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## **PORSCHE DRIVERS CHALLENGE HEATS UP FOR QUEENSLAND ROUND OF AUSTRALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP**

Damien Flack in the ex Jim Richards Championship winning Porsche GT3 Cup Car goes into Round 4 of the 2007 Australian GT Championship at Queensland Raceway (May 26-27) as the Porsche Drivers Challenge points leader, but certainly faces a fierce battle to retain his supremacy.

Despite it being his 'home track', Flack has never driven his Nexus GPM Porsche at the circuit, and therefore has at least a theoretical disadvantage as compared to some of his rivals.

Currently sitting in fourth place in the points tally, Sven Burchartz (Porsche GT3) is likely to provide a big threat in Queensland, the venue having provided him his first ever GT race and round win last year.

Burchartz's Sonic team tested at Winton last week where the car showed very good speed, but also concedes 'it's a tricky place with a layout that seems simple, but is very technical and can give speed where you least expect it'.

'The main aim is to be the first Porsche home and build up the points...I have some serious catching up to do!'

Another driver sure to be super competitive in the Supaloc sponsored ex-Bryce Washington Porsche GT3 Cup Car is Gary Dann, sitting second in the points score.

Dann had a poor start to the season at the A1GP meeting at Eastern Creek crashing his car in qualifying, but came back strongly at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide round finishing fourth outright, and also impressed at Bathurst by qualifying 15<sup>th</sup> in his first visit to the mountain and finishing race 1 in 10<sup>th</sup> position and race 2 in 8<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Tresidder (Porsche GT3 Cup Car), having joined Wall Racing in his Pelorus Property Group sponsored machine, is producing consistent results and will be

looking to retain or better his current third position in the Porsche drivers Challenge points.

Other consistent performers are Peter Fountas (Jaylec/Buzza Auto Electrics Porsche GT3 Cup Car), and Blake Lynn (Lynns Building Materials Porsche GT3), although the latter had frustrating problems with his car at the Clipsal 500 round which has affected his overall position.

Jon Trende (WTF Porsche GT3 Cup Car) returns in a re-shelled machine following a big hit at the Clipsal 500 but is happy with the re-built car having tested at Winton with his Sonic team mate, Burchartz. Trende is looking forward to getting back into race mode and getting some points on the board

Three drivers who missed round two at the Clipsal 500 but who will be competing in Queensland are Max Twigg (Trueloc Flooring Porsche GT3 Cup Car), Paul Bolinowsky (Bolin Racing Porsche GT3), and Anthony Skinner (Travelplan Porsche GT3).

Twigg will certainly be one to watch having shown he can take the battle up to leaders and his arch rival Burchartz, while Bolinowsky and Skinner will be keen to work their way up the points score.

#### **Australian GT Championship Round 4 Queensland Raceway schedule:**

##### **Saturday May 26**

**Practice 1: 10.30 (20 minutes)**

**Practice 2: 12.40 (20 minutes)**

**Qualifying: 14.15 (20 minutes)**

##### **Sunday May 27**

**Race 1: 9.55 (15 laps)**

**Race 2: 12.20 (15 laps)**

**Race 3: 14.50 (15 laps)**

#### **2007 Porsche Drivers Challenger Points (After 3 rounds)**

- 1. Damien Flack Porsche GT3 Cup Car 244**
- 2. Gary Dann Porsche GT3 Cup Car 183**
- 3. Paul Tresidder Porsche GT3 Cup Car 165.5**
- 4. Sven Burchartz Porsche GT3 154**
- 5. Ross Lilley Porsche GT3 Cup Car 152**

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