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Race Two turnaround costs Rodney Jane on the streets of Townsville

It was a weekend of highs and lows for Bob Jane T-Marts Rodney Jane at the third round of the 2011 Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series in Townsville last weekend.

Practice one saw Jane straight back into the top ten, the Bob Jane T-Mart car posting the seventh fastest time.

Practice Two was not as rewarding, Jane was forced back to the pits after clipping one of the concrete walls. With damage to the #777 Ford Falcon's rear hub and watts linkage, Jane did not get the opportunity to run on his better set of tyres.

The Bob Jane T-Marts driver ended qualifying P9, not the position the team were aiming for, the lack of miles in practice session two hindering what should have been an effortless top five qualifier.

Race one saw things turn around for the Bob-Jane team, Jane crossing the line sixth behind teammate Jack Perkins.

Race Two hosted the reverse grid race where Jane started

from grid position four. The #777 Ford Falcon was running comfortably in fourth, but was tagged and turned around by fellow competitor Paul Morris.

Jane fell to the back of the field and recovered to the best of his ability, crossing the line in 15th which put him to ninth on the grid for the start of the final race.

After an incident free final race in which he finished seventh, Jane was ninth for the round and sits ninth in the Fujitsu Series standings with 486 points.

"It was an up and down weekend," Jane explained.

"The first practice was promising but the incident in P2 really cost us. I didn't get a chance to run the car on a better set of tyres, which put us behind in qualifying setup.

"Overall I was happy with my races. If I hadn't been turned around in the second race I would most certainly be top five for the weekend," he added.

Rodney Jane will be back on track at Queensland Raceway from August 19-21 for the fourth instalment of the 2011 Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series.





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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 3 OF 7

24 drivers compete in the series

POS	DRIVER NAME	TOTAL
1.	Andrew Thompson	791
2.	Jack Perkins	652
3.	David Russell	650
4.	Paul Morris	246
5.	Nick Percat	556
6.	Cameron McConville	169
7.	Daniel Jilesen	578
8.	Scott McLaughlin	636
9.	Rodney Jane	486
10.	Andrew Jones	146

