



AUTO ACTION'S 2023 PRE THE BEND SUPERCARS TEAM-BY-TEAM EVENT GUIDE

SUPERCARS WILL rack up a major milestone at The Bend SuperSprint, which will be the 600th championship round since the very first in 1960.

THE NUMBER gives the round even extra relevance as it is the last chance for teams to find the sweet spot ahead of a blockbuster run home which starts with the all important enduros.

It is the seventh Supercars round to be held at the state of the art South Australian venue and first under its new Shell V-Power name, so the track may look slightly different.

On track all will be looking to stop Shane van Gisbergen, who destroyed all comers last year and will be confident of doing something similar having rediscovered some of his best at Sydney.

A chassis swap did the trick as van Gisbergen was the class driver all weekend and still almost scored a podium after a poor qualifying one on Saturday.

Last year there was no catching car #97 as the Triple Eight team did as it pleased to sweep all three races.

Even when the soaking rain arrived for the final race, van Gisbergen cruised until the penultimate lap to make his compulsory stop and still eased to victory.

It is clear that this may well be the Kiwi's last trip to The Bend and he needs just one win to become the most successful driver ever at the South Australian circuit.

SVG is fresh from another trip to the US where he recorded a pair of solid results in the NASCAR Cup and Truck Series at Indianapolis.

Joining him was championship leader Brodie Kosteki, who raced for RCR and climbed from last to 22nd.

Kosteki now faces the challenge of overcoming jet lag and collecting as many points as possible to extend his advantage ahead of the enduros.

He may have winning form from Sydney and possess the points lead, but all eyes will be on the other side of the garage.

Will Brown may be racing to score a championship for Erebus this year, but in the future he will be racing for the rivals and it will be interesting to see if the bombshell announcement has an impact on the state of play.

On the Ford side of the camp, it hopes another new engine map has discovered treasure at the European style circuit.

There will be no greater test for the recently implemented rear aero update than the high-load and never ending right-hander linking up turns seven to nine.

Three 20-lap sprints will highlight the Supercars action that will be crammed into two busy days with practice starting at 10.20 AEST Saturday morning.

Supercars will race exclusively with the soft tyre, while Touring Car Masters, S5000, Super Utes, Toyota 86s and Porsche Carrera Cup Australia are the support categories.



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ROUND NINE THE BEND SUPERSPRINT - AUGUST 18-20

THE USUAL SuperSprint format returns at the sleek and shiny Taillem Bend facility. The Grand Prix style circuit will offer another glimpse into the parity stakes with aero always a key. The track itself has a nice mix of European like corners and plenty of undulation. It is the sixth and final SuperSprint event of the season. Ford has claimed the last 11 poles at the venue, which will host the 600th championship round.



TRACK STATS

QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

- Scott McLaughlin 1:47.4959
- DJR Team Penske
- Ford Mustang GT (2019)

RACE LAP RECORD:

- David Reynolds 1:49.402
- Erebus Motorsport
- Holden ZB Commodore (2019)

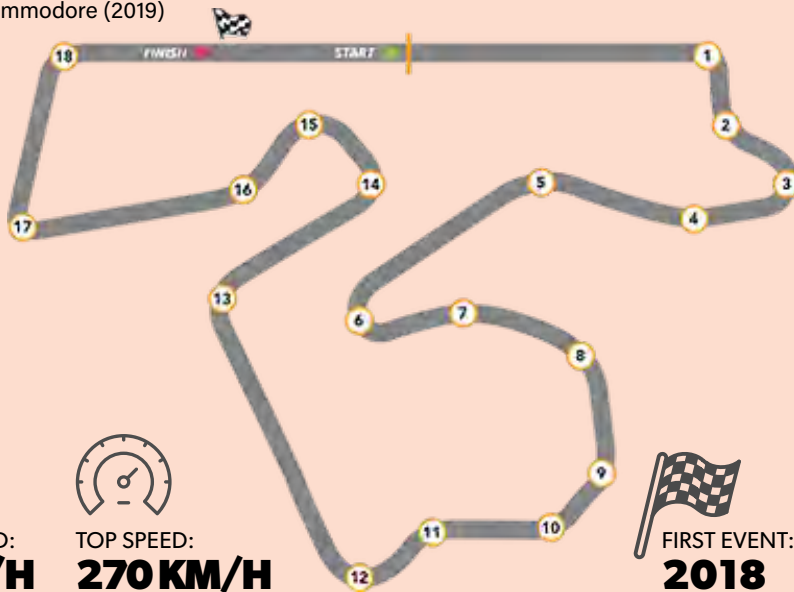
TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:
4.945KM



