



SVEN DOES IT AGAIN!

The mighty rhino, Sven Burchartz has done it again, wrapping up the Porsche Drivers Challenge for the second time in as many rounds with a win in Round Four of the Australian GT Championship at the Queensland Raceway last weekend!

Burchartz hustled his M&K Lawyers / RMBL Investments GT3 Porsche into the category win at "QR" and in the process hauled himself up into second place overall in the Porsche Drivers Challenge - just 44 points behind leader Damien Flack.

"It was a fantastic weekend," grins Burchartz, "if not for a broken 2nd gear in the last race of the day I'd say we would have won all three races from a Porsche Drivers Challenge point of a view. The car was, as usual, an absolute gem."

Typically, Burchartz tributes the hard working Michael Ritter and his team from Sonic Motor Racing Services for the awesome performance of his GT3.

"We were the fastest Porsche in all the practice sessions, and then in qualifying we set the quickest time. That was really satisfying because we sat out the final practice to save the car a bit. Everything went to plan."

Starting out of P6 in Race One, Burchartz hustled the M&K Lawyers / RMBL Investments GT3 Porsche to an eventual fifth place overall and a category race win in the Porsche Drivers Challenge.

"The only ones ahead of us were the Lamborghini, the Aston Martin, the Ferrari and the RSR Porsche of David Wall so that was very satisfying. The car just felt great and my confidence is really high right now," admits Sven.

Race Two was another clean sweep of the Porsche Drivers Challenge for the lead foot litigator as he stormed to the win and another five place overall in the Australian GT Championship.

"Twiggy (Max Twigg) attacked me a couple of times but we had the consistency in our lap times to blow out any candles that he held in our direction, it was awesome."

Race Three looked to be heading the same way with the Burchartz Porsche getting off to a third excellent start only to be hounded into turn six in particular by Max Twigg when the tyres on the right hand side of Sven's weapon began to soften.

"The tyres weren't too bad, but when we broke the 2nd gear I knew we'd have to work pretty hard to maintain our position," Sven admits, "Twiggy got away from us a bit but we still hung on for second on a track that is littered with second gear corners. I had to be really smooth with third gear in particular to keep up the speed coming out of those turns."

Burchartz crossed the line in second place for the Porsche Drivers Challenge but the two previous wins and the subsequent runner up spot in the third race made it a convincing victory for the day!

Sven's WTF (We Tailor Furiously) Racing team-mate Jon Trende had a sensational return to competition in his Berwick Insurance Group Porsche after a new body and some go fast goodies were fitted in the build up to the Queensland Raceway event.

Trende's strong run into 8th was cut short early in Race One when he was T-boned by the Blake Lynn Porsche, ending the race early with guard damage.

Race Two saw Trende record a thunderous drive through the back order from 20th to eventually finish 11th in what was without a doubt one of the best drives of the weekend.

He then followed that up with a solid 9th; including a very respectable 1min 15.700 second lap en route.

"Trende's on fire," grins Sven, "he put in some very respectable lap times and his driving in general was vastly improved. He did get a bit of panel damage but that's just what you expect when Trende's out there. He's a very happy boy with how he and the new car performed."

Between the two of them, Trende and Burchartz put the WTF entries right up there at QR for the weekend and they can now focus firmly on Round Five at Phillip Island - a circuit that Sonic Motor Racing Services often uses to test!

Roll on Round Five!