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We were all hoping to put the nightmare of the last couple of weeks behind us and looked forward to putting in a strong showing at our old "home track". The World 240s is a meeting that we all really enjoy and we needed a strong performance on both nights. Our first main goal was to qualify for the second night. We started mid pack in the first race and finished 10th. We didn't finish as high as we had wanted but we were happy with the points. The next two heats were going to be really important. We managed to climb up to 6th after starting down the field in the second race. This put us in a great position to qualify and a strong showing in the third heat would mean the first goal would be achieved. We finished 1st in the final heat and qualified 4th in our group. Needless to say we were all stoked and went away with high hopes for the finals night.

Saturday was always going to be a tough night of hard and fast racing. We just needed to be consistent and if we could do that, we knew we were in with a shot. We started down the field again but by the end of the race we had climbed 5 places to finish 13th. We really needed to make race 2 count as it was our best grid draw for the night. We started on the 3rd row and managed to finish in a credible 4th placing. This left us on 37 points going into the final and safely in the top 10. We had to start near the end of the field in the final race but we knew if we could keep out of trouble we could be in the top 5 by the end of the night. The last race was hard and fast and we were running at the sharp end of the field until we got half spun and dropped a couple of places, eventually finishing 4th in the race and 4th overall.

We were stoked. The team had put in a great effort and if we had a bit more luck we were confident we could have had a podium placing. Thank you Sonja and the team for putting on another wicked meeting.

A huge thanks must go out to all sponsors and crew who traveled and helped out with the car. And a special thanks to Aiden and Rodney Hern for their efforts into getting the car ready to go up north, and Tiny who has put in some HUGE nights in the shed to get the car ready and even as we speak he is still up north going over every little detail on the car to make sure it is ready and all good to go. Another big thank you must go out to Scott and the Hewson family for the use of their workshop over the weekend and for helping us out when we needed it and also to Robbie Maybe who provided us a place to crash and sink some bourbons!!

Our Next meeting will be another big one, Palmy teams!! And this year we have good strong team who are keen to put themselves and their cars on the line, so make sure you are there to support the team on what will be another awesome meeting.

Thanks again to everyone who has help out in any way, we cannot thank you enough and we were pleased that we came away with an awesome result.

Keep an eye out for more updates in the future and we hope to see you all in Palmerston North on the 6th & 7th of February.

Thanks
Osborne Racing – 16C Superstock.

PS: Special thanks to Legaspeed of Hastings, for letting us publish the photos he took of 16C Superstock at the World 240's. Thanks mate! ... Check the photos page out for the pics – Webmaster.