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Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, VIC

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The Track	www.wintonraceway.com.au
The Series	www.v8supercar.com.au
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Robert Jones would be happy to have a dose of déjà vu at this weekend's Round Five of the 2003 Konica V8 Supercar Series. After only competing in three V8 Supercar events prior to Winton last year the Melbourne youngster scored an impressive top ten result for the event with the team's new-from-the-ground-up, in-house built VX Commodore.

Those debut results of a highest race-finish of 6th and 8th overall for the Round still stand as Jones' best result of his five outings since, and he's keen to pick up where he left off.

"This is the first time that we've been back to the same track with the same car: this VX was debuted at Winton last year. This means that we've got a set of data that we can overlay on the results as we gather them this weekend and make some informed decisions on chassis tuning. The weather forecasts sound like the conditions will be similar to last year's event which will make the data all the more meaningful too.

"The issue of handling and cornering is where it will be won and lost, there's not a predominance of corners in one direction or another so the car has to be able to point-and-squirt in both directions, and from some pretty slow speeds.

"A lot has been said about the competition in the top six being stiffer than the same time last year, and that's true, but I firmly believe that keeping on the black stuff for three races and out of any incidents will be as important as ever.

"Even though there are some overtaking opportunities, making lots of passing moves at Winton isn't easy and this makes the Qualifying Session all the more important so you can start as close to the front as possible. If you're too far back the pack at the front bolt away and without the help of a Safety Car there's little hope of catching them.

"At the Phillip Island round we used a new, highly-developed engine that was really putting out some power, but we had the oil smoke issue and we want to make sure we are on top of that before we go racing with that mill again. So we're using the original engine that we fitted to this car when it was built.

"Plus, we've enabled some additional features on the MoTec system to provide a far more in-depth analysis of what's happening with the air-fuel mixtures.

"Through our family automotive business we again have the support of a prominent local business, Rice Graphic Images (Albury), who will be seen on the car and enjoy the thrill of some laps around the track on Saturday.

"Despite still not having the time to commit to a dedicated test day, all in all this is the best pre-race situation we have been in yet", said Jones in conclusion.

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