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### Neil's Corner



Here's some numbers to contemplate.

We've passed the halfway mark!

14 of the 26 races are now complete in the 2010 V8 Supercar Championship Series.

So where are we?

57 points separate James Courtney and Jamie Whincup.

Seven major events remain. There's 300 points available at each of those events so there's 2100 points to grab between now and December.

With seven events behind us, James Courtney has earned 1698 of a total potential 2100 points.

14 times the field has rolled out to determine a pole position and six different drivers have earned the top spot.

Of those six drivers, Jamie Whincup has been the most successful earning six pole positions. That's twice as many as the next driver in the list - Garth Tander.

Equally, of the 14 races conducted, Jamie Whincup has earned seven race wins with James Courtney grabbing four recent back-to-back wins. The "winners" group numbers just four drivers - Whincup, Courtney, Garth Tander and after Darwin Race 13, Mark Winterbottom.

The curiosity for me now is what comes next?

Our next event is the Sucrogen Townsville 400. This event was a major success in 2009 and I'm very much looking forward to returning to the warm, sweet air in Queensland in July.

However, my mind is already racing towards the L&H 500 at Phillip Island, the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 and the Armour All 600 on the Gold Coast.

Why?

For the first time ever, Teams will not be allowed to pair their number one drivers at the enduro events. This means the drivers that you are familiar with, will remain in their own cars.

This has driven up the price of good quality co-drivers and adds an element of the unknown in those races.

The other curved ball is the revamped event on the Gold Coast. 18 international star drivers will join our regulars on the Coast - and their participation will impact the Championship - for better or for worse?

These three events will play a major role in determining the Championship outcome.

If you are a driver, or a Team, this is of course a great distraction, but for all of us - it keeps the balls in the air and will stop us showing any disinterest in case one driver or another races away with the Series.

I suspect there will be a few drivers who sigh a big sigh of relief when we get past those three races.



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