

# SelectTrucks and Garry Rogers Motorsport

## A Long Term Relationship



Chance meetings can often lead to long term friendships and good business relationships and this is exactly what happened some eight years ago when Gary Rogers was introduced to Mike Dobson from SelectTrucks.

"Mike has since moved on but we have continued an excellent relationship with Steve Muldoon Senior Manager SelectTrucks National," said Gary Rogers.

"We have a very attractive leasing and maintenance agreement with SelectTrucks which helps us minimize our transportation costs enormously. Currently we run three trucks, two Argosy's and one Century Class. All vehicles and trailers have

extensive signage and look fantastic, they certainly help promote GRM on the road." concluded Garry.

"We value and very much enjoy our relationship with GRM," said Steve Muldoon. "It's exactly that type of relationship we try and build with each and every customer we have. We are not just a used truck retailer, we back up what we sell, we will be there the next day if things go wrong, we are not the type of company that sells you a truck and says goodbye. We enjoy working that way and our customers appreciate it. It's a great way to do business."

### Hot Off The Press, New Zealand Race Report!

What do you get if you put 2000 concrete barriers, 10 kilometres of wire fencing, 3.4 km of Hamilton streets and 150 000 screaming fans together? A Fantastic Weekend of V8's in New Zealand!

Round 3 of the V8 Supercar Championship took us to the streets of Hamilton in New Zealand. The 3.4 kilometre clockwise running street circuit would be a challenge and Friday practice would be an eye opener for all. Lee and Michael ran in the top five for most of the practice, and Michael set the fastest time (low 1.25 seconds) which was only beaten in the dying stages of the 2 hour practice. Michael would finish practice 5th and Lee 12th. A great first hit out in Hamilton!

Lee and Michael got through all three sessions on Saturday and continued to show the speed that they had from the earlier practices. Lee would qualify 5th and Michael 8th. This was one of the best qualifying for GRM in a long time having both cars in the top ten along with HRT was a great result.

Race 1 on the Saturday. Lee and Michael both got away cleanly but there would be two early safety car periods which would have everyone diving for the pits. Both our boys were in together and in the mix, Lee got away ok but Michael lost a few positions. After the stop Michael was driving pretty hard!! Coming into turn 1 he had a coming together with Dumbrell which turned the #34 car around, but Robbo kept the power on and completed the finest circle work you have ever seen, and in a cloud of rubber smoke and the blink of an eye he was racing again. Lethal still was



showing great pace to run with the front guys. Car #33 had a good run and finished 5th.

The two races on the Sunday would have a bit of everything for GRM. Throughout race 2 both Lee and Michael were very fast and competitive and with the help of the crew had two brilliant pit stops (yet again) which would have them finish 4th/car #33 and 9th/car #34.

Unfortunately this great result would be short lived for Michael as there had been an incident reported during the race with Todd Kelly that would have car # 34 penalised 28 seconds. This would have Robbo relegated back to 18th position.

Lee finished 4th and was set for a great last race and

had a chance to bag a large amount of points for the round. Unfortunately car #33's day would come to an end before even completing 1 lap. Lee got away very well, but heading down the back straight through the very fast chicane he grabbed full throttle instead of brake and violently bounced off one of the raised ripple strips which threw him into the concrete wall. This instantly bought out the safety car and ended his day! Michael continued on and with a 3.4 second pit stop, had moved from 18th to 13th position and was going great guns.

If it wasn't for a slight mistake coming off the main straight into turn 1 and running wide, a top ten was on the cards. Robbo finished 17th.

### Who Is Garry Rogers?

Garry Rogers' long-standing involvement in Australian motorsport started back in the early sixties when he started racing Appendix J Holdens. He enjoyed success in a wide range of cars including early model Holdens, EH Holdens, Ford Escort Sports Sedan, Toranas, Monaros, A9X Torana, BMW and Commodores.

Garry retired from race driving in the late nineties and established Garry Rogers Motorsport which has enjoyed considerable success in more than ten categories of Australian motorsport.



He is well known for his 'giving' to motorsport. Garry has been involved with giving many of Australia's top drivers a starting foundation with a variety of exposures to the GRM way. Past drivers include Garth Tander, Jason Bargwanna, Jason Bright and Jamie Whitchup.