

LEONARD RACING TEAM



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Hi and welcome to the new site for the Leonard race team, thanks to Yaz at nzstockcarcy.com I now have an outlet to let you know how we think the team is going.

With a hard season last year with a new car and an old driver we took some time to get it together, I had not been in a Stockcar for about five years and I did seem to forget how to make these cars go, but nearer the end of the season it all came together. With the team all ready to go this season we have our main sponsor, Steve Jude Motors, with new sponsor NAC Insurance coming on board, a bit of paint on the car and the team is off to opening night.

We were going to run the last practice here but rain ended that play. The turnout for our opening night was about 18 cars, not bad I thought in these hard times, with many cars still to come you just know we are in for a good season's racing here in the Bay. The team was pretty happy with our opening night, two solid 3rd placings and getting back for a 6th after a spin was good, the racing was fast and hard, we missed the bigger hits this time but they will come, this is Hawkes Bay Stockcars after all!

I made two small changes to the car during the week before the second nights racing, when will I learn! First race on of the second meeting the car was down on power and not going too well at all! With the changes put back to the way the car was, we were going much better in the second race, up to 3rd just behind the leaders when the race stopped, good restart and then the back markers, this is were it all goes wrong! I can't even tell you what happened here, one second I'm going thru a hole, next second I'm going round in circles! BUGGER!

I get going in a straight line again in about last place, time for some fun, I have a bit of a play with a few cars, then spend the rest of the race sitting on the road end fence, I was smiling tho, you gotta love those paybacks. Last race we had to change my right rear tyre, the tyre we put on was smaller than the one we took off, give it a try we thought, well the car was junk, big push in the turns, slow and being shunted all over the place by every man and his dog.

To make things worse I missed the end of the race while looking in my mirrors, while being pushed down the back straight, and poor Ricky Kuru turned himself around in the pit bend, I collected Ricky pretty hard, so that capped off a night I for one am ready to forget. I have the engine out of the car at the moment being checked as to why there is a minor drop in oil pressure, and with lots of bent bits on the car we will be working hard for the next two weeks, but we will be at meeting three, no worries, if your walking past say hi, and if you need a service our sponsors supply call them first, if your not sure what NAC insurance can do for you, come talk to us, we have flyers with their service. Without the help from these guys the car would not be there.

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