



Another top 10 for Ingall

Supercheap Auto Racing's Enforcer, Russell Ingall, scores his third top 10 finish for season in first 'home' race of the year while looking for better results

SUPERCHEAP AUTO Racing's Russell Ingall scored yet another top 10 finish in the 2010 V8 Supercar Championship Series.

Racing at the third round, and the first on home soil after the double header opener in the Middle East last month, Ingall finished tenth in the first leg of the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide on the weekend.

It was his third top 10 finish in the three rounds as the Enforcer continues to gain valuable experience in the team's new Commodore – the new Triple Eight Race Engineering-designed chassis requiring a completely different approach to the cars previously used.

Over 277,000 people attended the classic Adelaide event over its four days, with both Saturday and Sunday's 78 lap V8 Supercar races providing excellent entertainment.

While still coming to terms with what is required for a consistently fast race car, Ingall toughed out Saturday's first leg, running as high as eighth with two laps to go, a loss of valuable tyre grip over the closing stages meant he fell into the trap of Michael Caruso and Will Davison before the chequered flag – eventually holding on for tenth.

The 2005 V8 Supercar Champion was not happy with his car's speed, saying he had to drive it "hard all the time" and for the following day's race it was likely he would head down the path of Paul Morris Motorsports team-mate Greg Murphy's setup, which had proved to be faster.

Sunday's race looked set to run its entire 250km without a Safety Car and Ingall was again on track for a comfortable top 10 until the kerbing at the notorious turn 8 began breaking up from the constant pounding of the tyres, large chunks of concrete working their way onto the circuit and hitting cars.

Officials called for the Safety Car on



Russell Ingall again finished in the top 10, this time on home soil when the 2010 V8 Supercar Championship Series visited Adelaide for the Clipsal 500. The Enforcer's Supercheap Auto Racing Commodore ran in the top 10 in each of the 250km legs.

lap 58, just 20 laps from the end and in the jumble of last minute pit stops, Ingall lost out, falling from within sight of the top 10 with his third stop for day – the #39 Supercheap Auto Racing Commodore eventually finishing 19th.

The Toll Holden Racing Team's Garth Tander won both races to jump from 22nd in the championship to 11th in one fowl swoop – James Courtney and Lee Holdsworth filling the podium Saturday, Courtney and Mark Winterbottom Sunday.

Tander is now the only driver capable of winning the newly announced V8 Supercar Grand Slam – a title that goes





to the driver who can win all four races which make up the 'slam' – the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide, the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000, the Gold Coast Supercarnival and the Sydney Telstra 500.

A \$2 million bonus has been offered to the driver and team that can win the 'slam'.

Reigning Champion Jamie Whincup continues to lead the series points, the TeamVodafone driver finishing fourth Saturday and just one spot ahead of Ingall Sunday.

Ingall fell three places in series points to 13th, but 59 points shy of tenth place with 11 of the 14 points rounds remaining.

The next race is the non-championship Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix in Melbourne next week (26-28 March) with the next points round, the ITM 400 in Hamilton, New Zealand, following on 16-18 April.

Ingall finished on the podium at last year's Grand Prix event, and he has a winning history on the picturesque Albert Park street circuit, so it will again give the Supercheap Auto team valuable track time without the added pressure of racing for championship points.

One area targeted for improvement will be qualifying with Ingall starting each leg of the Clipsal 500 from 21st and 19th respectively – a better grid position making life in each race easier to begin with.



Supercheap Auto Racing's Enforcer, Russell Ingall, continues to look for the edge in his new Supercheap Auto Racing Commodore. He is confident of winning races with his new car.

2010 V8 SUPERCAR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RESULTS – RD 3, CLIPSAL 500, ADELAIDE

RACE 5 – 250km

1. Garth Tander, Holden Racing Team Holden
2. James Courtney, Jim Beam Ford
3. Lee Holdsworth, Fujitsu Racing Holden
4. Jamie Whincup, TeamVodafone Holden
5. Paul Dumbrell, Bottle-O Racing Ford
6. Jason Bright, Trading Post Holden
7. Fabian Coulthard, Bundaberg Red Holden
8. Michael Caruso, Fujitsu Racing Holden
9. Will Davison, Holden Racing Team Holden
10. Russell Ingall, Supercheap Auto Holden

DNF Greg Murphy, Castrol EDGE Holden

RACE 6 – 250km

1. Garth Tander, Holden Racing Team Holden
2. James Courtney, Jim Beam Ford
3. Mark Winterbottom, Orrcon Steel Ford
4. Shane Van Gisbergen, SP Tools Ford
5. Paul Dumbrell, Bottle-O Racing Ford
6. Rick Kelly, Jack Daniel's Racing Holden
7. Tony D'Alberto, Centaur Racing Holden
8. Steven Johnson, Jim Beam Ford
9. Jason Richards, Team BOC Holden
19. Russell Ingall, Supercheap Auto Holden

DNF Greg Murphy, Castrol EDGE Holden

2010 V8 Supercar Championship Series points (after 3 of 14 rounds): 1. Jamie Whincup - 771; 2. Mark Winterbottom - 714; 3. James Courtney - 696; 4. Shane Van Gisbergen - 630; 5. Lee Holdsworth - 573; 6. Craig Lowndes - 552; 7. Rick Kelly - 530; 8. Paul Dumbrell - 489; 9. Michael Caruso - 462; 10. Steven Johnson - 455; 13. Russell Ingall - 396; 29. Greg Murphy - 96.