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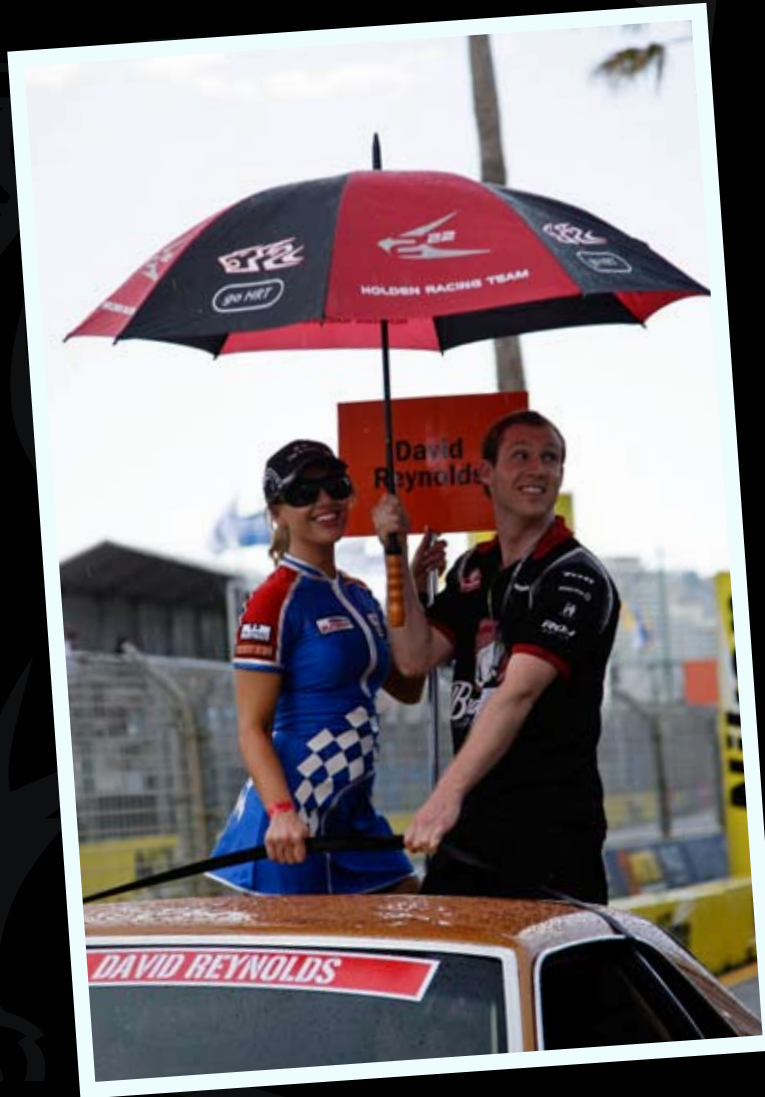
**RED LINE**

# Reynolds determined to fight back

**B**undaberg Red Racing's David Reynolds will head into the revised Event 12 at Phillip Island next week with a fighting spirit after bowing out of the final race around the streets of Surfers Paradise on Sunday with engine dramas.

Reynolds raced on the concrete lined narrow circuit in a V8 Supercar for the first time last weekend and he put in a remarkable drive to bring home the #24 Commodore in one piece, amongst the carnage over four long 150km races.

The rookie looked set to achieve his best outing of the year in the final race, running fifth on track before making his compulsory stop; but unfortunately the 24 year



old was forced to retire when the Bundy Red Commodore expired on lap 15.

Despite having to watch out the race from the comfort of pit lane, Reynolds said the experience was confidence building, not just for him, but for the whole team.

"Sunday was a pretty good day in terms of building my confidence and the teams as well. We have shown we can mix with the guys at the front of the field and we made good progress having finished seventh in Sunday's first race," Reynolds said.

## FRIDAY:

The V8 Supercars abandoned their



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traditional Friday format with a combined practice and qualifying day. It meant there was little turnaround time between sessions and teams were limited with what last minute changes could be made between practices and qualifying.

Reynolds was consistent over all three parts of practice and was regularly posting times in the top 15, managing to keep his car off the walls.

He was 15th overall heading into qualifying.

Reynolds cruised through the first knock-out leg of qualifying after setting the 17th fastest time and had made it into leg 2. He managed the 20th fastest time, positioning him in 20th on the grid for the first 150km race.

"I was a bit disappointed with the end result considering we spent most of the day around fifteenth. We just made a couple of poor decisions in qualifying which meant I didn't get the most out of the Bundy Red Racing

Commodore," Reynolds said.

"The SuperGP circuit was challenging, especially for the first time in a V8 Supercar," he said.

## SATURDAY:

Saturday was demanding for the drivers and the machinery with two gruelling 150km races – more than the V8's had ever attempted before at this circuit. Reynolds was lucky to escape any damage in the first race making it through the first chicane unscathed. He pushed on for 34 laps and took the opportunity to gain as many positions as possible, eventually crossing the finish line 15th.

Despite starting further up the grid for the second race, a safety car free 34 laps was tough, physically and mentally, for Reynolds. He tried to hold onto position but lost out towards the end of the race and finished

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On combined points Reynolds was 15th overall for Race 19.

“Saturday wasn’t too bad, we started back in 20th and made good progress in the first race but in the second race we dropped back a bit,” Reynolds said.

