

# comsol vw challenge

1989 – 2015

## Atkinson meets the challenge at Zwartkops



Round 2 of the 2015 VW Challenge took place at Zwartkops Raceway on Saturday, 21 March where 33 cars took to the 2.4km circuit. When the dust had settled at the end of the day Rory Atkinson (Comsol VW Polo) emerged at the top of the overall and class A result sheet. Class B went the way of Gerhard Henning (Toyota Replacement Parts Polo) with Henry van Vledder, back in his trusty Golf 2, taking class C.

Qualifying saw Atkinson claim his second pole position of the year, two tenths of a second quicker than James Hurley (The Starter Pack Company Polo). Waldie Meintjies (Performance Masters / Marty's Body & Spray Polo) headed the second row of the class A grid alongside Derick Smalberger (Sabertek / Tyremart Beetle) with Iain Stevenson (Comsol Polo) and Devan Piazza-Musso on row three.

Class B saw Darren Nathan (Sex Trader Polo) claim pole in his first outing of the season. Nic Clarke (Central Technical Services Polo) continued his good run of form with second ahead of Henning, Andre Needham (Technicon Auto Spares Polo), Brad Hall (Piazza Motorsport Polo) and Andre Calitz (AC Honed Group Polo).

Zander Roos (Nathan's Motorsport Polo) did enough to take pole from Henry van Vledder in class C. Stuart Mack (Goldwagen JHB CBD & Wynberg Golf), Francois



van Zyl (Jesus Saves Polo), Simon Levin (Golf) and Luan Roos (Nathan's Motorsport Polo) completed the top six.

Chaos erupted shortly after the start of the first race when Elke van Vledder (Golf) and van Zyl came together in turn two. The resulting safety car period bunched the field up while the marshals removed the debris. Racing did not last long after the re-start as more cars off the track in dangerous positions brought out the red flags. As 6 laps had been completed a result was declared. Hurley crossed the finish line ahead of Atkinson but was deemed to have overtaken before the line on the re-start, incurring a 30 second penalty. Hurley's misfortune promoted Stevenson to second with Meintjies in third. Smalberger, Louis Robbertse (Soulpro Polo) and Piazza-Musso completed the top six in class A.

Henning, Needham and Hall led the class B field home while class C went to Henry van Vledder. He was followed home by Zander Roos and Levin.



After a lengthy delay due to a huge thunderstorm race 2 eventually got underway. This time Hurley made no mistake and went on to win by over six seconds from Atkinson who had Meintjies just behind him.

Clarke took class B just two-tenths of a second ahead of Henning with Needham in third. Henry van Vledder made it a double in class C, this time ahead of van Zyl and Shaun Crous in the X35 Energy Polo.

Atkinson's two wins ensured he took the overall victory in class A with Meintjies and Stevenson in second and third respectively. Henning claimed class B from Clarke and Needham. Class C went the way of Henry van Vledder followed by Crous and Levin.

The next outing for the VW Challenge competitors is at Phakisa Freeway on 2 May 2015.

### Overall Points

POS	CLASS	DRIVER	POINTS
1	B	Nic Clarke	37
2	B	Gerhard Henning	35
3	C	Zander Roos	33
4	A	Rory Atkinson	27
5	C	Henry van Vledder	24
6	C	Shaun Crous	23
7	A	James Hurley	18
8	C	Andy Gossman	17
8	A	Derick Smalberger	17

10	B	Louis Robbertse	16
10	B	Brad Hall	16

ENDS

