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## AUTO ACTION'S ROUND 2 2023 SUPERCARS TEAM BY TEAM EVENT GUIDE

**Supercars may not be the biggest show in Albert Park, but round 2 the 2023 Championship could be one of the most pivotal of the year.**

Although the Gen3 Supercars era kicked into gear at Newcastle, the more flowing 5.3km circuit located in the heart of Melbourne will provide a greater reflection of where the new Chevrolet Camaros and Ford Mustangs sit aerodynamically.

The parity signals from the opener were promising, but 2019 showed any disparities will become crystal clear at the high-speed layout.

Tyres will also be a major talking point, with degradation always having a major say in who wins the Larry Perkins Trophy.

Melbourne is the only round to feature a mixture of compounds with both the SuperSofts and Hards on show.

The pressure will be on all pit crews to perform as one compulsory tyre stop awaits in each race.

The racing will also be rapid, being the shortest

championship round ever at Melbourne with Thursday's 100km opener followed by an 80km Friday race and a pair of 70km sprints - a major change of pace from the two 250km strategy races at Newcastle.

Last year's four Australian Grand Prix races were shared by Chaz Mostert and Shane van Gisbergen and the form guide suggests they will be at the pointy end once again.

Not even a costly puncture and a rear of the grid start could stop van Gisbergen from claiming the 2022 Larry Perkins Trophy and the challengers need to up their game to stop him from going back to back.

All eyes will be on Dick Johnson Racing to see if it can respond from dreadful round 1 at a track where it has claimed 11 of the 18 poles on offer since 2017.

The racing might be truncated, but there will be no shortage of action at Albert Park, which could provide a major glimpse into the future.



# ROUND TWO MELBOURNE SUPERSPRINT MARCH 30 - APRIL 2, 2023

The annual trip to the Australian Grand Prix presents a unique challenge to the Supercars paddock. Four quick-fire sprint races around the fast, flowing and picturesque F1 circuit lapping around the famous Albert Park lake awaits. Tyre degradation is always a major factor and with mixed Super Soft and Hard compounds on offer, entertaining racing is a guarantee.



## TRACK STATS

### QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

- Will Davison 1:44.9418
- Dick Johnson Racing
- Ford Mustang GT (2022)

### RACE LAP RECORD:

- Scott Pye 1:46.0060
- Team 18
- Holden Commodore ZB (2022)

## TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:  
**5.278KM**



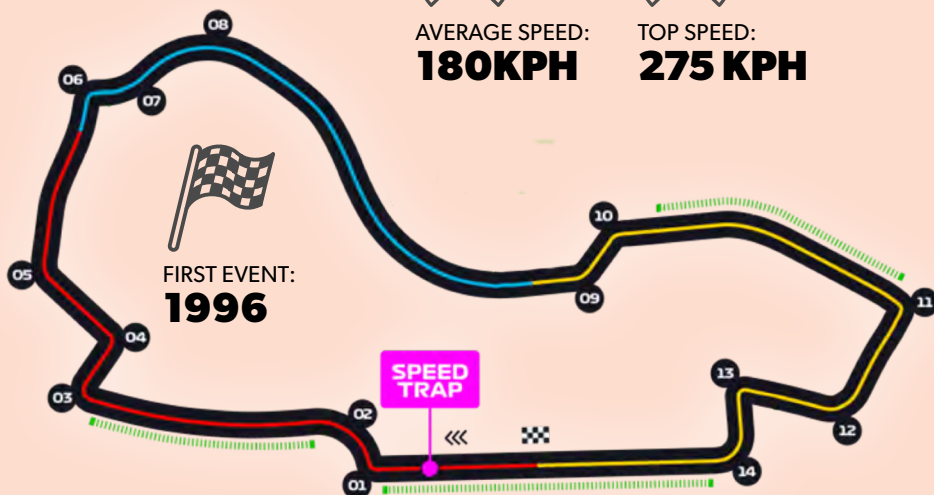
DIRECTION:  
**CLOCKWISE**



AVERAGE SPEED:  
**180KPH**



TOP SPEED:  
**275 KPH**



## TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 30

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
10.30-11.00	Porsche Carrera Cup	Practice 1
11.25-11.55	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Practice 1
12.30-13.00	Porsche Carrera Cup	Qualifying
13.15-13.45	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Practice 2
14.45-15.00	<b>Supercars Qualifying</b>	(Race 1)
15.10-15.25	<b>Supercars Qualifying</b>	(Race 2)
16.50-17.35	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Race 1 (19 laps)
18.00-18.35	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 1

