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# **AutoAction:** AUTO ACTION'S 2023 PRE PERTH SUPERCARS TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

## Supercars heads west to Wanneroo Raceway for what promises to be an intriguing Perth SuperSprint on April 28-30.

**A THIRD** format in as many rounds will be on offer with the familiar hat-trick of 100km sprints returning to the 2.42km circuit.

Perth is notorious for chewing through tyres with five of the seven corners right handers putting immense pressure on the working left-hand side.

This characteristic has produced many nail-biting finishes over the years, while Turns 6 and 7 remain as hotspots.

The Perth SuperSprint is a Soft tyre only round and will feature one compulsory pit stop per race.

Supercars arrives at WA with a new championship leader in homegrown hero Brodie Kostecki.

The Erebus driver has a 32-point advantage over Chaz Mostert, while Shane van Gisbergen is quickly closing in just 86 back.

All onlookers will be keeping a keen eye on the timesheets with parity a hot topic coming out of the Melbourne SuperSprint where not a single Ford scored a podium finish. Camaros have won all six races on the track in 2023, with Cam Waters only awarded the race 1 win following a disqualification.

The Mustang runners will be desperate to stop the worrying trend, but can turn to last year for hope.

Ford entered Sunday of last year's Perth SuperSprint winless from the first 10 races before Will Davison made the breakthrough.

Although van Gisbergen claimed the other two wins, he was kept honest as the "Blue Oval" brigade featured prominently on the podium throughout the weekend.

History will be made at Perth where Mark Winterbottom will raise his 600th race start at the scene of his last podium in 2018.

Could a fitting "Frosty" fairytale be on the cards as the Camaros continue their charge or will Ford fight back at Wanneroo?





# RYCO READY MEANS RACE READY

## **ROUND THREE PERTH SUPERSPRINT** APRIL 28-30, 2023

Supercars returns to a full daytime Western Australian round for the first time in five years and it promises to be an intriguing affair. The second shortest lap of the season usually chews through tyres and the degree of difficulty will only be heightened with Gen3. Wanneroo has a knack of producing nailbiting finishes, so more close racing can be anticipated across three 100km sprints. The historic venue also raises its 50-year milestone of ATCC/Supercars racing.



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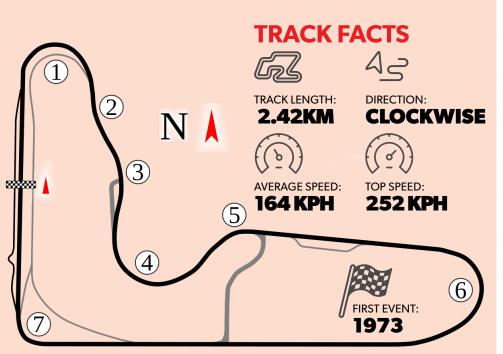


## TRACK STATS

#### QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

#### RACE LAP RECORD:

- Scott McLaughlin 52.8141
  James Courtney 53.7293
- Dick Johnson Racing
  Walkinsha
- Ford Mustang GT (2019)
- Walkinshaw Andretti United
- Holden ZB Commodore (2019)



