AUTO ACTION'S 2023 DARWIN SUPERCARS TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

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Supercars heads north to Larrakia country for one of the most special occasions of the year, Indigenous Round.

FOR THE second straight year every Supercar will be showcasing a special livery celebrating First Nations people and culture.

Whilst the event is about more than racing, there is a lot on the line at the Darwin Triple Crown as the season races along towards the halfway mark.

Erebus Motorsport remains the team to catch with both drivers now at the top of the table.

Although Brodie Kostecki's consistency has allowed him to maintain a solid advantage at the top of the standings, he now has his teammate for company in second, who has all of the momentum.

Will Brown has won three of the last five races and appears to have the most outright speed on the grid.

With the front of the field being covered by Camaros in Tasmania, Triple Eight Race Engineering also carried on its solid form with Broc Feeney taking another win.

In a sign of how strong Erebus and Triple Eight have been, Andre Heimgartner is the only driver outside of those teams to stand on the podium in the last four races.

Triple Eight will also field a third entry for the first time at a solo round in five years with Zane Goddard steering the Supercheap Auto wildcard.

Ford needs to fire back after a tough podium-less showing at Symmons Plains, where Cameron Waters and Chaz Mostert were the only Mustang drivers to record multiple top 10 results.

Any differences between the respective engines will come to light as cars charge down the mammoth 1.1km pit straight, while no parity adjustments are anticipated between the fourth and fifth rounds.

Although recent history cannot be a direct form guide given the differences between Gen2 and Gen3, enjoyable racing can be a certainty.

The mammoth high-speed run down to the sweeping hairpin at Turn 1 provides ample opportunity for overtaking, plus plenty of drama, especially after the start.

The heavy braking Turn 5 is another hot spot, plus the following hairpin up in the valley where the cars are almost at crawling speed.

These are often a recipe for action, especially last year where there were three winners from as many races.

The highlight was the final race where Mostert held off De Pasquale on old tyres in a nail-biter, who knows if a similair grandstand finish will appear this year.

It was so unpredictable that it was the only round of the entire 2022 season where a Triple Eight car did not appear in victory lane.

Ford has scored 12 of the last 14 pole positions on offer at Hidden Valley, including all of the last six, but needs its teams to lift if it is to maintain this proud record.

Heat is always a factor with a forecast almost guaranteed to suggest cloudless skies all weekend.

The three 100km race sprint format stays in place and will be the second straight Super Soft tyre round.

If a driver performs a clean sweep, they will become just the third driver alongside Scott McLaughlin (2019) and Jamie Whincup (2020) to get their hands on the coveted Darwin Triple Crown.

In 2020 it was awarded to the driver, who accumulated the most points but it has since been reverted back to the original high watermark of a clean sweep.

Darwin is second of six free-to-air rounds broadcast live on Channel 7, while Fox Sports and Kayo will provide its wall to wall coverage.

Burson Auto Parts Australian Top Fuel Championship, Australian Superbikes, Porsche Carrera Cup Australia, Aussie Racing Cars and Combined Sedans are the support acts.

THE ANNUAL Supercars Indigenous Round has arrived where all 26 cars will showcase special liveries celebrating the occasion. Darwin will be a test on man and machine in the searing NT sun, while the track itself is dominated by a 1.1km main straight. However, a nice mix of flowing corners and a first-gear hairpin means great racing is always a guarantee.

TRACK STATS

QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:
- Will Davison 1:04.8114
- Dick Johnson Racing
- Ford Mustang GT (2022)

RACE LAP RECORD:
- Nick Percat 1:06.5590
  Brad Jones Racing
  Holden ZB Commodore (2018)

TRACK FACTS

DOUBLE TAP TO ZOOM

TRACK LENGTH:
2.870KM

DIRECTION:
ANTI-CLOCKWISE

AVERAGE SPEED:
156KPH

TOP SPEED:
271KPH

Length of black layout:
1.78 mi (2.86 km)

845 ft (258 m)