### FRIDAY, MARCH 31

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
8.50-9.35	Formula 3 Free	Practice 1
10.00-10.45	Formula 2 Free	Practice 1
12.30-13.30	Formula 1 Free	Practice 1
14.00-14.30	Formula 3	Qualifying
14.50-15.25	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Race 2 (15 laps)
16.00-17.00	Formula 1	Free Practice 2
17.30-18.00	Formula 2	Qualifying
18.25-18.55	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 2

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
9.30-9.45	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Qualifying (Race 3)
9.55-10.10	<b>Supercars Qualifying</b>	(Race 4)
11.00-11.40	Formula 3	Sprint Race
12.30-13.30	Formula 1 Free	Practice 3
13.40-14.00	Historic	Demonstration
14.25-15.10	Formula 2	Sprint Race
16.00-17.00	Formula 1	Qualifying
17.25-17.55	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Race 3 (13 laps)
18.25-18.55	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 3

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
9.05-9.50	Formula 3 Feature	Race
10.20-10.50	<b>SUPERCARS</b>	Race 4 (13 laps)
11.35-12.35	Formula 2 Feature	Race
15.00	Formula 1	Race (58 laps)



## LIST OF RACE RESULTS

### 2022

- R1: Chaz Mostert
- R2: Shane van Gisbergen
- R3: Shane van Gisbergen
- R4: Chaz Mostert

### 2019

- R1: Scott McLaughlin
- R2: Scott McLaughlin
- R3: Chaz Mostert
- R4: Scott McLaughlin

### 2018

- R1: Scott McLaughlin
- R2: Jamie Whincup
- R3: Scott Pye
- R4: David Reynolds



**MOST WINS (NON CHAMP INC)**  
9 Shane van Gisbergen



**MOST POLES (NON CHAMP INC)**  
5 Scott McLaughlin,  
Jamie Whincup



**MOST PODIUMS (CHAMP ONLY)**  
6 Jamie Whincup



## LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

### 2022

- R1: David Reynolds
- R2: Will Davison
- R3: Anton De Pasquale
- R4: Will Davison

### 2020

- R1: Shane van Gisbergen
- R2: Jamie Whincup

### 2019

- R1: Scott McLaughlin
- R2: Scott McLaughlin
- R3: Scott McLaughlin
- R4: Chaz Mostert

### 2018

- R1: Scott McLaughlin
- R2: Jamie Whincup
- R3: Scott McLaughlin
- R4: Jamie Whincup

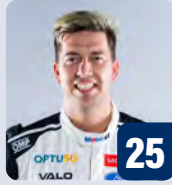


WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

**1ST**  
276  
POINTS

**CHAZ MOSTERT - FORD MUSTANG**

ENGINEER: Adam de Borre  
AGE: 30  
DEBUT: PERTH 2013  
STARTS: 298  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x23)  
PODIUMS: 83  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x21)  
BEST AUS GP: 1st (x3)



For the second straight season Chaz Mostert enters Round 2 with the championship lead, but this time he got there without winning a single race. Mostert was consistent in his first attempt driving a WAU Ford at Newcastle with a pair of second places, but admitted tyre degradation was a concern as SVG flew by for the win in Race 2. "Mozzie" enjoys Albert Park having claimed the Larry Perkins Trophy in 2019 and secured two wins at the event's return last year in a WAU Commodore. Form suggests can #25 will again be one of the favourites.

