



Newsletter - Round 1 Manfeild

Round 1 is over and although the point's summary doesn't show it, overall the weekend didn't go too badly.

Friday was spent testing the trucks to iron out any kinks in preparation for race day; with the new ABS installed Malcolm had to make sure the truck was set up right for racing. By the end of the day, both the Freightliner and the Kenworth were set to head out on the track on Saturday.

The line up for Saturday included Qualifying and Race 1 of the NZ Super Truck Champs. Malcolm qualified second, with a best lap time of 1.29.641 the gap between Malcolm and Andrew being 1.154 our team mate Milton didn't do too bad either, qualifying fifth with a best lap time of 1.33.693 pretty good for a beginner I say.

The first race was held later in the day and only 30 minutes before racing the officials paid the BTR Team a visit. We were ordered to take last years tire's off the Freightliner or not race at all. This was not only unfair to BTR as it was stated at the AGM that anyone who had tires from the last season was able to run on them, but it was also dangerous side. Malcolm had to race on tires he didn't know and that weren't even set up for the truck. Malcolm started this race from Poll, coming into the first corner with 10 other trucks behind him was pretty nerve racking with these tires on. However he managed to keep the Freightliner up the front and finished the race in 2nd place with Porter taking 1st and John Hepburn taking out 3rd.



Malcolm being interviewed



Coming round Dunlop Corner

Come Sunday in the first race of the day, the ignition wire on the Freightliner came loose and all power to the Freightliner was lost. Malcolm had to pull off the back straight and wait for team mate Milton Durham to finish the race and come to his rescue, the Kenworth then pushed the Freightliner back to the pits. This came as a

huge disappointment as Malcolm had made his way through the field to sit in 1st position. Team mate Milton bought the Kenworth in 3rd position, but later we were paid a visit from the officials to be told he was disqualified from the race for speeding. So 3rd ended up going to Les Plenzler, 2nd place went to Calven Bonney and 1st place Andrew Porter.

The second race - Reverse Grid, delayed start was yet again another great race for watching. Malcolm yet again made his way from the back of the field ahead of Andrew Porter. The photos below show how close things got, and during this race quite a few times Milton had trouble keeping the Kenworth going straight. 1st place went to Andrew Porter at a time of 12.08.112 Malcolm in the Freightliner came in 2nd with a time of 12.18 and 3rd place went to Calven Bonney.

If BTR's luck couldn't get any worse, the officials paid us another visit, issuing Malcolm with a notice of disqualification, this was also for speeding. He was gunned at 161kms 1km over the limit down the back straight. Now I know we don't have the fastest truck out there, so it does seem strange that both of the BTR team trucks were disqualified in different races over the course of the day.



Milton coming round Dunlop sideways Malcolm & Porter coming round Dunlop

The 3rd and final race was the Truck Flying Farewell - Rolling start. This race didn't involve any points for the championship. Malcolm also started this race from the back, but this time started all by himself with no Porter behind him. Porter's truck only completed the warm up lap before having to pull into pit lane, he was unable to start. Malcolm took out 1st place, with Grant Herrick in 2nd and our team mate Milton Durham taking 3rd. Not bad for BTR. If only it was a points race.



Now it's time to get organized for Round 2 in Timaru on 4th & 5th of March which is only weeks away. In **BIG NEWS** we finally have the new engine that we have all been patiently waiting for. So there's some work to be done and I'm sure that with Malcolm's planning and the crews determination the engine will be in and running in time for Timaru. From now on we should start seeing the

West Bush Deer Stud Freightliner taking the checkered flag more often.

Points Summary - After Round 1

Pos	Truck No.	Name	Hometown	Total
				Points
1	1	Andrew Porter	Hamilton	112
2	92	Calven Bonney	Auckland	84
3	10	John Hepburn	Timaru	70
4=	9	Grant Herrick	Manukau City	59
4=	14	Colin Hooper	Taupo	59
6	85	Chris Martyn	Timaru	55
7	07	Milton Durham	Christchurch	41
8	66	Malcolm Little	Upper Hutt	40
9	12	Ken Rowe	Hamilton	37
10	26	Les Plenzler	Auckland	35
11	111	Troy Wheeler	Papakura	29



