



## Newsletter - Round 3 Manfeild

After the successful weekend we had at Timaru, we expected the weekend racing at Manfeild to follow along in a very similar way. To the Teams dismay it was not to go the way we expected at all.

The Team headed to Manfeild on Thursday night to be ready for testing on Friday. On Friday Malcolm headed out onto the track, with the rain coming down, and being very bleak outside the conditions weren't great. The Race Truck wasn't performing to her best either, with the turbo still lagging.

Still with one more testing session to go in the afternoon, we were still hopeful to get the Truck running smoothly and setup for the track. Later Friday afternoon, Malcolm headed out again but after only completing on lap of the Track the West Bush Deer Stud Freightliner went BANG! That's right; the engine had blown to pieces, and a huge hole in both sides of the engine block.



Not all hope was lost, after Malcolm had been pushed back to the Pit, the crew packed up the whole site at Manfeild and headed back to the Masterton workshop. There was no way that the Race Truck was able to get back onto the Transporter, and team mate Milton Durham kindly towed the Freightliner back to Masterton with his tow truck. Huge thanks goes to you Milton! Once the crew arrived in Masterton there was no mucking around, our aim was to get the engine out and put the old engine back in. All hands were on deck including Dave Tenant & PK from ADS. Within hours of being there, the crew had removed the engine and transmission from the truck. It was going to be an all-nighter, sleep had to be gotten at some stage, so it was planned to do shifts on the truck. That was until the news got even

worse. Malcolm found that the Transmission had shredded the lock up plate. With no spare complete transmission and no parts available that was it, race over! There was nothing more that could be done.

This was the first time in 12 years that there was going to be a no show of the BTR Race Truck on Race day. In saying that, the rest of the Team (Truck not included) headed back to Manfeild to spectate.

On Race day in the very first race of the day, there was a coming together of two Trucks, Milton's Kenworth and Colin Hooper's Mack.



The damage to Milton's Kenworth

This unfortunately resulted in an altercation between both Colin Hooper's and Milton Durham's teams which resulted in both drivers being disqualified from driving for the day. Which in turn took two competitive Truck's off the track, including the Freightliner, which made it three trucks down for the rest of the days racing.

This race season is now over, and taking out the championship this year was Andrew Porter with 296 points, in second place John Hepburn 240 points and in third Calven Bonney 172 points. Congratulations guys.

In a quick wrap up, all is not lost for the BTR Team, but we shall tell you more about that and what's to come in the Season Wrap-up Newsletter.

