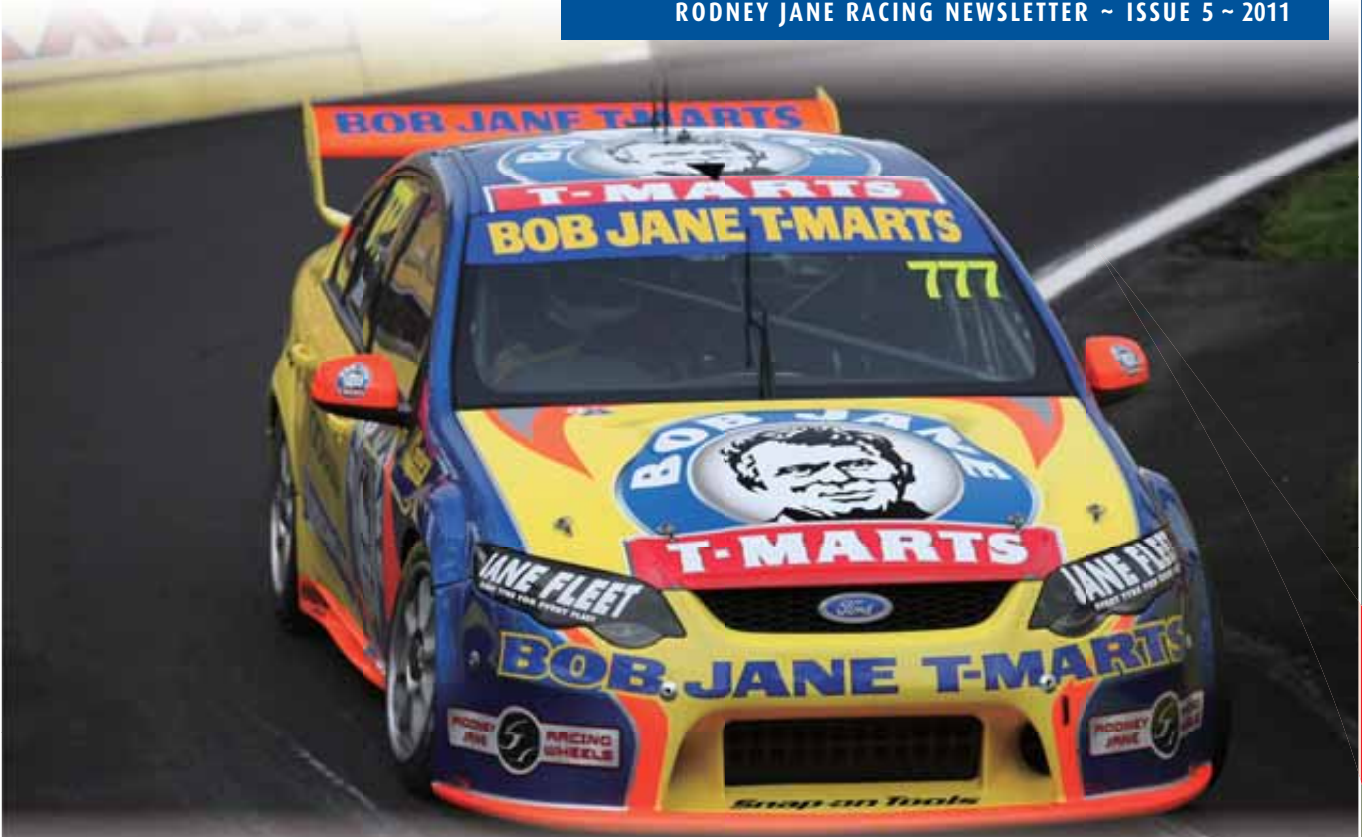




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Rodney Jane and the Bob Jane T-Marts Falcon experienced the highs and lows that Bathurst can bring at round 5 of the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series last weekend.

The only Ford FG pilot in the field looked set to post two credible top 10 race placings before being forced into a disappointing DNF towards the end of the second 14-lapper.

Jane eased his way into the weekend with a mid-pack practice time on Thursday, but, like the rest of the field, lost valuable track running when fog descended on Mt Panorama, forcing the cancellation of the second 40-minute session. Despite the setback, Jane and his crew were able to make significant inroads in car setup, creating a qualifying car good enough for 6th and a handy third row start for Friday's first race.

Race 1 proved relatively trouble free for the field, running green from flag to flag.

Clouds hung over the 6.213km circuit but rain did not eventuate, with Jane controlling his #77 Falcon exceptionally well amidst pressure to finish seventh.

As the tempo built ahead of the Great Race, so did the aggravation in the Fujitsu field, with two safety car periods slowing up Saturday's second race.

Jane lost a couple of positions at the start but the grunt of the Bob Jane T-Marts Falcon saw it hold its own on the long Mountain and Conrod straights.

Spots of rain began to fall on lap 5 before a second brief safety car period to retrieve stricken cars.





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The hard work put in by Jane came to nothing on lap 10 as Chas Mostert forced his car up the inside into turn 1, running the #77 Falcon wide.

Mostert squeezed Jane into the inside wall, with light contact and a wet, slippery surface sending the Falcon spinning across the circuit.

Jane narrowly avoided contact with the inside wall but his troubles weren't over, unable to re-start the car. He was forced to walk away and another promising result went begging.

The DNF saw Jane finish 15th for the weekend, collecting just 96 points. He now sits 10th in the championship on 664 points, left to rue the past two rounds where he has been taken out of the running through other drivers' mistakes.

Jane and his crew will re-group ahead of the penultimate round of competition at Sandown on November 18-20 which will be followed by the series' marquee event on the Sydney Street Circuit at the start of December.

TOP TEN FUJITSU V8 SUPERCAR SERIES STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 5 OF 7

24 drivers compete in the series

POS	DRIVER NAME	TOTAL
1.	Andrew Thompson	1355
2.	David Russell	1177
3.	Jack Perkins	1087
4.	Scott McLaughlin	1078
5.	Tim Blanchard	938
6.	Nick Percat	878
7.	Chaz Mostert	770
8.	Paul Morris	739
9.	Daniel Jilesen	671
10.	Rodney Jane	664