2018

2015

2012

R1: Scott McLaughlin R2: Scott McLaughlin

R1: Mark Winterbottom

R2: Mark Winterbottom R3: Will Davison

R1: Mark Winterbottom

R2: Will Davison

R3: Will Davison

#### **LIST OF RACE RESULTS**

**2022** R1: Shane van Gisbergen R2: Will Davison R3: Shane van Gisbergen

**2017** R1: Scott McLaughlin R2: Scott McLaughlin

**2014** R1: Scott McLaughlin R2: Craig Lowndes R3: Craig Lowndes

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2019

2016

2013

2022 R1: Anton De Pasquale R2: Will Davison R3: Shane van Gisbergen 2017

R1: Fabian Coulthard R2: Scott McLaughlin

**2014** R1: Scott McLaughlin R2: Craig Lowndes R3: Craig Lowndes **2019** R1: Fabian Coulthard R2: Scott McLaughlin

**2016** R1: Craig Lowndes R2: Mark Winterbottom

**2013** R1: Jamie Whincup R2: Jason Bright R3: Jamie Whincup

R1: Scott McLaughlin

R2: Scott McLaughlin

R1: Cam Waters

R2: Chaz Mostert

R1: Craig Lowndes

R2: Jamie Whincup

R3: Jamie Whincup

**2018** R1: Scott McLaughlin R2: Shane van Gisbergen

> **2015** R1: Chaz Mostert R2: Mark Winterbottom R3: Chaz Mostert

**2012** R1: Garth Tander R2: Jamie Whincup R3: Jamie Whincup



#### **MOST WINS**

16 Craig Lowndes 8 Mark Skaife 7 Mark Winterbottom

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MOST POLES 8 Jamie Whincup 6 Craig Lowndes, Peter Brock, Mark Skaife



#### **MOST PODIUMS**

17 Craig Lowndes 17 Jamie Whincup 13 Mark Winterbottom TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AWST)

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TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
08:40-09:00	WA	Historic Practice
09:10-09:50	GT World Challenge	Practice 1
10:00-10:20	SuperUte Series	Practice
10:35-11:15	Dunlop Series	Practice 1
11:30-11:50	WA	Historic Qualifying
12:00-12:40	GT World Challenge	Practice 2
12:50-13:10	SuperUte Series	Qualifying
13:25-14:05	Dunlop Series	Practice 2
14:25-15:55	Supercars	Practice
16:35-16:55	WA Historic	Race 1 (8 laps)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 29

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
09:10-09:20	GT World Challenge	Qualifying
09:25-09:35	GT World Challenge	Qualifying
09:45-10:05	SuperUte Series	Race 1 (15 laps)
10:15-10:30	WA Historic	Race 2 (8 laps)
10:45-11:10	Dunlop Series	Qualifying 1
11:25-12:20	Supercars	Qualifying 1
12:40-13:40	GT World Challenge	Race 1 (60 mins)
13:50-14:10	SuperUte Series	Race 2 (15 laps)
14:25-15:05	Dunlop Series	Race 1 (40 mins)
15:45-16:45	Supercars	Race 1 (42 laps)
17:05-17:20	WA Historic	Race 3 (8 laps)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 30

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
08:10-08:30	SuperUte Series	Race 3 (15 laps)
08:45-09:10	Dunlop Series	Qualifying 2
09:25-09:40	Supercars	Qualifying 2
09:50-10:05	Supercars	Qualifying 3
10:25-11:25	GT World Challenge	Race 2 (60 mins)
11:55-12:55	Supercars	Race 2 (42 laps)
13:20-13:40	WA Historic	Race 4 (10 laps)
13:50-14:10	SuperUte Series	Race 4 (15 laps)
14:25-14:55	Dunlop Series	Race 2 (26 laps)
15.45-16.45	Supercars	Race 3 (42 laps)

#### EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN



#### BRODIE KOSTECKI - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

Brodie Kostecki heads west on an all-time high having enjoying his best weekend ever at the Australian Grand Prix. Kostecki not only carried on his momentum from Newcastle, but displayed unforeseen form throughout the four sprints. He mastered Melbourne to score his first two Supercars race wins, while he charged from 14th to third on Sunday to secure the Larry Perkins Trophy. How he handles the pressure of being the hunted at Perth will be fascinating. But Kostecki and the Coke Camaro are a fearsome combination and there is no reason to suggest they will slow down at Wanneroo.







#### WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART



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#### **CHAZ MOSTERT - FORD MUSTANG GT** ENGINEER: Adam de Borre

AGE: 30 DEBUT: Perth 2013 STARTS: 298 QUAL: 1st (x23) PODIUMS: 83 BEST RESULT: 1st (x21)



BEST PERTH: 1st 2014

Despite losing the championship, Chaz Mostert remains in a strong position. Mostert has been the clear leader of the "Blue Oval" brigade and fought hard to score three straight top-five finishes at the start of the Melbourne SuperSprint. Was also leading the final race until he ran out of grip and alarmingly dropped to 14th. These continual tyre dramas will worry WAU at a track like Perth where the team had a weekend to forget last year and tyres are always hard to manage. Will raise the 300-race milestone a decade on from his debut at the same location.



#### BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

#### **ANDRE HEIMGARTNER - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

**ENGINEER: Tony Woodward** AGE: 27 DEBUT: Bath 2014 STARTS: 222 OUAL: 1st (x2) REST PODIUMS: 10 BEST RESULT: 1st (x1) BEST PERTH: 3rd 2022





#### TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

#### **SHANE VAN GISBERGEN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI**

428 POINTS

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POINTS

ENGINEER: Andrew Edwards AGE: 33 DEBUT: Oran Park 2007 STARTS: 489 BEST QUAL: 1st (x48) PODIUMS: 170



BEST RESULT: 1st (x77) BEST PERTH: 1st 2022 Having risen from 11th to third in the standings at Melbourne. Shane van Gisbergen has the championship lead in his sights. Van Gisbergen's Australian Grand Prix started with a 720-degree spin, which ruled him out of Practice 2, but he quickly recovered to secure another commanding win. A pair of seconds and a fourth

ensured it was another productive weekend for the Kiwi, even if he did get bullied by the Coke Camaros and struggled for one-lap pace at times. Barbagallo was once a bogey track for SVG, but he blitzed it last year, which provides further confidence.



#### EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

#### WILL BROWN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

**ENGINEER: Tom Moore** 



AGE: 24 DEBUT: Sand 2018



BEST PERTH: 5th 2022

Although things did not go his way, Will Brown still walked away from Melbourne with a smile and a career-best

start. Brown is fifth in the standings, but could be much higher if fortune was in his favour at Albert Park. Whilst Race 5 will go down as Kostecki's first win, his Erebus teammate was in the box seat until a late-race Safety Car shuffled him down to sixth. Brown was again in a winning poison in Race 6, but spun into the fence at Turn 12. Amid the drama car #9 remains one to watch at Wanneroo.



#### TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS



#### **CAM WATERS - FORD MUSTANG GT** ENGINEER: Sam Potter

AGE: 28 DEBUT: Bath 2011 STARTS: 229 BEST QUAL: 1st (x19) PODIUMS: 43 BEST RESULT: 1st (x9) BEST PERTH: 3rd 2022,19



Cameron Waters has a score to settle with Barbagallo Raceway. Waters is yet to win at the WA venue despite crossing the line first in race 2 last year. The Tickford driver lost P1 after receiving a penalty for an unsafe re-entry after a fierce fight for the lead with Will Davison. Waters was gobslmaked and wants to get a win for keeps this year. If car #6 is to go all the way, it needs to show some more speed than Albert Park where Waters had a best result of P7 across the four races.



#### **GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI**



#### **DAVID REYNOLDS - FORD MUSTANG GT** ENGINEER: Alistair McVean

AGE: 37 DEBUT: Sand 2007 STARTS: 410 BEST OUAL: 1st (x16) PODIUMS: 39 BEST RESULT: 1st (x7)



BEST PERTH: 2nd 2018

After a troubled Australian Grand Prix campaign, David Reynolds will be determined to bounce back in Perth. Reynolds arrived at the Australian Grand Prix fourth in the standings, but struggled to catch a break with driver mistakes and bad luck restricted him to P19, P23, and P14 finished across the first three races. Car #26 started last for the final two races last, but managed to reclaim some valuable points climbing 10 and 16 positions respectively. Ahead of him lies a track he has never quite cracked with just one podium from 28 starts.



#### BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES



#### **BRYCE FULLWOOD - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1** ENGINEER: Phil Keed

DEBUT: Sand 2018 STARTS: 103 BEST OUAL: 4th (x1) PODIUMS: 1 BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1) BEST AUS GP: 10th 2022



Bryce Fullwood showed strong pace at Melbourne to secure a top 10 championship position for just the second time on his career, but it could have been so much better. Having risen through the field in both of the first two races, Fullwood looked set to score a first podium in three years in races 5 and 6, only for a pair of unsafe releases to stop him. Despite the disappointment, car #14 still carries a lot of confidence. His only visit to Wanneroo was a tough one with a pair of non finishes.