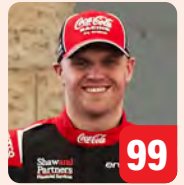


EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

**2ND**  
231  
POINTS

**BRODIE KOSTECKI - CHEVROLET CAMARO**

ENGINEER: George Commins  
AGE: 25  
DEBUT: BATH 2019  
STARTS: 73  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 6  
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x2)  
BEST AUS GP: 5th 2022



Brodie KostECKI was one of the stars of Newcastle, setting a scorching pace in his Coke Camaro. KostECKI found the aggressive new Gen3 car to his liking and was the benchmark over one lap, topping Friday before claiming a second career pole. Led the first 30 laps of the season, but struggled to maintain the speed of others as the race went on. Bounced back from a poor setup change to climb from 15th to 6th on Sunday. Thoroughly outperformed his teammate at Albert Park last year and will look to cement his strong championship position.



TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

**3RD**  
219  
POINTS

**CAM WATERS - FORD MUSTANG**

ENGINEER: Sam Potter  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Bath 2011  
STARTS: 225  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x19)  
PODIUMS: 43  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)  
BEST AUS GP: 3rd 2019



There is no second prize for Cameron Waters in 2023 and he got his championship campaign to a solid start. Although it arrived after a post-race penalty, the records say Waters is the first driver to win a Gen3 race after he finished 7s ahead of Mostert being top three on the road all day. However, he threw away a golden chance to possibly chase another win on Sunday when he clipped the T9 wall when chasing Mostert which relegated him to P12. Never won at Albert Park, which was the scene of his worst weekend results wise of 2022.

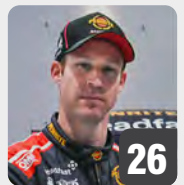


GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

**4TH**  
207  
POINTS

**DAVID REYNOLDS - FORD MUSTANG**

ENGINEER: Alistair McVean  
AGE: 37  
DEBUT: Sand 2007  
STARTS: 406  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)  
PODIUMS: 39  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x7)  
BEST AUS GP: 1st 2018



IT IS a big year for Grove Racing and David Reynolds has started it in positive fashion. Reynolds' strong one-lap pace was on full display when he stormed to pole on the Sunday. Despite losing the lead to Mostert off the start, Reynolds was still "ecstatic" to secure a podium after holding onto a top 10 position in race 1. It will give him confidence to perform at a happy hunting ground in Melbourne. His first solo win for Erebus came there, while last year he claimed three straight podiums before a costly mistake at Turn 8.

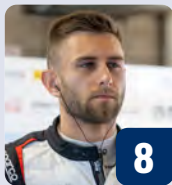


BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

**5TH**  
207  
POINTS

**ANDRE HEIMGARTNER - CHEVROLET CAMARO**

ENGINEER: Tony Woodward  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Bath 2014  
STARTS: 218  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 9  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 9th 2019



One of the earliest combinations to be fast out of the blocks with Gen3 was Andre Heimgartner and Brad Jones Racing. After topping the Sydney test, car #8 led the first ever Gen3 practice session at Newcastle. Heimgartner carried this form to be a consistent competitor throughout the weekend. He qualified and finished fifth on Saturday before backing that up with a fighting P7 after starting 12th in the final race. BJR's leading charger aims to turn around his results at Albert Park with just one top 10 finish from 12 championship races.



EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

**WILL BROWN - CHEVROLET CAMARO**

**6TH**  
186  
POINTS

ENGINEER: Tom Moore  
AGE: 24  
DEBUT: Sand 2018  
STARTS: 76  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)  
PODIUMS: 5  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 8th 2022



Will Brown sits sixth in the standings after an up and down Newcastle weekend. Whilst teammate KostECKI topped Friday and surged to pole, Brown missed out on the Top 10 Shootout by 0.0006s. Despite the close call car #9 with an early pit stop giving him track position to sixth on the road and fourth in the results directly behind KostECKI. Sunday proved to be slightly harder, missing the shootout after being blocked by Will Davison and finishing 13th having been penalised for a bump and run. Brown battled at Albert Park 12 months ago with qualifying pace the key.



TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

### MARK WINTERBOTTOM - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Manuel Sanchez  
AGE: 41  
DEBUT: Sand 2003  
STARTS: 593  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x36)  
PODIUMS: 117  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x38)  
BEST AUS GP: 6th 2019

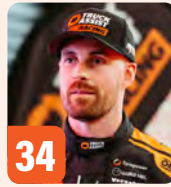
**7TH**  
180  
POINTS

The ever consistent Mark Winterbottom enjoyed a solid, yet unspectacular weekend to start the Gen3 phase of his long career in Newcastle. A pair of top 10 finishes ensured Winterbottom was the quiet achiever of the opening round and it puts him in a positive mindset for the challenges ahead. Car #18 showed the most pace on Saturday, climbing up from 16th to eighth despite suffering some battle scars. Winterbottom has dominated Albert Park collecting seven wins, including a clean sweep in 2015. But none of them occurred in the championship era with a best result of sixth since 2018.



MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

### JACK LE BROCQ - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Jack Bellotti  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Sand 2015  
STARTS: 170  
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)  
PODIUMS: 2  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 12TH 2022

**8TH**  
174  
POINTS

Jack Le Brocq was one of the biggest improvers at Newcastle to sit eighth in the championship, 10 places better than at the same point 12 months ago. Le Brocq climbed from 15th to ninth on Saturday before backing up a shootout appearance with eighth in race 2. It was his first set of back-to-back top 10 finishes since 2021 at Tickford. He hopes to continue the momentum at Albert Park where he recorded his best result of the first 16 races last year with 12th in the Saturday afternoon race.

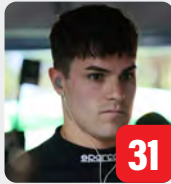


PREMIER RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

**9TH**  
171  
POINTS

### JAMES GOLDING - CHEVROLET CAMARO

ENGINEER: Geoff Slater  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Sand 2016  
STARTS: 73  
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 4th (x2)  
BEST AUS GP: 16th 2019



Premier Racing made some of the biggest headlines at Newcastle and the charge was led by James Golding. Having been the unexpected top charger for Premier last year, Golding took the team to new heights at the season opener. His strong Sunday rewrote new driver and team best race and qualifying results having qualified third and finished fourth in the race. After being passed by Reynolds for third, Golding and Premier are hungry for a podium. Golding has not raced a Supercar at Albert Park since 2019, but raced S5000 on the newly modified version last year.

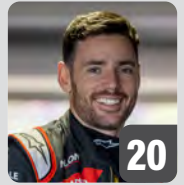


TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

**10TH**  
150  
POINTS

### SCOTT PYE - CHEVROLET CAMARO

ENGINEER: Richard Hollway  
AGE: 33  
DEBUT: Sand 2012  
STARTS: 314  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)  
PODIUMS: 10  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 1st 2018

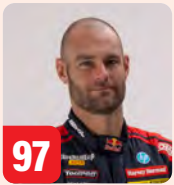


Scott Pye hopes to continue his strong Albert Park record after helping Team 18 to third in the teams championship at Newcastle. Despite a tough Sunday where car #20 finished 17th, Pye climbed up to seventh on Saturday. Pye has been one of the most consistent drivers at Albert Park in the championship era. The highlight was his win in the dark in 2018 holding off Jamie Whincup, but he has also been a top 10 regular in both trips since. His P4 in race 7 was his best result of 2022 on his way to setting the race lap record.



TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

### SHANE VAN GISBERGEN - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Andrew Edwards  
AGE: 33  
DEBUT: Oran Park 2007  
STARTS: 485  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x45)  
PODIUMS: 167  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x76)  
BEST AUS GP: 1st 2022

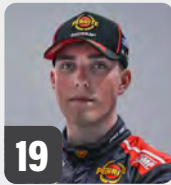
**11TH**  
150  
POINTS

Shane van Gisbergen may sit 11th in the championship, but he was the benchmark driver at Newcastle and is the raging favourite to defend the Larry Perkins Trophy. Despite admitting he battled behind the wheel of the new Gen3 Camaro, van Gisbergen's class was clear for all to see in both races as he finished first on the road convincingly through a mix of smart strategy and supreme tyre management. After being disqualified from race 1 and enduring a controversial post-event ordeal, van Gisbergen is fired up ahead of Melbourne where he has won a record nine races.



GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

### MATT PAYNE - FORD MUSTANG



ENGINEER: Jack Bell  
AGE: 20  
DEBUT: Bath 2022  
STARTS: 3  
BEST QUAL: 12th  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 6th (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: N/A

**12TH**  
132  
POINTS

Young Kiwi Matthew Payne was the most impressive of the trio of full-time rookies at Newcastle. Payne's strong rise up to 12th was the third best result for a driver on solo debut of the current full-time grid with only Brodie Kostecki and Broc Feeney ahead. To make the result even more impressive, Payne started down in 22nd and soared to 14th on the road after early stops gave him track position. It soon became 12th which was followed by P14 on Sunday despite a pre-race spew. It provides a good platform to build on.





BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

### BYRCE FULLWOOD - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Phil Keed  
AGE: 24  
DEBUT: Sand 2018  
STARTS: 103  
BEST QUAL: 4th (x1)  
PODIUMS: 1  
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 10th 2022

**13TH**  
132  
POINTS

Bryce Fullwood did well to salvage 13th in the championship after a mixed weekend at Newcastle. The opening race campaign of Car #14 was severely impacted by opening-lap contact and could only manage 15th. Despite a disappointing qualifying session, Sunday was much more positive with a strong second stint pushing Fullwood all the way up to 11th. One lap pace will be an area of improvement after qualifying 18th and 19th, but he knows how to make progress at Albert Park. Last year he turned 19th on the grid into a top 10 result.



BLANCHARD RACING TEAM // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM BLANCHARD

### TODD HAZELWOOD - FORD MUSTANG



ENGINEER: Mirko De Rosa  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: QR 2017  
STARTS: 159  
BEST QUAL: 1 (x1)  
PODIUMS: 1  
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 5th 2022

**14TH**  
123  
POINTS

Todd Hazelwood's first weekend driving in the BRT blue is a tale of what could have been. Hazelwood reached the shootout on Sunday and appeared on track for a strong result well inside the top 10, but contact with Thomas Randle sent him spinning into the Turn 9 tyres. The incident meant he had to settle for results of 14th on Saturday and 15th on Sunday. BRT hopes to unlock its potential at the sweeping Albert Park where it enjoyed four successive top 10 results last year where Hazelwood also finished fifth for MSR.



PREMIER RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

### TIM SLADE - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Phillip De Fazio  
AGE: 37  
DEBUT: Adel 2009  
STARTS: 401  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 17  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)  
BEST AUS GP: 3rd 2019

**15TH**  
123  
POINTS

The championship position may not reflect it, but Tim Slade had plenty of reasons to smile after his first race weekend for PremiAir Racing. Slade was fast over one lap being fourth quickest on Friday and participating in both shootouts. His 400th race looked on course for something special, sitting a comfortable fifth across the entire first stint before a pit stop problem sent him five laps down. Rebounded well to claim ninth on Sunday. Both Slade and PremiAir Racing impressed at Albert Park last year and hope to turn more heads at a circuit the veteran has always enjoyed.



DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

**16TH**  
120  
POINTS

### WILL DAVISON - FORD MUSTANG

ENGINEER: Richard Harris  
AGE: 40  
DEBUT: Winton 2004  
STARTS: 520  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x28)  
PODIUMS: 78  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x22)  
BEST AUS GP: 2nd 2022



Will Davison will be determined to lead a resurgent Dick Johnson Racing after the team suffered a challenging start to 2023 at Newcastle. Although both cars battled, Davison showed the most promising signs, finishing a close second in practice 2 and just missing out on a Sunday shootout. However, the races were a tough slog and if DJR is to bounce back, it will do so at one of the few tracks Davison is yet to win at. Car #17 came close last year with a pair of seconds, but a win went begging with a lockup at Turn 9.



DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

### ANTON DE PASQUALE - FORD MUSTANG



ENGINEER: Ludo Lacroix  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Adel 2018  
STARTS: 154  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x15)  
PODIUMS: 29  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x8)  
BEST AUS GP: 2nd 2022

**17TH**  
114  
POINTS

Newcastle 2023 will go down as one of the low points of Anton De Pasquale's time at Dick Johnson Racing. Entering his third year at the team, many hope to see De Pasquale stamp his authority, but he was nowhere near the front in Newcastle. After qualifying 17th could not move forward and was promoted to 16th after Triple Eight's disqualification. Sunday started even worse, qualifying down in 21st, 7 tenths down before salvaging 16th. De Pasquale must respond strong in Melbourne where he collected a podium last year, but also encountered tyre dramas.

