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## Bittersweet trip to the West for Rodney Jane

Bob Jane T-Mart Fujitsu V8 Supercar pilot Rodney Jane had a wild ride in the West on the weekend recording some of his best results at Perth's Barbagallo Raceway.

The development series' first foray to the 2.87km, sand-bordered circuit was an action-packed one, with the majority of the field having never turned a V8 Supercar wheel in anger there.

The low-grip surface made for an interesting pair of practice sessions as the 24-strong field rolled out on Friday.

Jane's first run was impacted by a rear hub issue which saw him sit stationary in pitlane for an extended period.

Despite only turning 12 laps, less than half of what the majority of the field managed, Jane still set the 12th fastest lap of the 7-turn circuit, a 59.2035s.

His pace improved in the second practice session, where he set a best lap of 0:58.9420s, albeit on used rubber.

Unfortunately the track time lost in the day's first session saw the team with less data and direction to proceed with, and Jane's championship rivals were all able to make gains, many on green, grippier rubber.

He finished 17th on Friday's combined timesheets, a result hardly indicative of the speed of the #777 FG Falcon.

Jane shaved close to 1.4 seconds off his practice pace to set a 57.5133s lap during the Saturday qualifying session, leaping up the order to snare sixth on the grid. Only 6 tenths of a second off pole.

With qualifying clearly a strength - Jane was also in the top 6 at the season opener at Adelaide - the team was positive about its chances for the afternoon's first race.

From the third row of the grid Jane held his own off the start and muscled the #777 Falcon into the lead pack where he remained for the duration of the 28-lap race.





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Jane was able to pick off a position to climb to fifth, finishing in a close battle pack with less than 7 seconds separating positions 1 through to 5.

If Saturday's result was sweet, then Sunday's was sour. Contact from behind from Ashley Walsh sent the Bob Jane T-Marts Falcon into the turn 1 sand trap, beaching it after just 6 laps.

The setback put pay to a repeat of Saturday's competitive showing but Jane forged on to finish a respectable 19th at the wave of the chequered flag.

Jane salvaged 156 points from the weekend to add to his Clipsal total, and leaves Western Australia sitting 9th on the standings with 318 points.

The next outing for the championship will be the Sucrogen Townsville 400 from July 8-10, an event at which Jane and the entire Bob Jane T-Marts crew are looking forward to making further progress at.

### TOP TEN FUJITSU V8 SUPERCAR SERIES STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 2 OF 7

24 drivers compete in the series

| POS | DRIVER NAME        | TOTAL         |
|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | Andrew Thompson    | 507pts        |
| 2.  | Scott McLaughlin   | 492pts        |
| 3.  | Jack Perkins       | 429pts        |
| 4.  | David Russell      | 414pts        |
| 5.  | Daniel Jilesen     | 402pts        |
| 6.  | Tim Blanchard      | 387pts        |
| 7.  | Chaz Mostert       | 378pts        |
| 8.  | Nick Percat        | 324pts        |
| 9.  | <b>Rodney Jane</b> | <b>318pts</b> |
| 10. | Robert Cregan      | 312pts        |