Drag strip

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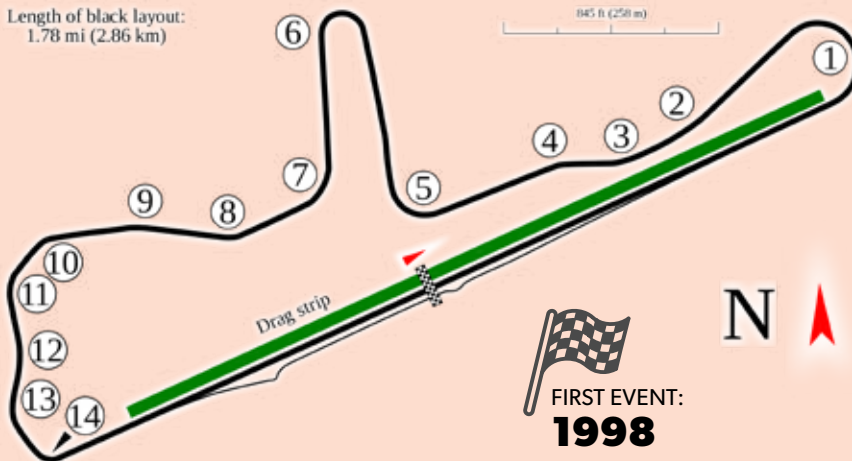
FIRST EVENT:
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TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
0810-0825	Combined Sedans	Practice
0845-0915	ASBK	Free Practice 1
0935-0955	Aussie Racing Cars	Practice
1005-1030	Porsche Carrera Cup	Practice 1
1045-1115	Supercars	Practice 1
1140-1155	Combined Sedans	Qualifying
1215-1245	ASBK	Free Practice 2
1305-1325	Aussie Racing Cars	Qualifying
1335-1400	Aussie Racing Cars	Practice 2
1410-1440	Supercars	Practice 2
1525-1600	ASBK	Free Practice 3

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
0825-0845	ASBK	Qualifying 1
0850-0905	ASBK	Qualifying 2
0925-0945	Aussie Racing Cars	Race 1
0955-1007	Porsche Carrera Cup	Qualifying 1
1013-1025	Porsche Carrera Cup	Qualifying 2
1035-1045	Combined Sedans	Race 2
1055-1115	Aussie Racing Cars	Race 2
1130-1145	Supercars	Q1 Race 13
1150-1205	Supercars	Q2 Race 13
1210-1220	Supercars	Q3 Race 13
1240-1320	ASBK	Race 1
1340-1400	Aussie Racing Cars	Race 3
1410-1435	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 1
1525	Supercars	Race 13 (35 laps)

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
0755-0810	Combined Sedans	Race 3
0830-0910	ASBK	Race 2
0930-0945	Supercars	Qualifying Race 14
0950-1005	Supercars	Qualifying Race 15
1020-1045	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 2
1100-1120	Aussie Racing Cars	Race 4
1150	Supercars	Race 14 (35 laps)
1310-1350	ASBK	Race 3
1410-1435	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 3
1525	Supercars	Race 15 (35 laps)