#### **BROC FEENEY - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

**ENGINEER: Martin Short** 



#### AGE: 20 DEBUT: Bath 2020 STARTS: 42 BEST QUAL: 1st (x1) PODIUMS: 5 BEST RESULT: 1st (x2) BEST PERTH: 5th 2022

Rising 11 spots in the championship, Broc Feeney was one of the big improvers after putting together an impressive Melbourne SuperSprint. Feeney was a regular front runner all weekend, which culminated in converting his maiden pole position to his first victory of the Gen3 era. Not even a P21 qualifying for Race 5 could stop him from still scoring a top-10 finish on the Saturday. Following on track results of P2, P5, P4, P3, P7 and P1, Feeney should have the belief to be a contender at Perth.



#### MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

# 325 POINTS

JACK LE BROCQ - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL ENGINEER: Jack Bellot

AGE: DFBUT: STARTS: 17 BEST OUAL: 2nd PODIUMS: BEST RESULT: 1st (x1) BEST PERTH: 9th 2018



Matt Stone Racing and Jack Le Brocq are on a high having exceeded all expectations so far in 2023. The pair are both enjoying their personal best starts to a season with Le Brocq scoring top 10 results in five of the six races so far. The exception was Friday at the AGP where car #34 hit the wall and was standard at Turn 8. Despite that, Le Brocq still impressively overcame his "bogey track" to finish the weekend with his first top five in 67 races. Has struggled recently at Perth, but has the confidence to defy that.



#### DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

#### WILL DAVISON - FORD MUSTANG GT

271 POINTS

AGE: 40 DFBUT: Winton 2004 STARTS: 524 BEST OUAL: 1st (x28) PODIUMS: 78

BEST PERTH: 1st 2012,15,22

**ENGINEER: Richard Harris** 



Will Davison has claimed DJR's "season starts now" at Perth, believing the team is "on top of Gen3" after a tough start to 2023. Davison's claim arrives after car #17 showed some small signs of progress at Albert Park with a maiden top 10 finish of the year after battling earlier in the weekend. The veteran can also source belief from his past Perth performances, which include two strong wins at a crazy 2012 event, an unexpected Erebus triumph in 2015 and a drought-breaking victory last year.



#### TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT



#### **MARK WINTERBOTTOM - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI**

**ENGINEER: Manuel Sanchez** AGE: 41 DEBUT: Sand 2003 STARTS: 599 BEST OUAL: 1st (x36) PODIUMS: 117 BEST RESULT: 1st (x38)



BEST PERTH: 1st 2008,12,15,16

It will be a weekend to remember for Mark Winterbottom as he raises the momentous milestone of 600 Supercars Championship races on Saturday. Winterbottom will become just the third driver to join the "600 club" and does so at a special place. Wanneroo was the scene of "Frosty's" first solo clean sweep in 2008 and his last career podium back in 2018. Winterbottom hopes bounce back from a tough Aus GP highlighted by being an innocent victim in Saturday's Turn 5 craziness. Despite enduring some tough results, a P9 on Friday still ensured car #18 has what it takes to compete.



#### TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS



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#### **THOMAS RANDLE - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Raymond Lau AGE: 26 DEBUT: Bend 2019 STARTS: 57 BEST OUAL: 2nd (x1) PODIUMS: 1



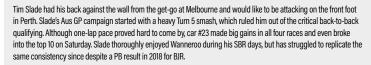
Thomas Randle snuck under the radar as one of the big movers in the standings after a consistent Melbourne weekend. Randle's time spent with Alpine F1 drivers Pierre Gasly and Esteban Ocon paid off as he stayed out of trouble to finish between eighth and 12th across the four races. Car #55's Race 5 campaign stood out, rising from 19th to ninth in the Safety Car interrupted Sprint. Randle hopes to unlock further speed from his Mustang at Perth where he struggled under the sunshine 12 months ago.



