	52	34	-	86
16	Andy Booth	Holden	23	0	0	0	0	79	-	79
17=	Kris Walton	Ford	16	0	0	0	0	46	-	46
17=	Glen Collinson	Ford	17	0	0	0	0	46	-	46
19	Nigel Hanley	Holden	27	0	0	0	0	41	-	41
20	Geoff Spencer	Holden	22	0	0	0	0	35	-	35
21	Jason Land	Ford	18	0	0	0	32	0	-	32
22	Todd Bressnell	Holden	5	0	0	0	29	0	-	29

