



NEWSLETTER - TIMARU 2005

Before we get stuck into the News from Timaru, I have to say ... "we did it!" That's right, we got the new Kenworth ready in time for Round Two in the Championship not only that, the we got the new diff back in the Freightliner as well as the single turbo back on. To sum it up we gave ourselves a mission, we accepted the mission, and are happy to say we completed the mission.



The Finished Kenworth

Timaru...

Friday went well with testing, the Freightliner didn't have any problems, and we are pleased to say that nothing went wrong with the diff. The Kenworth had a few teething problems, luckily nothing too major, the crew was able to fix the minor problems and get running smoothly again.

Saturday started out with qualifying, Malcolm qualified second in the Freightliner and Richard qualified fourth in the Kenworth. The day ended with Race 1 - Rolling Start. The results: First place Andrew Porter, 2nd place Malcolm Little, 3rd place, Bob the Builder, and in 4th place Richard Lester.

Team BTR took out both 2nd and 4th places.

Sunday starting out didn't go to BTR's advantage. Unfortunately Richard Lester in the BTR's Kenworth had to be towed off the track during warm-up. The crew worked frantically to assess the damage and found that it had blown a valve and destroyed the engine. (not what we needed to happen).

On the bright note we had with us for the weekend Dave (and the boys) from ADS, and Dave has so generously donated us the parts necessary for the rebuild. - Thank you Dave, your support is greatly appreciated.

Race 2 (the first of Sunday's) was a Reverse Grid - Rolling Start (which we started off the back beside Andrew Porter). Malcolm in the West Bush Deer Stud Freightliner took out 1st place! Yipeeee!! 2nd went to Terry Lowe in the International and 3rd Les Plender in the Scania. An awesome result for the first race of the day. Not to mention that was the first time Malcolm took 1st place in a championship race!



Race 3 - Rolling Start - Reverse Split Grid, Unfortunately the split was a considerable amount of track to make up in the eight laps. We came 5th

In the TRANS TASMAN 3 by 3 relay race, (top 3 New Zealanders verses the 3 Australians). Australia (Bob the Builder) took 1st place, 2nd 3rd and 4th places were taken by New Zealand.

In the second relay, 1st place went to New Zealand (Malcolm Little) 2nd NZ 3rd 4th & 5th went to the Aussies. So Part 1 of the Trans Tasman Super Truck Challenge went was taken out by New Zealand.

The final race of the day was the Flying Farewell which we came in 3rd. Overall the weekend in Timaru was the best result we have had (despite the problems with the Kenworth). We are really pleased with the results.



Kenworth being loaded



Lined up ready for the Parade



Kenworth doesn't look good

Points Summary

Pos	Truck No.	Name	Hometown	Total Points	Total Rd1	Total Rd2
1	400	Andrew Porter	Hamilton	210	112	98
2	66	Malcolm Little	Masterton	171	81	90
3	5	Terry Lowe	Auckland	134	73	61
4	10	Chris Dunn	Timaru	71	71	0
5	15	Bob Middleton	Adelaide	70	0	70
6=	111	Troy Wheeler	Clevedon	57	0	57
6=	85	Peter Anderson	Timaru	57	57	0
8=	10	John Hepburn	Timaru	54	0	54
8=	14	Colin Hooper	Taupo	54	54	0
10	3	Geoff Macklan	Sydney	52	0	52
11	26	Les Plenzler	Auckland	51	0	51
12	92	Calven Bonney	Auckland	47	47	0
13	81	Beau Hewat	Melbourne	46	0	46
14	85	Chris Martyn	Timaru	37	0	37
15	7	Richard Lester	Palmerston Nth	30	0	30
16	7	Gareth Williams	Auckland	8	8	0

Next it's on to Manfeild for Round 3 - The Final in the NZ Super Truck Challenge. We'd love to see you there.