DIRECTION:
CLOCKWISE



AVERAGE SPEED:
162 KM/H



TOP SPEED:
270 KM/H



FIRST EVENT:
2018

TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION	DURATION
09:30 - 09:50	Touring Car Masters	Practice	20 mins
10:00 - 10:20	S5000	Practice 1	20 mins
10:30 - 10:50	SuperUte Series	Practice	20 mins
11:00 - 11:20	TGRA 86 Series	Practice 1	20 mins
11:35 - 12:00	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Practice 1	25 mins
12:10 - 12:30	Touring Car Masters	Qualifying	20 mins
12:40 - 13:00	S5000	Practice 2	20 mins
13:10 - 13:30	SuperUte Series	Qualifying	20 mins
13:45 - 14:05	TGRA 86 Series	Practice 2	20 mins
14:15 - 14:40	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Practice 2	25 mins
14:50 - 15:10	S5000	Qualifying	25 mins
15:20 - 15:40	Touring Car Masters	Trophy Race	7 laps

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION	DURATION
08:00 - 08:25	S5000	Race 1	25 mins
08:35 - 08:55	Touring Car Masters	Race 1	7 laps
09:05 - 09:25	SuperUte Series	Race 1	7 laps
09:35 - 09:55	TGRA 86 Series	Qualifying	20 mins
09:50 - 10:20	Supercars	Practice 1	30 mins
10:35 - 10:55	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Qualifying	20 mins
1:05 - 11:30	S5000	Race 2	25 mins
11:40 - 12:10	Supercars	Practice 2	30 mins
12:30 - 12:10	Touring Car Masters	Race 2	7 laps
13:00 - 13:25	SuperUte Series	Race 2	9 laps
13:40 - 14:30	Supercars	Qualifying - Race 20 (Parts 1-3)	50 mins
14:50 - 15:10	TGRA 86 Series	Race 1	7 laps
15:20 - 15:45	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Race 1	11 laps
16:30 - 17:25	Supercars	Race 20	20 laps

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION	DURATION
08:00 - 08:20	SuperUte Series	Race 3	7 laps
08:30 - 08:55	TGRA 86 Series	Race 2	9 laps
09:05 - 09:30	S5000	Race 3	25 mins
09:45 - 10:00	Supercars	Qualifying - Race 21	15 mins
10:10 - 10:25	Supercars	Qualifying - Race 22	15 mins
10:40 - 11:20	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Race 2	20 laps
11:30 - 11:50	Touring Car Masters	Race 3	7 laps
12:00 - 12:20	SuperUte Series	Race 4	7 laps
12:50 - 13:45	Supercars	Race 21	20 laps
14:05 - 14:25	TGRA 86 Series	Race 3	7 laps
14:35 - 15:00	Porsche Carrera Cup Australia	Race 3	11 laps
15:50 - 16:45	Supercars	Race 22	20 laps

LIST OF RACE RESULTS

2018

- Race 1**
1: Shane van Gisbergen
2: Rick Kelly
3: Michael Caruso
- Race 2**
1: Jamie Whincup
2: Shane van Gisbergen
3: David Reynolds

2019

- Race 1**
1: Scott McLaughlin
2: Chaz Mostert
3: Anton De Pasquale
- Race 2**
1: Scott McLaughlin
2: Will Davison
3: Chaz Mostert

2020 1

- Race 1**
1: Fabian Coulthard
2: Jack Le Brocq
3: Bryce Fullwood
- Race 2**
1: Shane van Gisbergen
2: Andre Heimgartner
3: Scott McLaughlin
- Race 3**
1: Scott McLaughlin
2: Fabian Coulthard
3: Jamie Whincup

