

# AUTO ACTION'S 2023 PRE GOLD COAST 500 SUPERCARS TEAM-BY-TEAM EVENT GUIDE

**AFTER TWO BIG ENDUROS, SUPERCARS RETURNS TO SOLO RACING FOR TWO HIGH-PROFILE STREET RACES TO END THE YEAR, BEGINNING WITH THE GLITZY GOLD COAST 500.**

FOR THE second year in a row, two 250km races will take place around the concrete canyon full of kerbs and chicanes.

The 2022 event marked a return from a three-year absence and Shane van Gisbergen made up for lost time, being untouchable across the two races to secure a third championship crown.

The Kiwi hopes a similar performance can kick start his championship charge in 2023 as he currently sits second, 131 points away from leader Brodie Kostecki.

Although Will Brown, Broc Feeney and Chaz Mostert are still in mathematical contention, the championship looks set to become a showdown between reigning champion van Gisbergen and new contender Kostecki.

But things can change very quickly, especially at a track such as Gold Coast where one mistake can be extremely costly.

Triple Eight will be confident of success given it has won the last four races at the street circuit and taken home at least one winner's surfboard in 10 of the last 14 events.

Meanwhile Erebus Motorsport has never won at the track and recorded just one podium.

But the Coke Camaros are a different beast in Gen3 and are out for revenge after falling short of Great Race glory.

All eyes will be on how the Fords fare after a second mid-season parity review saw Supercars give the green light to a host of changes to the Mustang.

The Mustang will roll out with an altered rear wing, side skirt, and front fascia elements.

After the last parity review, Anton De Pasquale drove Ford to its only on track win of the Gen3 era at Townsville albeit it with an extra set of fresh tyres.

The likes of Chaz Mostert, Will Davison, and David Reynolds, who are the only drivers who have previously driven Ford to victory on the Gold Coast will be hoping these changes can provide the lift Mustang runners have been waiting for.

The famous Beach Chicane will look slightly different this year following the removal of tyre bundles.

Following the major crash which wiped out multiple cars and shortened the Sunday race last year, the bundles are no more and have been replaced with electronic sensors which will notify drivers and teams of any kerb hops.

The same format of 2x250km races and Top 10 Shootouts remains in place and will be exclusively run on the Dunlop Soft tyre.

With the consequences high and 300 points up for grabs, this could be one of the defining weekends of the 2023 championship.



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# ROUND ELEVEN GOLD COAST 500 - OCTOBER 28-30

**THE BLAST** through the Surfers Paradise streets is a high-speed roller coaster ride through a concrete canyon. Don't be mistaken from beachside views and big skyscrapers because the track can bite hard. Track was shorted by 1.5km in 2010 and is characterised by two high-profile chicanes, but requires a high amount of concentration to avoid the barriers and snag a surfboard. Been part of the championship since 2002 after seven non championship races.