#### PREMIAIR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

#### **TIM SLADE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

**ENGINEER: Phillip De Fazio** AGE: 37 DEBUT: Adel 2009 STARTS: 405 BEST QUAL: 1st (x2) PODIUMS: 17 BEST RESULT: 1st (x2) BEST PERTH: 4th 2018





PREMIAIR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

#### **JAMES GOLDING - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI ENGINEER: Geoff Slater**

DEBUT: Sand 2016

BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)

BEST RESULT: 4th (x2)

BEST PERTH: 13th 2019

AGE: 27

STARTS: 77

PODIUMS: 0

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After being one of the heroes of Newcastle, James Golding crashed back down to Earth at Albert Park. A best was of 16th was all Golding could manage after scoring the team's best ever result in the season opener. The best hope of result for car #31 was in Race 5, but a first lap crash ruined it. For the remainder of the weekend Golding struggled to find his top pace. His last trip out west was in during his GRM days in 2019 where he scored his equal best result (P13) of the first 17 races of the 2019 season.



#### TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

#### **SCOTT PYE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI**



DEBUT: Sand 2012 BEST QUAL: 1st (x1) BEST RESULT: 1st (x1) BEST PERTH: 7th 2014





GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

#### **MATT PAYNE - FORD MUSTANG GT**

165 POINTS

ENGINEER: Jack Bell AGE: 20 DEBUT: Bath 2022 STARTS: 7 BEST QUAL: 5th (x1)



PODIUMS: 0 BEST RESULT: 6th (x1) BEST PERTH: N/A Kiwi rookie Matthew Pavne would have learnt a lot from an up and down Melbourne SuperSprint, Although the race

results were not outstanding, Payne took a step forward from a solid Newcastle debut by demonstrating strong one-lap pace in the tense qualifying sessions. However, he failed to capitalise on the three top-10 starting positions with a best finish of 12th and took responsibility for causing a major Turn 5 crash. Although Payne is yet to race a Supercar at Perth, he has form in WA taking pole and race victory at last year's Dunlop Series visit.



# for two races.







#### **TODD HAZELWOOD - FORD MUSTANG GT**

AGE: 27

DFBUT: OB 2017

BEST QUAL: 1 (x1)

BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)

BEST PERTH: 8th 2022

STARTS: 163

PODIUMS: 1

ENGINEER: Mirko De Rosa



#### **ANTON DE PASQUALE -** FORD MUSTANG GT

AGE: 27 DEBUT: Adel 2018 STARTS: 158 BEST QUAL: 1st (x16) PODIUMS: 29 BEST RESULT: 1st (x8) BEST PERTH: 2nd 2022

ENGINEER: Ludo Lacroix



Now is the time for Anton De Pasquale and Dick Johnson Racing to start moving up in the championship standings. The initial signs at Albert Park where strong with De Pasquale bouncing back from a tough Newcastle to take pole before recording P6 and P5 finishes in the opening two races. But things went from bad to worse during the weekend with an unlucky crash on Saturday followed by a disappointing 22nd on Sunday. De Pasquale's first WA round in DJR colours was a strong one, claiming a pole and a pair of second places



#### BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES



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#### **MACAULEY JONES - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI ENGINEER: Andrew Donnelly**

DEBUT: Sand 2015 STARTS: 152 BEST OUAL:  $8th(x_2)$ PODIUMS: 0 BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)



BEST PERTH: 15th 2022

If it he did not get caught up in the Turn 5 Saturday smash, the 2023 Melbourne SuperSprint would have been one of Macauley Jones' more complete weekends. Jones was a consistent floater around the top 10 and showed strong race pace. But bad luck was also a regular feature with a small brush with the wall in practice enough to image his Camaro chassis. After scoring fighting P10 and P12 results, Jones was wiped out early in race 5. But he recovered well to end the round on a high with seventh and head to WA with extra belief.



#### TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

#### **DECLAN FRASER - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Chris Stuckey AGE: 23 DEBUT: Bath 2022 STARTS: 7 BEST QUAL: 26th (x1) PODIUMS: 0 BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)



Tickford's Declan Fraser is fresh from his first solo top 10 result. Fraser is the first of the three 2023 rookies to achieve the feat and did it on the Friday of the Australian Grand Prix. Car #56 charged from 18th to 10th to secure some valuable points from a strategy impacted race. Qualifying still seems to be a work in progress, but he also showed some signs of improvement. Fraser got a taste of Barbagallo in the Dunlop Series last year and claimed a P6 and podium finish, but being in the Supercars spotlight will be a greater challenge.





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#### Melbourne was a difficult round for Todd Hazelwood and Blanchard Racing Team. It was not until the seventh session of the weekend when car #3 was able to get into the top 20. Hazelwood struggled to unlock pace from his Mustang and was eventually disgualified from the first two gualifying sessions and opening race due to a technical breach. Despite the pain, Hazelwood finished on a high by gaining 11 positions to break into the top 10 on Sunday. It was a much-needed boost for Hazelwood as he heads to Perth where he enjoyed his weekend for MSR last year.



#### BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

### **21S** 188 POINTS

#### **JACK SMITH - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1 ENGINEER: Julian Stannard**

AGE: 23 DEBUT: Tas 2019 STARTS: 111



BEST QUAL: 10th (x2) PODIUMS: 0 BEST RESULT: 10th (x1) BEST PERTH: 18th 2022

After lacking pace in Newcastle, Jack Smith offered a bit more positivity at the Australian Grand Prix without setting the world on fire. Despite being more than a second off the pace in each qualifying session, Smith was able to out qualify some of his rivals. The high point of the weekend was his Friday charge from 22nd to 14th. After qualifying a strong 12th for race 5, he had his sights set on a rare top 10 finish, but could only manage 18th despite all the chaos around him.



#### MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

#### **CAMERON HILL - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZLI ENGINEER: Paul For**

169 POINTS

AGE: DEBUT: STARTS: BEST QUAL: 1

PODIUMS: 0



BEST RESULT: 15th (x1) BEST PERTH: N/A Cameron Hill's continual development of learning the Supercars scene continues in Perth as he tries to catch fellow rookie Declan Fraser. Hill's run of finishes ended in the gravel after a battle for position with Fraser went slightly wrong. Before then he was building nicely and scored a PB of 15th on Friday. Hill likened driving the Gen3 Camaro to "walking a tightrope" and highlighted finding the limit as an area of improvement ahead of Perth. Wanneroo was

four results.

arguably the highlight of Hill's 2022 Super2 campaign being the only weekend where he scored back-to-back top

#### TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

#### 24TH 132 POINTS

#### **JAMES COURTNEY - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Sam Scaffidi AGE: 42 DEBUT: Sand 2005 STARTS: 532 BEST QUAL: 1st (x10) PODIUMS: 64 BEST RESULT: 1st (x15) BEST PERTH: 2nd 2022



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James Courtney will be praying for his luck to turnaround at the Perth SuperSprint. Courtney has only enjoyed two trouble free races so far in 2023 after his fortunes took a further turn for the worse at Melbourne. It was all looking lovely as the 42-year-old collected a third-place trophy on Friday, but he lost it after being deemed responsible for sending Reynolds into the gravel. Then Courtney's Mustang burst into flames, ruling him out of the final two races. Perth proved tough to crack for Courtney, who scored his first podium in his 14th visit last year.



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#### WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

#### NICK PERCAT - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Adam Austin AGE: 34 DEBUT: PI 2010 STARTS: 294 BEST QUAL: 15t (x2) PODIUMS: 6 BEST RESULT: 1st (x2) BEST PERTH: 7th 2017B



The only way is up for Nick Percat after a horrific start to 2023. His fortunes have got to the point that he has already conceded to playing a wingman role for teammate Mostert. Having languished at the back in Newcastle, Percat hoped for an improvement at Melbourne but an unfortunate fire in race 4 put car #2 on the sidelines once again. After a massive rebuild Percat climbed nine spots to16th, but still suffered a disappointing P20 in the finale. Percat hopes he can vanish his current demons and last year's Perth battles to finally gain some momentum.