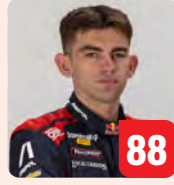


TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

**18TH**  
111  
POINTS

### BROC FEENEY - CHEVROLET CAMARO

ENGINEER: Martin Short  
AGE: 20  
DEBUT: Bath 2020  
STARTS: 38  
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x2)  
PODIUMS: 3  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 6th 2022



Broc Feeney is getting stuck into his second season in Supercars on the back foot after Triple Eight being disqualified from race 1 over a technical infringement. If his strong second position from race 1 was not stripped, Feeney would sit third in the standings, but heads to Melbourne 18th. An aggressive strategy helped car #88 score fifth on Sunday to still collect something from the weekend. Last year's visit to the Australian Grand Prix was just Feeney's second round and he had a middling weekend. He has his eyes on getting the first trophy he can keep for 2023.



## THOMAS RANDLE - FORD MUSTANG



Engineer: Ray Lau  
Age: 26  
Debut: Bend 2019  
Starts: 53  
Best Qual: 2nd (x1)  
Podiums: 1  
Best result: 3rd (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 11th 2022

**19TH**  
105  
POINTS

The 2023 season in an important one for Thomas Randle and he did not start it the way he would have wanted. Randle struggled to find speed all weekend, being 20th after Friday's three practice sessions. The highpoint was Saturday qualifying where car #55 claimed P13, but the race was severely impacted by contact with Le Brocq in the pits which bent the steering arm. On Sunday Randle got tangled up with Hazelwood and finished 18th. Randle has mixed memories of Albert Park having qualified an impressive fourth, but a poor stop and steering arm issues forced him into retirement.



## JAMES COURTNEY - FORD MUSTANG



Engineer: Sam Scaffidi  
Age: 42  
Debut: Sand 2005  
Starts: 529  
Best qual: 1st (x10)  
Podiums: 64  
Best result: 1st (x15)  
BEST AUS GP: 5th 2018

**20TH**  
90  
POINTS

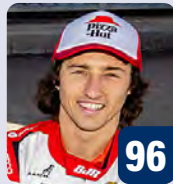
Tickford veteran James Courtney will be looking to make up for lost time at the Australian Grand Prix having missed out on half of the fun at Newcastle. Courtney's season opener was all running smoothly with a solid P8 in the first race and a shootout appearance on Sunday. However, a small mistake at Turn 7 at massive consequences with the crash ruling him out of race 2. His 2022 Melbourne 400 was full of speed, but underwhelming results. He was metres from a podium in race 7, but got spun at the final corner.



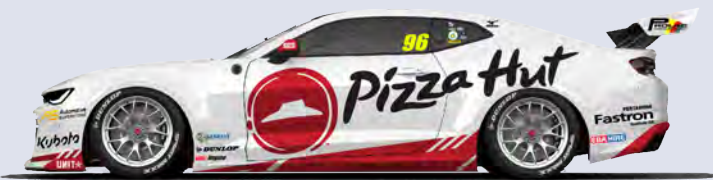
**21ST**  
87  
POINTS

## MACAULEY JONES - CHEVROLET CAMARO

Engineer: Andrew Donnelly  
Age: 28  
Debut: Sand 2015  
Starts: 148  
Best Qual: 8th (x2)  
Podiums: 0  
Best result: 6th (x2)  
BEST AUS GP: 6th 2022



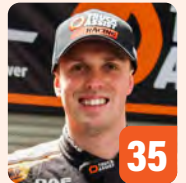
Macauley Jones is fronts a trio of drivers all tied on 87 points after the Newcastle opener. Jones started on the front foot by going 13th and 11th fastest in the first two practice sessions, but struggled to set the world on fire afterwards with a top result of 19th across the rest of the weekend. The #96 BJR Chevrolet Camaro suffered pit stop issues on its way to 19th in race 1 before brake dramas made Sunday a battle to 22nd. Cna take confidence from last year's Albert Park where he scored a career-best result.