2020 2

- Race 1**
1: Scott McLaughlin
2: Shane van Gisbergen
3: Cameron Waters

Race 2

- 1: Scott McLaughlin
2: Anton De Pasquale
3: Cameron Waters
- Race 3**
1: Cameron Waters
2: Scott McLaughlin
3: Jamie Whincup

2021

- Race 1**
1: Andre Heimgartner
2: Chaz Mostert
3: Anton De Pasquale
- Race 2**
1: Anton De Pasquale
2: Will Davison
3: Shane van Gisbergen

Race 3

- 1: Cam Waters
2: Shane van Gisbergen
3: Will Davison

2022

- Race 1**
1: Shane van Gisbergen
2: Will Davison
3: Chaz Mostert
- Race 2**
1: Shane van Gisbergen
2: Chaz Mostert
3: James Courtney
- Race 3**
1: Shane van Gisbergen
2: Cameron Waters
3: Brodie Kostecki



MOST WINS

Scott McLaughlin,
Shane van Gisbergen 5
Cam Waters 2
Jamie Whincup,
Fabian Coulthard, Andre Heimgartner,
Anton De Pasquale 1



MOST PODIUMS

Shane van Gisbergen 9
Scott McLaughlin 7
Cam Waters,
Chaz Mostert 5



MOST POLES

Scott McLaughlin 6
Jamie Whincup, Chaz Mostert, Anton De Pasquale
Cam Waters 2

LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

2018

- R1: Jamie Whincup
R2: Jamie Whincup

2019

- R1: Chaz Mostert
R2: Scott McLaughlin

2020 1

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

2020 2

- R1: Scott McLaughlin

- R2: Scott McLaughlin
R3: Scott McLaughlin

2021

- R1: Andre Heimgartner
R2: Anton De Pasquale
R3: Anton De Pasquale

2022

- R1: Zak Best
R2: Cam Waters
R3: Cam Waters

1ST
1590
POINTS

BRODIE KOSTECKI - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

NASCAR's latest debutante Brodie Kostecki returns to Australia as the championship leader having snatched the orange numbers from teammate Will Brown. Kostecki has been consistent all year, but returned to victory lane for the first time in 13 races in style in Sydney. Although a dominant drive under lights was only backed up by an eighth place, it was still a solid result given clutch dramas. Achieved his NASCAR dream at Indianapolis where he rose from last to 22nd and raced hard against the big names. Has always liked The Bend and hopes to be the first to win a race as championship leader in 2023.



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ENGINEER: George Commins
AGE: 25
DEBUT: Bath 2019
STARTS: 91
BEST QUAL: 1st (x5)
PODIUMS: 17
BEST RESULT: 1st (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.42
BEST BEND: 3rd 2022



2ND
1549
POINTS

WILL BROWN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Tom Moore
AGE: 25
DEBUT: Sand 2018
STARTS: 93
BEST QUAL: 1st (x4)
PODIUMS: 14
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.21
BEST BEND: 6th 2022



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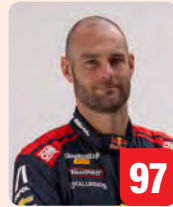
Will Brown has sent the headlines into a frenzy as Triple Eight's new enforcer. Whilst all the attention is on the future, Brown will be determined to focus on the track and reclaim the points lead before the enduros having dominated TCR at QR. Penalty helped him past SVG to get a night podium, but a costly spin arrived the following day in Sydney.



3RD
1536
POINTS

SHANE VAN GISBERGEN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Andrew Edwards
AGE: 33
DEBUT: Oran Park 2007
STARTS: 502
BEST QUAL: 1st (x50)
PODIUMS: 175
BEST RESULT: 1st (x81)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 3.76
BEST BEND: 1st 22,20,18



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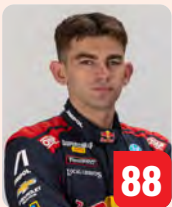
Lookout because Shane van Gisbergen may have just started his title charge in Sydney. After consistency reporting frustrations a chassis swap did the trick as the #97 was the dominant car in Sydney despite a controversial penalty. Returns after another strong crack at NASCAR to a track where he could become the most successful ever at this weekend.