“Fifteenth overall is ok considering the tough conditions we were working under,” he said.

## SUNDAY:

Back at the circuit for another two long races on Sunday was exhausting for the young rookie. The four Walkinshaw Racing drivers followed a strict recovery plan, including ice baths, after Saturday’s races in order to get through another 300km.

Reynolds had to re-qualify for Race 20 with a 20 minute scramble deciding the grid order for Race 3. A last minute flying lap lifted him from 26th for a final grid spot of 16th.

The day started out well with a seventh place finish in the first race handing Reynolds his best finish

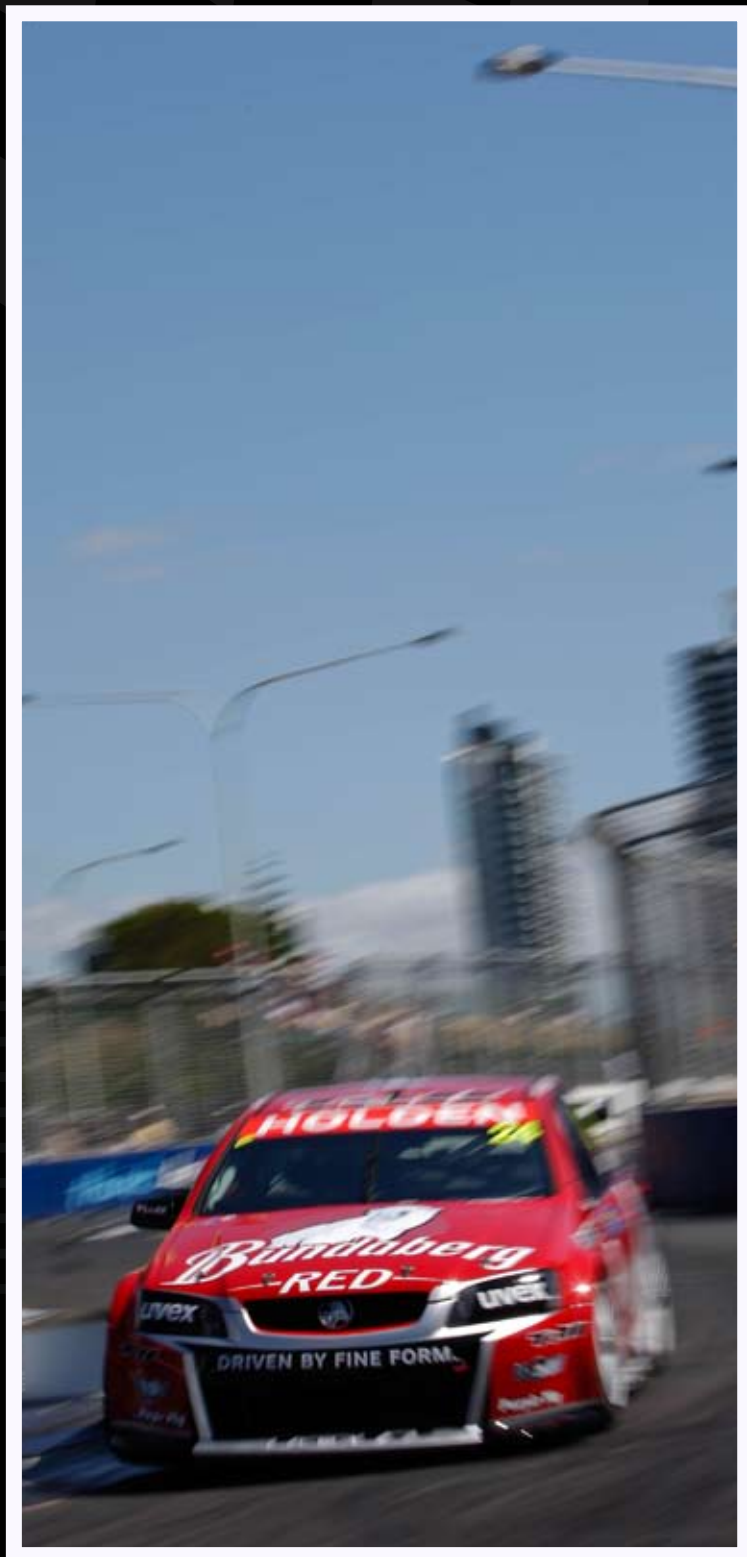
of the year in a full field race, and set him up with the hope of improving on that in Race 4.

In the final race Reynolds lost out in the first chicane incident between Ingall and Lowndes, the two blocked the circuit and left him with nowhere to go. While the rest of the field cut the chicane, the Bundaberg Red Racing car dropped from seventh to 14th.

A safety car on lap 2 to re-order the field back to starting order placed Reynolds back in seventh. The race was restarted but shortly after his day came to a disappointing end, an engine drama on lap 15 sidelining him from the race.

“In the final race we were running around fifth when we had an engine type drama which ended our day early,” Reynolds said.

“When Ingall and Lowndes semi blocked the circuit, I made the effort to make the corner but lost a lot of position, so for me the safety car reshuffle turned out well,” he said.



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**Top left:** Car 24 #1 Mechanic Dan Robertson watches on during a session; **bottom left:** inside the Bundy Red pits; **bottom right:** Bundy Red Racing girl; **Top right:** Reynolds on the narrow streets of Surfers Paradise

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