**22ND**  
87  
POINTS

## CAMERON HILL - CHEVROLET CAMARO

Engineer: Paul Forgie  
Age: 26  
Debut: Bath 2022  
Starts: 3  
Best Qual: 19th  
Podiums: 0  
Best result: 20th (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: N/A



Cameron Hill was upbeat after his first solo Supercars weekend in the hot seat for Matt Stone Racing. Hill recorded a best race result of P20, but it could have been a much more productive weekend. Car #35 started the Sunday race in 22nd, but worked his way up to 15th by Lap 31. One mistake at Turn 1 brought Hill's good work undone however, limiting him to 21st. In the three-week gap he completed a rookie test at The Bend, which came to an early end due to a steering pump failure.



## JACK SMITH - CHEVROLET CAMARO



ENGINEER: Julian Stannard  
AGE: 23  
DEBUT: Tas 2019  
STARTS: 107  
BEST QUAL: 10th (x2)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 10th (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: 12th 2022

**23RD**  
87  
POINTS

Jack Smith provided some optimism for 2023 after finishing fifth at the Sydney test, but it proved to be a false dawn. Smith finished Friday as the only driver to be more than a second off leader Kostecki. He qualified last on Saturday and could only finish ahead of the troubled Slade and Percat. Sunday's qualifying was another shocker, being six tenths slower than the rest of the field, but he was able to end it on a positive note, rising up to 20th. Has happy memories of Albert Park scoring his best result of 2022 there.



**24TH**  
66  
POINTS

## DECLAN FRASER - FORD MUSTANG

ENGINEER: Chris Stuckey  
AGE: 23  
DEBUT: Bath 2022  
STARTS: 3  
BEST QUAL: 24th (x2)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)  
BEST AUS GP: N/A



Despite a bruising start to his full-time career, Declan Fraser left Newcastle in a positive frame of mind. This is largely down to his Saturday drive where he climbed from 24th to 15th on the road and 13th on leaderboard. His weekend came to a crashing end however, cutting across Jones off the start-line which sent him into the wall. One lap pace is an area Fraser will be working on after qualifying 24th for both races. Gained some miles at a rookie test at The Bend which he hopes to put to good use at Albert Park.





**NICK PERCAT - FORD MUSTANG**



ENGINEER: Adam Austin  
 AGE: 34  
 DEBUT: PI 2010  
 STARTS: 290  
 BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
 PODIUMS: 6  
 BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)  
 BEST AUS GP: 2nd 2018

**25TH**  
 36  
 POINTS

The pressure will be on Nick Percat to perform for Walkinshaw Andretti United after a disappointing effort at Newcastle. As his teammate fought at the front to secure the championship lead, Percat languished at the back to sit last in the standings after the worst season opener of his career. Car #2 qualified 20th or worst in both races, while a wheel bearing issue forced the Mustang to retire from race 1 before finishing race 2 two laps down. Percat cannot afford a similar weekend at Albert Park where had solid pace last year and impressed for BJR in 2018.