LIST OF RACE RESULTS

2022
R1: Anton De Pasquale
R2: Cam Waters
R3: Chaz Mostert

2021
R1: Chaz Mostert
R2: Shane van Gisbergen
R3: Shane van Gisbergen

2020 2
R1: Scott McLaughlin
R2: Scott McLaughlin
R3: Scott McLaughlin

2020 1
R1: Anton De Pasquale
R2: Scott McLaughlin
R3: Jamie Whincup

2019
R1: Scott McLaughlin
R2: Scott McLaughlin

2018
R1: Scott McLaughlin
R2: David Reynolds

2017
R1: Fabian Coulthard
R2: Scott McLaughlin

2016
R1: Michael Caruso
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

2015
R1: Chaz Mostert
R2: Craig Lowndes
R3: David Reynolds

LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

2022
R1: Will Davison
R2: Cam Waters
R3: Will Davison

2021
R1: Anton De Pasquale
R2: Will Davison
R3: Will Davison

2020 2
R1: Jamie Whincup
R2: Scott McLaughlin
R3: Shane van Gisbergen

2020 1
R1: Scott McLaughlin
R2: Scott McLaughlin
R3: Scott McLaughlin

2019
R1: Scott McLaughlin
R2: Scott McLaughlin

2018
R1: David Reynolds
R2: Rick Kelly

2017
R1: Rick Kelly
R2: Scott McLaughlin

2016
R1: Shane van Gisbergen
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

2015
R1: James Courtney
R2: Rick Kelly
R3: David Reynolds

MOST WINS
8 Mark Skaife, Scott McLaughlin
7 Jamie Whincup, Craig Lowndes
6 Russell Ingall

MOST POLES
7 Scott McLaughlin
6 Will Davison
4 Mark Winterbottom, Mark Skaife, Rick Kelly

MOST PODIUMS
17 Jamie Whincup
15 Shane van Gisbergen
12 Craig Lowndes

EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

1ST
986 POINTS

BRODIE KOSTECKI - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

Brodie Kostecki remains in charge of the Supercars Championship, but is becoming under increasing pressure from his teammate. Brown is the only driver within a race win of Kostecki, who survived his first major scare of 2023 in Tasmania. A shunt at the hairpin saw car #99 finish Race 10 in 23rd. This could have derailed Kostecki's campaign, but he recovered nicely to continue his high podium percentage on Sunday. Does not possess an outstanding record in Darwin and has struggled in the "Top End" as the weekend progresses, but now is the perfect chance to enhance it.

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ENGINEER: GEORGE Commins
AGE: 25
DEBUT: BATH 2019
STARTS: 84
BEST QUAL: 1st (x5)
PODIUMS: 15
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.25
BEST DARWIN: 8th 2021

EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

2ND
899 POINTS

WILL BROWN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Tom Moore
AGE: 25
DEBUT: Sand 2018
STARTS: 86
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 12
BEST RESULT: 1st (x4)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.33
BEST DARWIN: 4th 2021

9

Will Brown storms into Darwin as the form driver of the category having won three of the last five races. Has found the sweet spot over one lap and a race distance in the Camaro in Tasmania and Perth. Brown has also got the better of his teammate on most occasions in Darwin as he aims to keep closing the gap.

WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

3RD
820 POINTS

CHAZ MOSTERT - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Adam de Borre
AGE: 30
DEBUT: Perth 2013
STARTS: 304
BEST QUAL: 1st (x23)
PODIUMS: 83
BEST RESULT: 1st (x21)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.73
BEST DARWIN: 1st 22,21,15

25

Chaz Mostert has slipped to third in the championship as he battles to keep up with the Camaros. His consistency took a hit in Tasmania when he was forced to retire after being turned by Feeney. Loves Darwin with two wins in as many years for WAU, with his last a classic on aged tyres.

TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

4TH
814 POINTS

SHANE VAN GISBERGEN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Andrew Edwards
AGE: 33
DEBUT: Oran Park 2007
STARTS: 495
BEST QUAL: 1st (x49)
PODIUMS: 172
BEST RESULT: 1st (x78)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 3.5
BEST DARWIN: 1st 21,16,11

97

Looking to bounce back from an up and down Tasmania weekend with a bang will be Shane van Gisbergen. Despite taking a P3 and P4, he also recorded his first DNF in 85 races after first-lap contact with David Reynolds. Although he has four Darwin wins spread across a decade, it was one of the worst rounds for SVG in a near-perfect 2022.

TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

5TH
795 POINTS

BROC FEENEY - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Martin Short
AGE: 20
DEBUT: Bath 2020
STARTS: 48
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 8
BEST RESULT: 1st (x4)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.91
BEST DARWIN: 6th 2022

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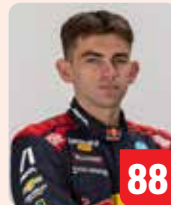
As Broc Feeney continues to grow he wants to shake off the "Mr Sunday" tag. Feeney kept building his momentum by taking Race 11 victory in Tasmania with smart strategy and race pace. It was far from a complete weekend however, finishing 18th on Saturday after tagging Mostert. Aiming for his first Darwin podium.

TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

6TH
523 POINTS

CAM WATERS - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Sam Potter
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Bath 2011
STARTS: 235
BEST QUAL: 1st (x19)
PODIUMS: 43
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.17
BEST DARWIN: 1st 2022

6

Flying the Ford flag in Tasmania was Cameron Waters, who is desperate to get back on the podium. Waters was often the leading Mustang in the sea of Camaros at Symmons Plains, but his weekend was hurt by strange qualifying clashes with DJR. Finally broke through for his first win at Darwin last year, which remains the last time he took the chequered flag first.

BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

7TH
666 POINTS

ANDRE HEIMGARTNER - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Tony Woodward
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Bath 2014
STARTS: 228
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 11
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.25
BEST DARWIN: 4th 2022

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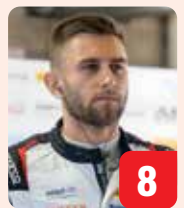
The 2023 season has been one of ups and downs for Andre Heimgartner, but momentum is behind him after returning to the podium in Tasmania. Heimgartner admitted BJR reverted to Gen2 philosophies to score second, but that was his only appearance in the top 10. Showed strong speed at Darwin last year.

GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

8TH
641 POINTS

DAVID REYNOLDS - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Alistair McVean
AGE: 37
DEBUT: Sand 2007
STARTS: 416
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)
PODIUMS: 40
BEST RESULT: 1st (x7)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.42
BEST DARWIN: 1st 15,18

26

David Reynolds hopes a track where he has enjoyed past success at can help him push Grove Racing back up the grid. Tasmania was tough with P12 the best Reynolds could muster with mistakes and lack of pace getting in the way. Has won twice at Darwin before, but only has one top 10 finish there since leaving Erebus.

DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

9TH
634 POINTS

WILL DAVISON - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Richard Harris
AGE: 40
DEBUT: Winton 2004
STARTS: 530
BEST QUAL: 1st (x28)
PODIUMS: 78
BEST RESULT: 1st (x22)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10.33
BEST DARWIN: 2nd 12,21,22

17

Will Davison continues to chip away for the battling Dick Johnson Racing. Race 2 at Tassie was promising with fifth, but that was his only top 10 result. Has never won at Darwin, but has finished second in four of his last five races there.
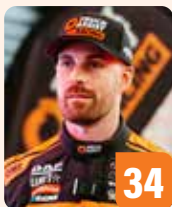
MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

10TH
631 POINTS

JACK LE BROCQ - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Jack Bellotti
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Sand 2015
STARTS: 182
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x2)
PODIUMS: 2
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.73
BEST DARWIN: 6th 2022

34

Jack Le Brocq and Matt Stone Racing continue to go from strength to strength with Tasmania the latest example. A second front row start led to P7, P8 and P5 finishes, but both driver and team want more. Le Brocq only has two top 10s at Darwin, but his best result arrived last year.

PREMIAIR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

11TH
551 POINTS

TIM SLADE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Phillip De Fazio
AGE: 37
DEBUT: Adel 2009
STARTS: 411
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 17
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.67
BEST DARWIN: 2nd 15,16

23

Tim Slade was on course for a hat-trick of top 10 results until a "weird engine issue" suddenly struck. But the misfortunate has not downed the spirits of the team, which was encouraged by his pace. Scored back to back seconds for different teams, but has only appeared in the top 10 thrice in the 12 Darwin races since.

JAMES GOLDING - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

12TH
540 POINTS

ENGINEER: Geoff Slater
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Sand 2016
STARTS: 83
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.67
BEST DARWIN: 17th 2019

31

Darwin is the last track on the calendar James Golding has not raced a Supercar at for over four years. Despite recording his second best race result of the year, Golding struggled to gain ground in Tassie. Has battled at Darwin in the past, but did race S5000 there last year and finished 2nd.

