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Bob Jane T-Marts racer Rodney Jane opened his 2011 Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series account with a solid haul of points on the streets of Adelaide on the weekend.

The Clipsal 500 street circuit is one of the toughest challenges in Australian motorsport, with its 14-turn layout demanding precise driving and exceptional car control.

The event saw Jane debut the newer model V8 Supercar, the Ford Falcon FG, making him the only driver in the 28-car field to be racing the current spec Ford machines up against a number of current spec Holdens.

Jane spent much of the two Thursday practice sessions getting used to the feel of the car and the different handling characteristics.

The team bolted on a new set of tyres to verify changes in the afternoon practice session, allowing Jane to set his fastest time of the session, a 1:24.7183.

Despite the improvement, Jane was disappointed with the final result and sought to make amends the following day.

The #777 Bob Jane T-Marts Falcon proved to be exceptionally quick in qualifying, with Jane able to make up solid ground to set the sixth fastest time, securing a third row start for race 1.

The 1:23.2259 lap, Jane's fastest ever at Adelaide, was a little over eight-tenths of a second off the pole position time of Nick Percat, a solid and satisfying result for the team also a vast improvement on the previous years qualifying time of 1:24.7563 more than 1.5 seconds quicker.

"That was my best qualifying result at Clipsal" Jane said. "To be eight tenths off pole with the field as strong as it is, is very encouraging."

Friday's twilight race saw Jane get off to a reasonable start before settling into a rhythm and reeling off a series of consistent laps behind the leaders.

Jane's run was interrupted when a frontrunner spun, forcing him to act quickly to avoid the re-entering car.





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The field quickly closed in and the Bob Jane T-Marts racer was on the defensive, dropping a couple of positions. In attempting to get the most from the car, Jane's setup in the first race encountered problems that took time him to adapt to, particularly under breaking and corner entry. The end result was an 11th place finish.

"I got a pretty good start Race one," Jane continued. "However when David Russell spun I lost momentum for a couple of laps and then encountered setup problems that took time to get around."

Eighth place in Saturday's race was a good reward for a more consistent run for Jane, despite an average start.

"I settled in better at the start and got some decent laps in but struggled adapting." The car was better in race 2 however the problem from race one persisted with Jane having trouble again with brake locking into corner entry of many of the lighter turns.

Jane managed to make up ground in race 2 and adapted to the setup issues with the car, he managed to get some consistency back into his laps.

"All up we had a solid weekend with a strong field of 27 cars and a significant number of new professional drivers. We can now focus on preparation for round 2 in Perth and aim to improve on our results.

Jane finished the weekend in equal ninth place, earning 162 points.

The Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series is next on track at the Trading Post Perth Challenge on April 29-May 1.

TOP TEN FUJITSU V8 SUPERCAR SERIES STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 1 OF 7

27 drivers compete in the series

POS	DRIVER NAME	TOTAL
1.	Nick Percat	267pts
2.	Tim Blanchard	240pts
3.	Scott McLaughlin	234pts
4.	Jason Richards	219pts
5.	Andrew Thompson	207pts
6.	Daniel Jilesen	189pts
7.	Chaz Mostert	186pts
8.	Jack Perkins	171pts
9.	David Wall	162pts
10.	Rodney Jane	162pts