## TRACK STATS

### QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

- David Reynolds 1:10.0480
- Ford Performance Racing
- Ford FG Falcon 2013

### RACE LAP RECORD:

- Will Davison 1:10.0851
- Ford Performance Racing
- Ford FG Falcon 2011

## TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:  
**2.96KM**



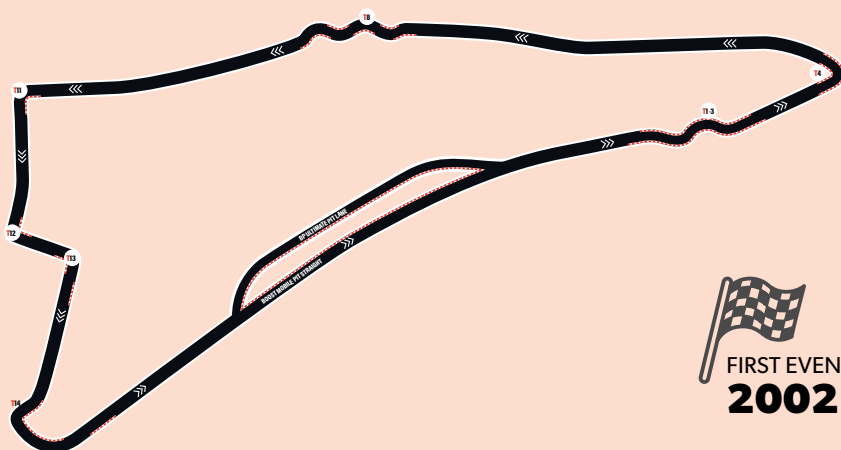
DIRECTION:  
**ANTI-CLOCKWISE**



AVERAGE SPEED:  
**152KM/H**



TOP SPEED:  
**265KM/H**



FIRST EVENT:  
**2002**

## TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEDT)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
10.35-10.55	V8 SuperUtes	Qualifying
1105-1125	National Sport Sedans	Practice 1
1155-12.20	Porsche Carrera Cup	Practice 1
1235-1305	Supercars	Practice 1
1350-1405	National Sport Sedans	Practice 2
1415-1435	V8 SuperUtes	Qualifying
1515-1540	Porsche Carrera Cup	Practice 2
1555-1615	National Sport Sedans	Qualifying
1630-1700	Supercars	Practice 2

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
1000-1020	National Sport Sedans	Race 1
1045-1057	Porsche Carrera Cup	Qualifying 1
1103-1115	Porsche Carrera Cup	Qualifying 2
1200-1220	V8 SuperUtes	Race 1
1235-1250	Supercars	Qualifying Race 25
1330-1350	National Sport Sedans	Race 2
1405-1435	Supercars	Top Ten Shootout Race 25
1450-1515	V8 SuperUtes	Race 2
1525-1550	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 1
1645	Supercars	Race 25 (85 laps or 1 lap after 18:48)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

TIME	CATEGORY	SESSION
0930-1010	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 2 (28 laps)
1030-1050	V8 SuperUtes	Race 3 (8 laps)
1105-1120	Supercars	Qualifying Race 26
1200-1220	National Sport Sedans	Race 3
1235-1305	Supercars	Top Ten Shootout Race 26
1325-1345	V8 SuperUtes	Race 4 (8 laps)
1355-1420	Porsche Carrera Cup	Race 3 (16 laps)
1515	Supercars	Race 26 (85 laps or 1 lap after 16:18)

## LIST OF RACE RESULTS

**2022**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen  
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

**2019**

R1: Jamie Whincup/  
Craig Lowndes  
R2: Shane van Gisbergen/  
Garth Tander

**2018**

R1: Chaz Mostert/James Moffat  
R2: No result (wash out)

**2017**

R1: Chaz Mostert/Steve Owen  
R2: Scott McLaughlin/  
Alex Premat

**2016**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen/  
Alex Premat  
R2: Jamie Whincup/Paul Dumbrell

**2015**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen/  
Jonathan Webb  
R2: James Courtney/Jack  
Perkins

**2014**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen/  
Jonathan Webb  
R2: Jamie Whincup/Paul  
Dumbrell

**2013**

R1: Craig Lowndes/Warren Luff

R2: David Reynolds/Dean Canto

**2012**

R1: Jamie Whincup/  
Sebastian Bourdais  
R2: Will Davison/Mika Salo

**2011**

R1: Jamie Whincup/  
Sebastian Bourdais  
R2: Mark Winterbottom/  
Richard Lyons

**2010**

R1: Garth Tander/  
CamMcConville  
R2: Jamie Whincup/  
Steve Owen



### MOST WINS

9 Jamie Whincup  
8 Garth Tander  
6 Shane van Gisbergen



### MOST PODIUMS

13 Jamie Whincup  
10 Shane van Gisbergen,  
Mark Winterbottom  
8 Garth Tander, Craig Lowndes



### MOST POLES

6 Jamie Whincup  
5 Shane van Gisbergen  
4 Scott McLaughlin

## LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

**2022**

R1: David Reynolds  
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

**2019**

R1: Scott McLaughlin  
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

**2018**

R1: Scott McLaughlin  
R2: David Reynolds

**2017**

R1: Chaz Mostert  
R2: Shane van Gisbergen

**2016**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen  
R2: Jamie Whincup

**2015**

R1: Shane van Gisbergen  
R2: Scott McLaughlin

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**2011**

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R2: Jamie Whincup

**2010**

R1: Garth Tander  
R2: Mark Winterbottom

**1ST**  
2447  
POINTS

**BRODIE KOSTECKI - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

Despite falling short in the biggest race, Brodie KostECKi's consistency has ensured he remains the title favourite heading towards the climax. After being a rocketship over one lap, KostECKi was the man to beat at Bathurst, having taken the biggest Great Race pole since the Lap of the Gods, but could not compete with SVG. However, another Bathurst podium continued the impressive consistency of car #99. Scored two top 10s in his only main game appearance on the GC last year.



