

Podium for Stefan in feature TRS race at Timaru.

After qualifying a lowly ninth place after knocking the nose cone and front wing off his Toyota Racing Series car during a spin on the damp Timaru race track last weekend, Taranaki driver Stefan Webling raced through to third place from ninth on the grid in race two of the weekend, the Timaru Herald Trophy feature race during round two of the TRS international series.

With a just few laps to run of the 20 lap race, Stefan had caught up to championship leader, Estonian Sten Pentos, but was unable to pass him before the chequered flag. Settling for third, with Triple X Motorsport TRS team mate Earl Bamber winning the race, was the best result for the team so far this season.

In both race one and race three, Webling ran strongly and was right on the pace recording third fastest times in each race. Webling challenged strongly for second place in race three before being caught out by the weather conditions while undertaking a late braking move into turn one which resulted in a spin then restarting to finish eighth.

"The team had to work hard to find a good car setup with the ever-changing weather conditions," said Webling, "and I had to really charge on after qualifying ninth. I had to take risks - some paid off and some didn't. The car felt good so I just went for it."

"We are really looking forward to the next round at the new Hampton Downs circuit in two weeks time, (Feb 6-7) as this will be the first time the TRS cars have raced there," said Webling.

The attached image. Podium Timaru. (left), Championship leader Sten Pentos, Estonia. (Centre) Earl Bamber NZ. (Right) Stefan Webling. Taranaki

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