



Dobbs scorches up TT laps.

Paul Dobbs (Dobbs) has just wrapped up his Isle of Man TT with a haul of six Bronze Replicas and the distinction of being the rider to complete the most laps during the fortnight: 3000km. He managed a personal best lap of 121.04mph and a best race average of 118.45mph.



Over so soon! We revisit Manfeild for the second and final round of our championship. We were able to compete at the final Tier 2 round as we weren't involved in Hamilton this year. I went to this round full of expectation after having such a great time here earlier in the season. I ended the day 5th, still a bit to do. Race One was one of the best battles of the season, with Whytie clearing

out in first place, myself, Brock, Marc & Dane proceeded to swap positions every lap in a great tussle that went to the finish. Unfortunately we got caught up amongst some slower 'B' Class cars, which caused a bit of drama & definitely had an effect on our race. I finished 4th. Overnight the heavens opened & made for a pretty miserable Sunday. So I had to finally buy some wet tyres and made a couple of slight changes to the suspension. Conditions were pretty bad, so cars were struggling all through the field. I managed to work my way into second, by which time Whytie was well ahead, handling the conditions perfectly. I proceeded to defend against the relentless Dane Fisher for the rest of the race, fending off a last lap attack by Dane & Brock Barrie. Man I think it's the hardest I've ever worked in a race

Then into race three which was a 16 lapper for the last race of the season. Again shocking conditions awaited us. I got an okay start, getting a bit of wheel spin off the line. I managed to gain a couple of positions before the first corner, just happy to survive the first lap in one piece. With such terrible conditions cars were struggling all over the place. Whytie definitely making the best of the conditions & clearing out to complete a clean sweep, unfortunately I wasn't able to stay with him, & had several battles & off road excursions to end up 6th for the race. This was good enough for 3rd overall for the weekend, a fairly pleasing result considering I never really felt that I had good car speed. With this result I managed to finish 5th outright for the series, which is pretty good considering I suffered two DNFs & didn't do the Taupo round. I have learnt a great deal about the car & the circuits & will look to next season with great anticipation.

A lot goes into running a car for a season like this, it wouldn't be possible without the help of friends, family & of course sponsors. A big thanks to Greg, Mum, the Suzuki boys, Hell Pizza, Darren & Jason @ Glassways Pukekohe, & to the boys @ Cannon Signage for keeping, easily the best looking car out there looking sharp as, all your help is much appreciated & I look forward to catching up with you all to review the season.....

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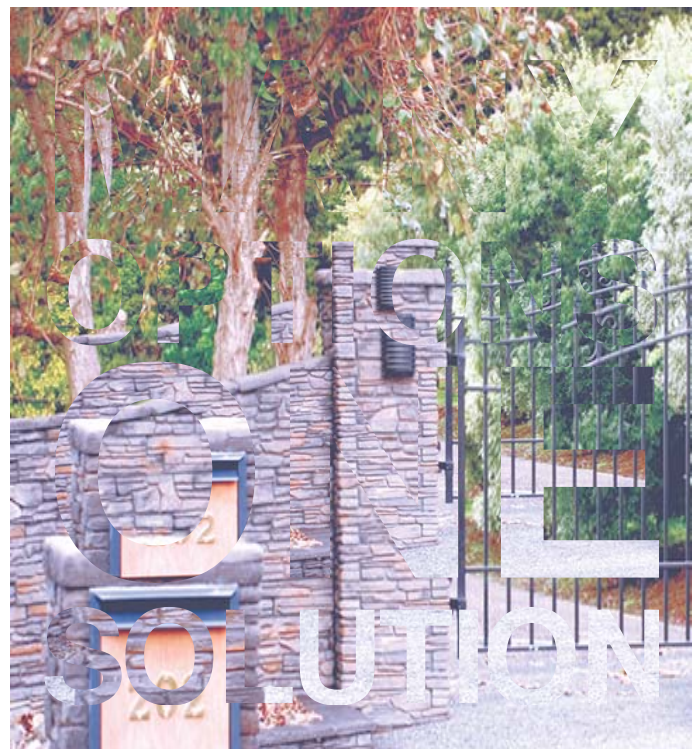
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