**99**

ENGINEER: George Commins  
AGE: 25  
DEBUT: Bath 2019  
STARTS: 96  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 22  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x6)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.08  
BEST GC: 5th 2022

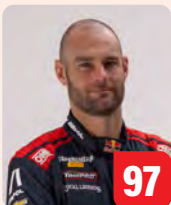


TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

**2ND**  
2316  
POINTS

**SHANE VAN GISBERGEN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Andrew Edwards  
AGE: 33  
DEBUT: Oran Park 2007  
STARTS: 507  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x50)  
PODIUMS: 176  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x82)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 3.77  
BEST GC: 1st 22,19,16,14



**97**

Shane van Gisbergen provided the Bathurst faithful with the perfect farewell and now he has his sights set on claiming one more championship before he goes to USA. Struggled initially, but came alive on Bathurst Day, cruising to the biggest win in 24 years. Now arrives at the Gold Coast where he has won the last three races and wrapped up the record-breaking 2022 title.



EREBUS MOTORSPORT // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BARRY RYAN

**3RD**  
2057  
POINTS

**WILL BROWN - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Tom Moore  
AGE: 25  
DEBUT: Sand 2018  
STARTS: 98  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x4)  
PODIUMS: 14  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.78  
BEST GC: 11th 2022



**9**

Remains in contention, albeit a long shot from challenging teammate KostECKi for the title being 390 points away. Mistakes are starting to creep in going off at Sandown to lose third at the death and crashed into the Griffins Bend barriers on Friday qualifying. Salvaged eighth from 17th. Yet to get a top 10 at the Gold Coast where he will join the 100-race club on Sunday.

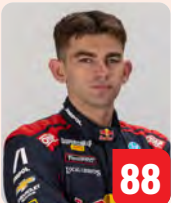


TRIPLE EIGHT RACE ENGINEERING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: JAMIE WHINCUP

**4TH**  
2039  
POINTS

**BROC FEENEY - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Martin Short  
AGE: 20  
DEBUT: Bath 2020  
STARTS: 58  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)  
PODIUMS: 13  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x6)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.78  
BEST GC: 14th 2022



**88**

Broc Feeny will be determined to bounce back on home turf after his championship hopes took a major blow in cruel fashion at Bathurst. He and Whincup were looking likely to challenge SVG in the closing stages only for a broken gear lever mount to end their day. It has put Feeny 408 points back, effectively ending his title hopes. Struggled at the Gold Coast last year, finishing 14th on Saturday before being involved in that Sunday smash up.



WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

**5TH**  
1900  
POINTS

**CHAZ MOSTERT - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Adam de Borre  
AGE: 30  
DEBUT: Perth 2013  
STARTS: 316  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x23)  
PODIUMS: 86  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x21)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.59  
BEST GC: 1st 18,17



**25**

A strong final stint pushed Chaz Mostert into the top four at Bathurst and back into the top five in the championship. Mostert has always liked the Gold Coast, finishing ninth on debut in 2013 for DJR and claimed back to back wins in 2017 and 2018. Even last year was ultra fast collecting two podiums. Will be keen on collecting a first pole or win of the year.



BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

**6TH**  
1680  
POINTS

**ANDRE HEIMGARTNER - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Tony Woodward  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Bath 2014  
STARTS: 240  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)  
PODIUMS: 15  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.63  
BEST GC: 3rd 2017



Andre Heimgartner wants to regain fifth place in the championship after a bruising Bathurst. Was beached in the sand at Murray's Corner before the race eventually finished with the engine going bang. It was Heimgartner's first retirement of an otherwise impressive season. The Kiwi got his career back on track by getting third on the Gold Coast as a co-driver in 2017.



