

## **Race Report for Firestone Super Six Saloons** **Round 1 Levels Raceway 17/18 October 2009**

Well it's the start of a new season and disappointingly only 9 cars were entered. This was soon reduced with new member Kurtis Boulton withdrawing on Friday and returning home with mechanical failure.

We were joined by new members Sam Padden and Bryce Thompson. Blair Sutherland also made a return in a borrowed car as his own newly built car suffered last minute problems. Matt Lovell also came over from Adelaide to drive the 28 car. Practice both Friday and Saturday was completed in the rain. Thankfully it dried up for qualifying and racing on Sunday.

Race 1 saw pole setter Gary Sutherland have a poor start and slip down the field with Matt Lovell taking the lead which he held to the end. Blair Sutherland came through from fourth to finish second with Dad (Gary) finishing third.

Reverse grid race 2 saw Matt Lovell take to the grass from the rear and emerge third at turn one. In doing so he was shown the "bad sportsman flag" but all was to no avail as a broken front right hub and brake loss dropped him back to sixth. A hard charging Blair Sutherland made contact with Nathan Blomquist and backed his car into the tyres at turn 3 making him a spectator for the rest of the race. Sam Padden lead for several laps but was eventually overhauled and finished fourth. In doing so Sam had bettered his qualifying time by about 3 seconds. Blomquist continued on to finished first, with Gary Sutherland second and Wayne Christie third.

Some serious work in the pits saw Blair Sutherland take his grid although the car looked a bit sorry for itself. Lovell was unable to make repairs and had to sit this one out. Gary Sutherland lead race 3 from pole to finish but not without some serious pressure from Blair. (great to see father and son hard at it again). Blomquist finished third.

Results for the round

First	Gary Sutherland
Second	Nathan Blomquist
Third	Wayne Christie

Drive of the day	Sam Padden
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