SCOTT PYE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

13TH
522 POINTS

ENGINEER: Richard Hollway
AGE: 33
DEBUT: Sand 2012
STARTS: 324
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 10
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.75
BEST DARWIN: 3rd 2020

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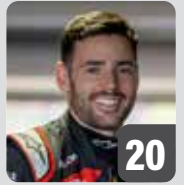
Scott Pye will be searching for consistency at Hidden Valley. Pye started Tasmania on a high in P5, but battled in the lower half of the field for the rest of the weekend. Darwin was the scene of the highlight of his Team 18 career taking three podiums in six races in 2020.

BRYCE FULLWOOD - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

14TH
519 POINTS

ENGINEER: Phil Keed
AGE: 24
DEBUT: Sand 2018
STARTS: 113
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.58
BEST DARWIN: 11th 2021

14

Darwin local Bryce Fullwood will stand out for the home crowd in his all-pink BJR Camaro. Fullwood improved as the Tasmania SuperSprint went on to sneak into the top 10 in the final race. With a best result of 11th at Hidden Valley, he would love to do the same this weekend after a test.
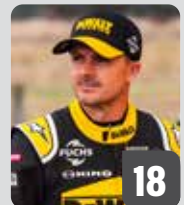
MARK WINTERBOTTOM - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

15TH
517 POINTS

ENGINEER: Manuel Sanchez
AGE: 41
DEBUT: Sand 2003
STARTS: 605
BEST QUAL: 1st (x36)
PODIUMS: 117
BEST RESULT: 1st (x38)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.91
BEST DARWIN: 1st 08,10,13,14,

18

After a bruising trip to Perth, Mark Winterbottom enjoyed a more solid weekend at Symmons Plains. Winterbottom made up positions in all three races and eventually climbed up to eighth in the final race. It was enough to see him improve four spots in the championship as he heads to a track he has enjoyed recently with five straight top 10s.

MATT PAYNE - FORD MUSTANG GT

16TH
513 POINTS

ENGINEER: Jack Bell
AGE: 20
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 12
BEST QUAL: 5th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.42
BEST DARWIN: N/A

19

Young gun Matt Payne hopes to bounce back from the toughest weekend of his promising Supercars career so far. The best Payne could manage all round was 12th in final qualifying, but his best race result was 15th as he struggled for pace. Ready for his first tilt at the "Top End".
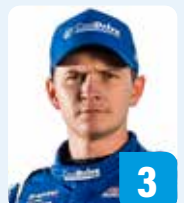
TODD HAZELWOOD - FORD MUSTANG GT

17TH
492 POINTS

ENGINEER: Mirko De Rosa
AGE: 27
DEBUT: QR 2017
STARTS: 169
BEST QUAL: 1 (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.64
BEST DARWIN: 13th 2019

3

Todd Hazelwood has been up and down the championship standings like a yoyo in 2023. After rising from 19th to 11th in Perth, he dropped back down to 17th after a painful Tasmania where his best result was P19. Yet to achieve a top 10 in Darwin.

DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

18TH
491 POINTS

ANTON DE PASQUALE - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Ludo Lacroix
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Adel 2018
STARTS: 164
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)
PODIUMS: 29
BEST RESULT: 1st (x8)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.73
BEST DARWIN: 1st 20,22

11

Twelve months ago Anton De Pasquale was starting on the front row and drove to victory lane in Darwin, but a repeat looks unlikely. De Pasquale has struggled to come to grips with Gen3 with just three top 10 finishes. Needs to start showing his best form at the scene of his first Supercars win.
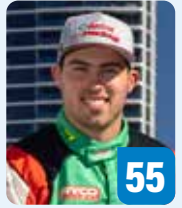
TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

19TH
462 POINTS

THOMAS RANDLE - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Raymond Lau
AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bend 2019
STARTS: 63
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.91
BEST DARWIN: 9th 2021

55

Much like Perth, Thomas Randle started Tasmania well rising seven spots to P10 in race 1. He then showed strong qualifying pace, but from there it was downhill with P22 and P14 with pit dramas in the former. Was one of the unlucky drivers caught in Courtney's big crash in 2022, but got P9 in his first Darwin race.

TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

20TH
453 POINTS

JAMES COURTNEY - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Sam Scaffidi
AGE: 42
DEBUT: Sand 2005
STARTS: 538
BEST QUAL: 1st (x10)
PODIUMS: 65
BEST RESULT: 1st (x15)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.11
BEST DARWIN: 2nd 13, 20

5

After a brilliant Perth, James Courtney was nowhere in Tasmania. P24. P16, and P22 marked a disappointing campaign for Courtney, who fired off at the end of Turn 6 in race 1 and struggled afterwards. Experienced a scary shunt at the hairpin last year where he was sent across the infield and flying into the pack.
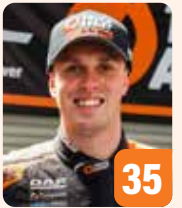
MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

21ST
407 POINTS

CAMERON HILL - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Paul Forgie
AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 13
BEST QUAL: 5th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.82
BEST DARWIN: N/A

35

Developing rookie Cameron Hill is on a high after the most pleasing weekend of his short Supercars career. In his first trip to Tassie Hill was on fire, qualifying his #35 Camaro inside the top 10 for all three races. Would love to improve even more after learning what life was like at the front.

BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

22ND
384 POINTS

MACAULEY JONES - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Andrew Donnelly
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Sand 2015
STARTS: 158
BEST QUAL: 8th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 17.45
BEST DARWIN: 17th 2022

96

Brad Jones Racing's Macauley Jones will be keen to better his Darwin PB. Jones has never finished higher than 17th at Darwin a place where he has struggled to get into the top 20. Will be racing with "Wiradjuri strength" after Albury locals designed his car.
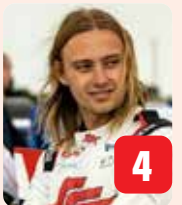
BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

23RD
370 POINTS

JACK SMITH - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Julian Stannard
AGE: 23
DEBUT: Tas 2019
STARTS: 117
BEST QUAL: 10th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 10th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 19.33
BEST DARWIN: 12th 2020

4

Jack Smith will have his sights set on his teammate Macauley Jones when cars hit the track at Darwin, Smith sits 14 points behind car #96 and would love to get the upper hand. Had a consistent Tasmania, while his P12 at Darwin in 2020 is his second best race result.

WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

NICK PERCAT - FORD MUSTANG GT

24TH
361 POINTS

ENGINEER: Adam Austin
AGE: 34
DEBUT: PI 2010
STARTS: 300
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 6
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.4
BEST DARWIN: 2nd 2020

2

Just when things looked to be heading Nick Percat's way another setback followed. Percat started Tasmania well with his first back to back top 10s for 12 months, but a pedal problem robbed him of a good result in his 300th race. Darwin is a favoured venue having shown good pace for LDM and taken three podiums.

TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

DECLAN FRASER - FORD MUSTANG GT

25TH
317 POINTS

ENGINEER: Chris Stuckey
AGE: 23
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 13
BEST QUAL: 16th (x3)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 21.17
BEST DARWIN: N/A

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Declan Fraser is being taught the hard way as life of a Supercars driver after plummeting from 23rd to last in the championship at Tasmania. Spun off in a multi-car battle and could only get as high as 20th in racing and 23rd in qualifying.

TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ZANE GODDARD - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

26TH
361 POINTS

ENGINEER: Wes McDougal
AGE: 23
DEBUT: Adel 2020
STARTS: 45
BEST QUAL: 4th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 7th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: N/A
BEST DARWIN: 16th 2021

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WILDCARD

The first wildcard of the Gen3 era will be driven by Zane Goddard. Goddard will make his return to solo Supercars racing for the first time since 2021 and has a point to prove after receiving backlash post Bathurst. Has got up to speed at a recent test and has recorded his equal best grid position of 10th at Darwin in 2021.