**7TH**  
1572  
POINTS

**ANTON DE PASQUALE - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Ludo Lacroix  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Adel 2018  
STARTS: 176  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)  
PODIUMS: 31  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.32  
BEST GC: 6th 2022



Having initially battled, Anton De Pasquale is now one of the leading Ford drivers with a maiden Bathurst podium the latest chapter in his super second half of the season. Since Townsville De Pasquale has one win and three podiums, while has only missed the top 10 twice in the last eight races. Will be chasing a maiden Gold Coast top five finish.



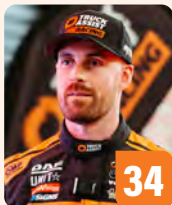
MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT STONE

TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

**8TH**  
1553  
POINTS

**JACK LE BROCQ - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Jack Bellotti  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Sand 2015  
STARTS: 194  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)  
PODIUMS: 3  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10.87  
BEST GC: 12th 2017



Whilst Jack Le Brocq and MSR may not have shown the same outright speed at Bathurst as different points of the year, car #34 still scored a solid ninth place, the team's best ever at the Mountain. Le Brocq will be hoping for something similar at the Gold Coast where he has never finished in the top 10.



**9TH**  
1550  
POINTS

**CAM WATERS - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Sam Potter  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Bath 2011  
STARTS: 247  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x20)  
PODIUMS: 43  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x9)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.45  
BEST GC: 2nd 2017



There was more pain for Cameron Waters and Tickford at Bathurst. His run of Great Race podiums came to an end when James Moffat found the fence at the Dipper, proving costly to the Monster Mustang's championship. Waters made his full-time debut in 2015 at the GC as Mostert's sub and only has one podium from 14 starts at the track.



BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

DICK JOHNSON RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BEN CROKE

**10TH**  
1506  
POINTS

**BRYCE FULLWOOD - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Phil Keed  
AGE: 24  
DEBUT: Sand 2018  
STARTS: 125  
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)  
PODIUMS: 1  
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.42  
BEST GC: 13TH 2022



A great recovery at Bathurst has put Bryce Fullwood on track for his first top 10 championship finish. Despite battling all weekend and qualifying 21st, Fullwood and Fiore overcame a penalty to snatch a strong seventh. Has never got a top 10 at Surfers Paradise and will be backing himself to do just that.



**11TH**  
1489  
POINTS

**WILL DAVISON - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Richard Harris  
AGE: 40  
DEBUT: Winton 2004  
STARTS: 542  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x28)  
PODIUMS: 79  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x22)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.74  
BEST GC: 1st 2012



Despite looking to be on the right track across the Bend and Sandown, Bathurst was not the most pleasing trip for Will Davison. Reached the top 10 shootout but could only manage 16th after a day "full of obstacles." Won at Surfers in 2012, but only has one podium on home turf since last year.



PREMIAR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: STEPHEN ROBERTSON

**12TH**  
1341  
POINTS

**TIM SLADE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Blake Smith  
AGE: 37  
DEBUT: Adel 2009  
STARTS: 423  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 17  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.17  
BEST GC: 3rd 14.17



Despite an early off-road excursion, Tim Slade picked up a solid amount of points from Bathurst with 13th after a strong final stint, passing four cars. Gold Coast has happy memories for Slade having scored unexpected podiums in 2014 and 2017 for Lucas Dumbrell Motorsport and Brad Jones Racing respectively.



TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

**13TH**  
1331  
POINTS

**JAMES COURTNEY - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Sam Scaffidi  
AGE: 43  
DEBUT: Sand 2005  
STARTS: 550  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x10)  
PODIUMS: 65  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x15)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.05  
BEST GC: 1st 2015



A strong second half of the race vaulted James Courtney up to sixth in the Great Race and make up five positions in the championship. Has made headlines in the lead up saying a 2024 announcement is incoming with his departure from Tickford confirmed. Won once at the GC in 2015 and also scored a podium in 2018.

