



## Brock Motorsport 2008 / 09 Season

### Brock takes 4<sup>th</sup> for the round at Pukekohe Raceway in Suzuki #05.

Suzuki Swift Sport Cup – Pukekohe 8 / 9 November

The team has been working hard after Taupo to get the Precision Dodge Suzuki #05 handling sorted and we went into this round confident that the problems we had at Taupo were no longer there. Qualifying on Saturday in dry conditions and we achieved a 5<sup>th</sup> fastest time of 1.14.364 which we were very happy with being faster than last years lap record set in similar conditions.

Race 1: with 29 cars on the track in our class was incredibly close and for most of the race I was in a bunch of Suzuki's going 3 and 4 abreast down the back straight and at times 2 and 3 abreast into corners and positions changing from lap to lap. The flag dropped and I achieved a very hard fought 4<sup>th</sup> position ahead of Scott Downes. The Suzuki's handling was brilliant and went around the track on rails as was shown by setting the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time of 1.13.963 behind Graham Smyth.

Race 2: I started on Grid 2 in the Suzuki class beside Graham Smyth. Had a brilliant start and tucked in behind Graham and by slipstreaming and working with each other rather than battling we were able to pull out a very handy lead of about 5 or 6 car lengths by Lap 5 from the second bunch of Suzuki's led by Ben Dallas. Coming down the back straight during Lap 6 Ben turned the 'Turbo' on and not only made up the 5 car lengths behind us but blew past Graham and I, he also set his fastest time in this lap of 1.13.649 half a second a lap faster than we were travelling at full throttle. Crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which we were very happy with.

Race 3: The delayed Grid is always a challenge having the slower cars to work our way through all the while having the faster B & C cars coming up behind us. Started the race on the second to last row beside William Bamber with only Ben Dallas and Graham Smyth behind us. Again the Suzuki's were 3 and 4 abreast and bunched up during the very competitive racing. Going into the corner at the end of the back straight 3 abreast was always going to be a challenge but being on the white line on the inside of the track I was confident of my position until what I can only presume was an out of control Suzuki came sliding up on the grass inside us and hit the side of my car knocking me back to 11<sup>th</sup> place from the 8<sup>th</sup> place I had been holding at that time. Fought hard to make up the places again and crossed the line in 8<sup>th</sup>.

This gave us 4<sup>th</sup> place for the weekend with William Bamber which we were happy to take. Track conditions certainly suited the Suzuki's this weekend with lap records dropping like skittles – the final time of 1.13.261, a full 1.2 seconds faster than last year which is incredible considering the B & C class cars failed to break lap records. I was happy to finish this round with no significant damage, compared to some of my fellow competitors and look forward to Christchurch at the end of this month which was my best round last year. The team will be looking for more speed in the weeks leading up to this race meeting, or changing my breakfast menu. Sincere thanks to all my valued sponsors, supporters, team and family. Precision Dodge supported by major sponsor Century Yuasa along with last years sponsors Dodson Japanese Autospares, Warren Fowler Hard Rock Quarries, Tyler Davies Group, Autocolour European and Legend Graphics.



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