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## Handling problems affect Webling at Teretonga

Taranaki's Toyota Racing Series driver, Stefan Webling (21), was frustrated by initial handling/set-up problems with his Team Triple X Horizon Energy/Miles Toyota sponsored car in the first round of this year's TRS championship at Teretonga last weekend.

"During Thursday and Friday testing the car felt pretty good and I was feeling confident after recording fourth fastest time. With the extra rubber being laid down by the other classes, we had problems getting our cars properly set up for qualifying due to too much front grip which caused power oversteer, so the best I could do was ninth fastest. It is so difficult to pass on Teretonga so a good grid position is essential. However, my team worked hard on fixing the problem and in the first race the car was going well until the last lap when a piece of loose bodywork cut my right rear tyre, deflating it and sending me off the track to finish in 11<sup>th</sup> place.

"In the second race the car was much better and I managed to pass a couple of cars and recorded fourth fastest time, but on the last lap I tried a little too hard and shot off the track, finishing the race in ninth place.

"Race three was good fun as I had a great dice with Alastair Wootten and finished eighth. It took me a while to get past Alastair but once I had, my times improved but I couldn't improve my position as it was a short 12 lap race.

"I really enjoy driving these modern single seater racing cars so with the things I learned from Teretonga, I am looking forward to the next round of the championship at Timaru this coming weekend, where a good grid position is even more important " said Webling.

Race one was won by kiwi Mitch Evans. Race two was won by Sten Pentus from Estonia and race three by Lucas Foresti from Brazil, so this is a real international series!

Next round: Jan 23-24 Timaru Levels Raceway.

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