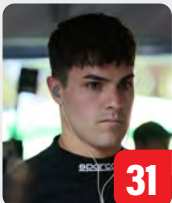


PREMIAR RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: STEPHEN ROBERTSON

**14TH**  
1302  
POINTS

**JAMES GOLDING - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Geoff Slater  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Sand 2016  
STARTS: 95  
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 4th (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.53  
BEST GC: 5th 2016



Eyebrows were raised by James Golding as he scored an impressive second for PremiAir Racing in Friday qualifying at Bathurst. Went on to start fourth and just held onto a top 10 result. Only top 10 result at the Gold Coast occurred in debut season as a co-driver in a Volvo with Moffat. Triggered last year's red flag crash and will be glad the bundles have been removed.

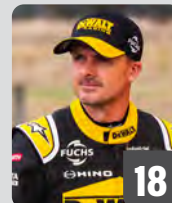


TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

**15TH**  
1294  
POINTS

**MARK WINTERBOTTOM - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Matt Saunders  
AGE: 41  
DEBUT: Sand 2003  
STARTS: 617  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x36)  
PODIUMS: 118  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x39)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.94  
BEST GC: 1st 09.11



A new look engineering line up will be behind car #18 as Mark Winterbottom attacks Surfers Paradise once again. Winterbottom suffered a strange and brutal way to retire from a hard fought 11th, pitting when the pit exit was closed after requiring a splash and dash. Put in some strong drives to get a pair of Gold Coast top 10s last year.

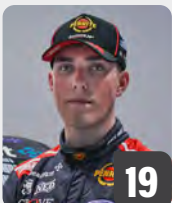


GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

**16TH**  
1283  
POINTS

**MATT PAYNE - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Jack Bell  
AGE: 20  
DEBUT: Bath 2022  
STARTS: 25  
BEST QUAL: 5th (x2)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.84  
BEST GC: N/A



After being one of the great stories of Sandown, Bathurst proved to be a tougher task for Matt Payne and Kevin Estre. Things escalated when Estre went off at Hell Corner, but the pair still managed to finish 11th. Early sessions will be an eye opener for Payne being his first chance to take on the GC.

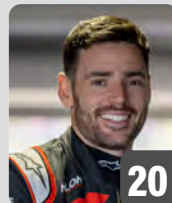


TEAM 18 // TEAM PRINCIPAL: CHARLIE SCHWERKOLT

**17TH**  
1278  
POINTS

**SCOTT PYE - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Richard Hollway  
AGE: 33  
DEBUT: Sand 2012  
STARTS: 336  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)  
PODIUMS: 10  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14  
BEST GC: 4th 2019



With his future secured, Scott Pye is hopeful of bringing his Team 18 future to a strong finish. Pye will be co-driving for Triple Eight next year but wants to go out of full time driving with a bang. Great Race was hurt by a late splash and dash drama. Only top five finishes at GC arrived in 2019.

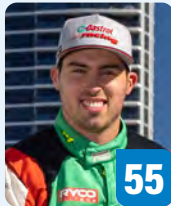


TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

**18TH**  
1277  
POINTS

**THOMAS RANDLE - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Raymond Lau  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: Bend 2019  
STARTS: 75  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)  
PODIUMS: 4  
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.67  
BEST GC: 6th 2019



Thomas Randle hopes a return to solo racing can push him back up the grid. At the last solo round Randle was on fire, getting a pole and a hat-trick of podiums. Had a steady yet unspectacular Bathurst. Was caught in the big crash in the 2022 GC500 with his only top 10s at the track as a co-driver with Lee Holdsworth in 2019.

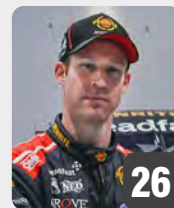


GROVE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: DAVID CAUCHI

**19TH**  
1260  
POINTS

**DAVID REYNOLDS - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Alistair McVean  
AGE: 37  
DEBUT: Sand 2007  
STARTS: 428  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x16)  
PODIUMS: 40  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x7)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.5  
BEST GC: 1st 2013



Bathurst was another story of what could have been for David Reynolds. Was among the leading contenders before a costly drive through for passing under SC. Eventually fought valiantly to rise from 26th to fifth. Reynolds loves the GC streets, getting his first win in 2013 and further podiums in 2015, 2018 and 2022.