4TH
1523
POINTS

BROC FEENEY - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Martin Short
AGE: 20
DEBUT: Bath 2020
STARTS: 53
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 12
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.11
BEST BEND: 5th 2022



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Whilst 2023 has been a smash hit for Broc Feeney, the biggest challenges are to come. His hot streak has come to an end as he missed the podium at a round for the first time since Newcastle and lost third spot to his teammate. Gave a good account of himself in tough conditions on his Bend debut last year.



5TH
1348
POINTS

CHAZ MOSTERT - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Adam de Borre
AGE: 30
DEBUT: Perth 2013
STARTS: 311
BEST QUAL: 1st (x23)
PODIUMS: 84
BEST RESULT: 1st (x21)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.18
BEST BEND: 2nd 22,21,19



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Qualifying is a major focus for Chaz Mostert as he continues to lead the Ford charge for WAU. Although Mostert recorded a strong P2 and P7 in Sydney, he has qualified no higher than ninth since round three. Has a strong record at The Bend with five podiums and three of them have been with WAU.



BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

6TH
1308
POINTS

ANDRE HEIMGARTNER - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Tony Woodward
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Bath 2014
STARTS: 235
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 15
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.63
BEST BEND: 1st 2021



Andre Heimgartner heads to The Bend in arguably career-best form with the #8 BJR Camaro one of the most consistent in the field. Heimgartner scored his first BJR pole in Sydney and whilst steering issues restricted him to 14th, he led on Sunday before settling into second. Only career win arrived at The Bend in 2021 and a repeat is not out of the question now.

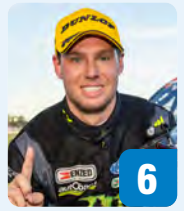


TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

7TH
1261
POINTS

CAM WATERS - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Sam Potter
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Bath 2011
STARTS: 242
BEST QUAL: 1st (x20)
PODIUMS: 43
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 8.78
BEST BEND: 1st 21,20



Although Cameron Waters enjoyed one of his more consistent weekends of the year, there were still clear frustrations. After losing what would have been just a second podium of the season due to a unsafe pit release penalty, Waters released his emotions in a now infamous radio message. Heads to The Bend where he has been fast missing the top 10 just once since 2019 with two wins.



MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

8TH
1159
POINTS

JACK LE BROCQ - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Jack Bellotti
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Sand 2015
STARTS: 189
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.72
BEST BEND: 2nd 2020



The strong results of Jack Le Brocq and MSR continued at Sydney. Le Brocq was on the money straight away being in the top five in all four Saturday sessions of the event. He secured another top 10 on Sunday despite starting 13th. Impressed at The Bend in 2020 for Tickford.

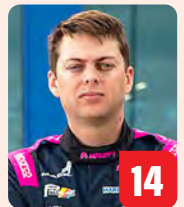


BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

9TH
1159
POINTS

BRYCE FULLWOOD - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Phil Keed
AGE: 24
DEBUT: Sand 2018
STARTS: 120
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.42
BEST BEND: 3rd 2020



Whilst Heimgartner is taking the headlines at BJR, Bryce Fullwood is having a breakout season. Fullwood has charged up to ninth in the championship having finished in the top 10 in eight of the nine races. Qualifying was a focus and he delivered in Sydney. Heads to the scene of his only podium full of confidence. Braced for his 50th round start.

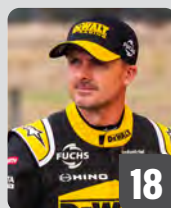


TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

10TH
1056
POINTS

MARK WINTERBOTTOM - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Manuel Sanchez
AGE: 41
DEBUT: Sand 2003
STARTS: 612
BEST QUAL: 1st (x36)
PODIUMS: 118
BEST RESULT: 1st (x39)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.94
BEST BEND: 4th 2019



Mark Winterbottom continues to lead Team 18 from the front and solidified his spot in the championship. Winterbottom secured back to back ninth place finishes which included a rise from 14th in the night race. Has endured up and down time at The Bend in recent years.



DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

11TH
1033
POINTS

WILL DAVISON - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Richard Harris
AGE: 40
DEBUT: Winton 2004
STARTS: 537
BEST QUAL: 1st (x28)
PODIUMS: 79
BEST RESULT: 1st (x22)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.74
BEST BEND: 2nd 19,21,22



Will Davison will be hoping to regain some momentum after three disappointing races on the bounce. Davison lost ground on Saturday before a poor qualifying run hurt him on Sunday. Despite qualifying 23rd he still climbed six spots, but he will be hoping for more at a track where he has scored four podiums in eight races.



TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

12TH
977
POINTS

SCOTT PYE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Richard Hollway
AGE: 33
DEBUT: Sand 2012
STARTS: 329
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 10
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14
BEST SMP: 5th 1720,21



With a cloud hanging over his future at Team 18, Scott Pye will be looking to step up in his former home state of South Australia. Despite the rumours he is in the middle of the most consistent patch of the year with a worst result of 11th since Townsville.



DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

13TH
958
POINTS

ANTON DE PASQUALE - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Ludo Lacroix
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Adel 2018
STARTS: 171
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)
PODIUMS: 30
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.5
BEST BEND: 1st 2021



After two strong rounds Anton De Pasquale is starting to rebuild his season. De Pasquale backed up his Townsville win with another podium on the Sunday of Sydney. This was much needed after a tough Saturday. Has impressed at The Bend with at least one podium in each Bend trip since 2020.



PREMIAIR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

14TH
943
POINTS

TIM SLADE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Blake Smith
AGE: 37
DEBUT: Adel 2009
STARTS: 418
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 17
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.79
BEST BEND: 4th 2018



PremiAir Racing and Tim Slade bounced back from a tough spell to score their equal best finish of the season at Sydney. Slade rose seven spots from 13th to sixth under lights which was a nice boost for the team. Scored fourth in the first year of The Bend but has only returned to the top 10 once since.

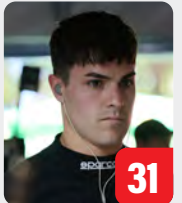


PREMIAIR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT COOK

15TH
920
POINTS

JAMES GOLDING - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Geoff Slater
AGE: 27
DEBUT: Sand 2016
STARTS: 90
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.53
BEST BEND: 14th 2022



James Golding is now on the back foot in the super tight intra-team battle between the PremiAir Racing teammates. Having held the slim high ground after the first half of the season, Slade hit back in Sydney. Golding hopes to respond by getting a new PB at The Bend.

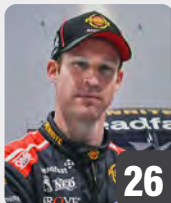


GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

16TH
884
POINTS

DAVID REYNOLDS - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Alistair McVean
AGE: 37
DEBUT: Sand 2007
STARTS: 423
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)
PODIUMS: 40
BEST RESULT: 1st (x7)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.5
BEST BEND: 3rd 2018



The continual slide of David Reynolds down the championship order shows no signs of slowing down. Reynolds dropped a further four spots in a Sydney SuperNight to forget. His Saturday race ended when a sudden suspension failure fired him into the fence at 200 plus km/h while he also got caught up with Brown the next day. Hoping for a clean weekend like last year when he scored back to back eighths.



TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

17TH
816
POINTS

JAMES COURTNEY - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Sam Scaffidi
AGE: 43
DEBUT: Sand 2005
STARTS: 545
BEST QUAL: 1st (x10)
PODIUMS: 65
BEST RESULT: 1st (x15)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.31
BEST BEND: 3rd 2022



A pair of 13ths were enough for James Courtney to edge ahead of Tickford teammate Thomas Randle by a sole point which could be a battle that has greater importance as the season goes on. Courtney hopes to unlock similar speed around The Bend to last year when he hit the podium.

