

FLACK ON TOP IN PORSCHE DRIVERS CHALLENGE POINTS

Queensland's Damien Flack in the ex-Jim Richards Porsche GT3 Cup Car currently leads the Porsche Drivers Challenge points tally in the 2007 Australian GT Championship after round 3 held at the Mount Panorama circuit, Bathurst.

Flack in the Roock Nexus Racing machine was the fastest qualifier of the Porsche Drivers Challenge competitors at Bathurst (P5) and placed 5th in the first race. However, his current points total of 244, 61 ahead of South Australia's Gary Dann might have been even greater had a spin in race 2 at the 'mountain' not have dropped him back to 16th position before a great recovery drive to finish in 7th.

As for Dann, the first year GT Championship contender has plenty of racing miles under his belt and it is beginning to show. The ex-karter and motocross rider also had a successful season in the Lotus Trophy, and now behind the wheel of the Supaloc sponsored ex Bryce Washington 2005 GT Championship winning Porsche GT3 Cup Car he is really hitting his straps.

A first timer to Bathurst, Dann qualified in 15th but finished race 1 in 10th position and went further up the list to finish 8th in race 2.

Currently running third in the Porsche Challenge points is NSW based competitor Paul Tresidder in his Pelorus Property Group Porsche GT3 Cup Car. In his second year in the category, Tresidder suffered at Bathurst with a DNF in race 2 with a drive train failure but still has a healthy points tally of 165.5

In fourth position is Sven Burchartz driving the McPherson & Kelly Lawyers sponsored Porsche GT3 prepared by Sonic Motor Racing Services.

With a win in last year's one hour Enduro event at Queensland raceway, Burchartz has had a meagre start to the season in respect of points in this year's Championship but came back solidly at Bathurst qualifying in 6th and placing 6th and 5th in races one and two respectively.

His fine performance gave him the round points win from Flack, Max Twigg, Gary Dann, Ross Lilley and Paul Bolinowsky.

Ross Lilley, the ex Victorian rally co-driver is lying in fifth position with a consistent Bathurst performance in the Koala Furniture Porsche GT3 Cup Car.

20 drivers have now scored points in the three rounds of the 2007 Porsche Drivers Challenge and the competition seems destined to only get hotter with the next round at Queensland Raceway (May 26-27) followed by Phillip Island, Symmons Plains, Oran Park, and Sandown.

2007 Australian GT Championship Porsche Drivers Challenger Points (After 3 rounds)

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

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