WALKINSHAW ANDRETTI UNITED // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRUCE STEWART

**20TH**  
1017  
POINTS

**NICK PERCAT - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Adam Austin  
AGE: 34  
DEBUT: PI 2010  
STARTS: 312  
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)  
PODIUMS: 6  
BEST RESULT: 1st (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 17.18  
BEST GC: 6th 15.18



Nick Percat wants to end his second stint at WAU on a high with the finish approaching. Percat had a middling Bathurst, not threatening the top 10. Has a best result of sixth at the GC for LDM and BJR. Was one of the many trapped in the Beach Chicane crash last year.

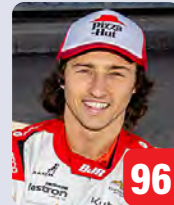


BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

**21ST**  
988  
POINTS

**MACAULEY JONES - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1**

ENGINEER: Andrew Donnelly  
AGE: 28  
DEBUT: Sand 2015  
STARTS: 170  
BEST QUAL: 8th (x2)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 6th (x2)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16.83  
BEST GC: 6th 2018



Macauley Jones will be looking to rebound from a disappointing Bathurst where he spun teammate Jack Smith and greatly impacted his race. Owned up to the incident claiming it was his fault. His car caught fire briefly last year after the big Beach Chicane crash. Best result is sixth as a co-driver in 2018, while top result as a main driver at the GC is 15th.

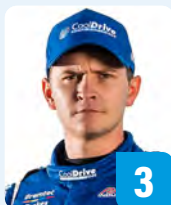


BLANCHARD RACING TEAM // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM BLANCHARD

**22ND**  
981  
POINTS

**TODD HAZELWOOD - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Mirko De Rosa  
AGE: 27  
DEBUT: QR 2017  
STARTS: 181  
BEST QUAL: 1 (x1)  
PODIUMS: 1  
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15  
BEST GC: 15th 2017



Todd Hazelwood will be chasing a standout performance with his career at a crossroads. Hazelwood suffered a shattering late-race DNF at Bathurst due to a starter motor failure. Preparing for his first Gold Coast in a Ford. Only top 15 result at the street circuit came as a co driver with current team owner Tim Blanchard in 2017.



TICKFORD RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: TIM EDWARDS

**23RD**  
896  
POINTS

**DECLAN FRASER - FORD MUSTANG GT**

ENGINEER: Chris Stuckey  
AGE: 23  
DEBUT: Bath 2022  
STARTS: 25  
BEST QUAL: 16th (x3)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 19.25  
BEST GC: N/A



Tickford rookie Declan Fraser is bracing himself for another new track which looms as one of the toughest. Had a bruising start to Bathurst crashing out of qualifying but pressed on to finish 18th. Has never raced at the concrete canyon before.



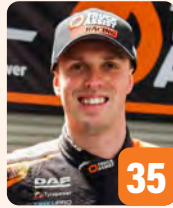
MATT STONE RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: MATT STONE

24TH

891  
POINTS

CAMERON HILL - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Paul Forgie  
AGE: 26  
DEBUT: Bath 2022  
STARTS: 25  
BEST QUAL: 5th (x1)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 17.17  
BEST GC: N/A



Matt Stone Racing rookie Cameron Hill is preparing for one of the toughest races of the year. Unlike the other rookie, he has tasted Gold Coast before at Carrera Cup level. Finished a solid 15th after experiencing significant clutch dramas on the warmup lap at Bathurst.



BRAD JONES RACING // TEAM PRINCIPAL: BRAD JONES

25TH

889  
POINTS

JACK SMITH - CHEVROLET CAMARO ZL1

ENGINEER: Julian Stannard  
AGE: 23  
DEBUT: Tas 2019  
STARTS: 129  
BEST QUAL: 10th (x2)  
PODIUMS: 0  
BEST RESULT: 10th (x1)  
AVG 2023 FINISH: 19.33  
BEST GC: 14th 2022



Jack Smith had another tough time in Bathurst, this time due to a teammate tangle at the Chase. Has four starts at the GC with just one result inside the top 20. Despite being involved in the Beach Chicane crash last year, he still managed to finish 14th, which was his equal best result of the year.



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