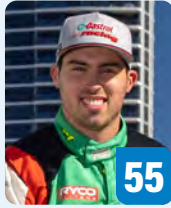


TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

18TH
815
POINTS

THOMAS RANDLE - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Raymond Lau
AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bend 2019
STARTS: 70
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.67
BEST BEND: 11th 2022



Thomas Randle may still be shaking from his scary start line smash at the South Australian venue a year ago. His only front-row start ended in disaster and he will be keen to make amends this year, especially after a tough Sydney where he finished no higher than 22nd despite being on the lead lap.

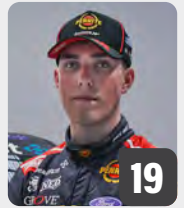


GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

19TH
769
POINTS

MATT PAYNE - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Jack Bell
AGE: 20
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 20
BEST QUAL: 5th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.84
BEST BEND: N/A



With Grove Racing in the middle of a barren spell Matt Payne will be chasing the little things at The Bend. Payne was one of the slowest of the weekend qualifying second to last in both races and finishing no higher than 23rd. The youngster hopes for some positives ahead of the enduros.



BLANCHARD RACING TEAM // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM BLANCHARD

20TH
751
POINTS

TODD HAZELWOOD - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Mirko De Rosa
AGE: 27
DEBUT: QR 2017
STARTS: 176
BEST QUAL: 1 (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15
BEST BEND: 7th 2020



Todd Hazelwood and Blanchard Racing Team have had mechanical dramas hold them back but will be looking to improve after failing to progress forward in the Sydney races. The Bend was the scene of Hazelwood's first race in a Holden and now he returns to the track back at the "Blue Oval" and has two top 10s there.

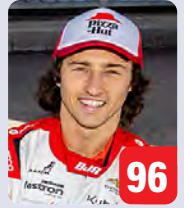


BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

21ST
724
POINTS

MACAULEY JONES - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Andrew Donnelly
AGE: 28
DEBUT: Sand 2015
STARTS: 165
BEST QUAL: 8th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.83
BEST BEND: 14th 2022



Since Darwin Macauley Jones' results have dipped slightly. After a strong first half of the season which included three top 10s, he has struggled to match the same heights. Had a strong chance on the Sunday at Sydney starting 14th but dropped back. "Likes" The Bend and would love to improve his PB of 14th he has achieved twice.



MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: PETER VALE

22ND
709
POINTS

CAMERON HILL - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Paul Forgie
AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 20
BEST QUAL: 5th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 17.17
BEST BEND: N/A



Matt Stone Racing rookie Cameron Hill will be looking to tap into the recent experience of a rookie test at The Bend. Hill showed strong one-lap speed in Sydney qualifying eighth and 11th. But he lost significant ground in both the races with Sunday particularly painful given a wheel nut failure in the pits.



WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

23RD
659
POINTS

NICK PERCAT - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Adam Austin
AGE: 34
DEBUT: P1 2010
STARTS: 307
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 6
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 17.18
BEST BEND: 4th 19.20



The pressure is beginning to mount on Nick Percat as the fate of the second Walkinshaw Andretti United Mustang becomes a talking point. Percat could only manage 20th and 19th after a pair of disappointing qualifying efforts. The South Australian hopes a return to home soil can do the trick.



BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

24TH
633
POINTS

JACK SMITH - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Julian Stannard
AGE: 23
DEBUT: Tas 2019
STARTS: 124
BEST QUAL: 10th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 10th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 19.33
BEST BEND: 17th 2020



Jack Smith is "excited" to capitalise on "some big positives" found in Sydney. Smith made good ground in both races making up six spots on both occasions. Having qualified last on Saturday night the BJR driver believes results will come once he improves that area.



TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

25TH
522
POINTS

DECLAN FRASER - FORD MUSTANG GT

ENGINEER: Chris Stuckey
AGE: 23
DEBUT: Bath 2022
STARTS: 20
BEST QUAL: 16th (x3)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 19.25
BEST BEND: N/A



Tickford rookie Declan Fraser is bracing himself for his next challenge at the sweeping Bend Motorsport Park. It was another learning weekend at Sydney where Fraser improved a spot to 21st on Saturday night, but dropped to last on Sunday.



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