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QUALIFYING RACE 1			ROUND 1 RESULTS RACE 1 95 LAPS (250 KMS)		
Pos	Driver	Time	Pos Drivers	Laps	Race time
1	Brodie Kostecki	1:11.8481	1 Cameron Waters	95	01:58:33.2312 ▲1
2	Cameron Waters	+0.1520	2 Chaz Mostert	95	01:58:40.8803 ▲5
3	Broc Feeney	+0.1527	3 Brodie Kostecki	95	01:58:46.6723 ▼3
4	Tim Slade	+0.1638	4 William Brown	95	01:58:50.7673 ▲7
5	David Reynolds	+0.1783	5 Andre Heimgartner	95	01:58:51.7185 ▲3
6	Shane van Gisbergen	+0.1940	6 Mark Winterbottom	95	01:58:57.8238 ▲10
7	Chaz Mostert	+0.2648	7 Scott Pye	95	01:59:03.7288 ▲2
8	Andre Heimgartner	+0.2943	8 James Courtney	95	01:59:15.9978 ▲4
9	Scott Pye	+0.3110	9 Jack Le Brocq	95	01:59:16.0996 ▲6
10	James Golding	+0.3951	10 David Reynolds	95	01:59:16.7964 ▼5
11	Will Brown	+0.4304	11 Will Davison	95	01:59:23.0047 ▲3
12	James Courtney	+0.4454	12 Matthew Payne	95	01:59:26.4309 ▲10
13	Thomas Randle	+0.4623	13 Declan Fraser	95	02:00:10.9614 ▲11
14	Will Davison	+0.4780	14 Todd Hazelwood	95	02:00:17.5818 ▲6
15	Jack Le Brocq	+0.5561	15 Bryce Fullwood	95	02:00:29.7432 ▲3
16	Mark Winterbottom	+0.6048	16 Anton De Pasquale	95	02:00:34.6468 ▲1
17	Anton De Pasquale	+0.6292	17 Thomas Randle	95	02:00:36.0536 ▼4
18	Bryce Fullwood	+0.6397	18 James Golding	94	01:58:48.3364 ▼8
19	Cameron Hill	+0.6438	19 Macauley Jones	94	01:58:55.8177 ▲4
20	Todd Hazelwood	+0.6472	20 Cameron Hill	94	01:59:20.3425 ▼1
21	Nick Percat	+0.6920	21 Jack Smith	93	02:00:19.2029 ▲4
22	Matthew Payne	+0.7215	22 Tim Slade	90	01:58:45.2174 ▼18
23	Macauley Jones	+0.7247	NC Nick Percat	50	01:03:04.1605 ▼2
24	Declan Fraser	+1.2286	DSQ Shane van Gisbergen		
25	Jack Smith	+1.3477	DSQ Broc Feeney		

QUALIFYING RACE 2			ROUND 1 RESULTS RACE 2 89 LAPS (234KM)		
Pos	Driver	Time	Pos Drivers	Laps	Race time
1	David Reynolds	1:12.0813	1 Shane van Gisbergen	89	02:11:50.4825 ▲4
2	Chaz Mostert	+0.0058	2 Chaz Mostert	89	+4.499 -
3	James Golding	+0.1092	3 David Reynolds	89	+25.140 ▼2
4	Cameron Waters	+0.2142	4 James Golding	89	+27.090 ▼1
5	Shane van Gisbergen	+0.2672	5 Broc Feeney	89	+27.659 ▲2
6	Tim Slade	+0.5455	6 Brodie Kostecki	89	+28.608 ▲9
7	Broc Feeney	+0.658	7 Andre Heimgartner	89	+33.324 ▲5
8	Jack Le Brocq	+0.877	8 Jack Le Brocq	89	+46.9620 -
9	Todd Hazelwood	+1.022	9 Tim Slade	89	+54.4407 ▼3
NC	James Courtney	N/A	10 Mark Winterbottom	89	+58.9770 ▲3
11	Will Davison	+0.4619	11 Bryce Fullwood	89	+1:04.1608 ▲8
12	Matthew Payne	+0.4722	12 Cameron Waters	89	+1:15.5632 ▼8
13	Andre Heimgartner	+0.4880	13 Will Brown	88	+1 Lap ▲4
14	Mark Winterbottom	+0.5477	14 Matthew Payne	88	+1 Lap ▼3
15	Brodie Kostecki	+0.5595	15 Todd Hazelwood	88	+1 Lap ▼6
16	Thomas Randle	+0.6151	16 Anton De Pasquale	88	+1 Lap ▲5
17	Will Brown	+0.6361	17 Scott Pye	88	+1 Lap ▲1
18	Scott Pye	+0.6365	18 Thomas Randle	88	+1 Lap ▼2
19	Bryce Fullwood	+0.6379	19 Will Davison	88	+1 Lap ▼5
20	Nick Percat	+0.6601	20 Jack Smith	88	+1 Lap ▲5
21	Anton De Pasquale	+0.7002	21 Cameron Hill	88	+1 Lap ▲1
22	Cameron Hill	+0.7214	22 Macauley Jones	88	+1 Lap ▲1
23	Macauley Jones	+0.8227	23 Nick Percat	87	+2 Laps ▼3
24	Declan Fraser	+0.8266	DNF Declan Fraser	0	- -
25	Jack Smith	+1.4589	DNS James Courtney		

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