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## VW Challenge thrills at Phakisa



The sixth round of the 2015 Comsol VW Challenge delivered spectacular action at Phakisa Freeway on Saturday, 22 August. After an eventful day Nic Clarke (Central Technical Services Polo) walked away with a slightly extended lead over Rory Atkinson (Comsol Polo) in the overall championship race. Zander Roos (Nathan's Motorsport Polo) remains in third.

The morning qualifying session gave an indication of how close the day's racing would turn out to be, the top three in each class separated by just fractions of a second. James Hurley (The Starter Pack Company Polo) led the class A pack from Waldie Meintjes (LTR / Marty's Body & Spray Polo), Devon Piazza-Musso (Timely Trend Kitchens Polo) and Atkinson. Trevor Bland (Polo), who normally competes in the national Engen VW Cup series, headed the third row of the grid alongside Iain Stevenson (Comsol Polo).

Brad Hall (Hellerman Tyton Racing) had his best qualifying session of the season, taking the class B pole by just 0.044 seconds from Clarke. Andre Needham (Ultragroup Polo) and Brett Garland (Polo) filled the second row of the grid ahead of Craig Gammie and Jacques Smith (ELB Group Polo).

Zander Roos got the better of his father, Wouter, at the head of the class C field. The Golfs of Elke van Vledder and Stuart Mack (Goldwagen JHB CBD & Wynberg)

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filled the second row of the grid with Francois van Zyl (Jesus Saves Polo) and Simon Levin (Auto ECU Golf) behind them.

A spectacular accident on the opening lap – luckily Andre Needham and Brett Garland walked away unscathed although the same cannot be said for their cars – brought the first race to a premature halt on the opening lap. Once things got underway again Hurley led the pack in the opening stages but Meintjes took the lead approaching the half-distance mark and went on to take the class A win from Atkinson and Piazza-Musso. Hurley had to be content with fourth ahead of Stevenson.



Hall and Clarke were the drivers to catch at the head of the class B field, the race win eventually going the way of Clarke by just seven tenths of a second. Smith, having his first outing in his new class B car, came home in a satisfying third place. Daine Stewart (GrandMark International Polo) got the better of brother Mile in a similar car to take fourth with Andre Calitz in the AC Honed Group Polo rounding out the top six.



Class C turned into a three-way battle between Elke van Vledder and Wouter and Zander Roos. The younger Roos was in front when it mattered and took the win from van Vledder with Wouter Roos in third. Mack crossed the line in fourth ahead of Henry van Vledder (Golf) who had Levin right behind him.

In the second race Atkinson took the class A win from Meintjes and Piazza-Musso. Hurley again had to settle for fourth, this time ahead of Bland and Wayne Crous (X35 Energy Drink Polo).

Clarke ended up a comfortable winner in class B with the three-way battle behind him eventually going the way of Daine Stewart from Smith and Calitz. Mile Stewart and Andy Gossman (Technikon Auto Spares Golf) rounded out the top six.

The top four in class C finished in the same order as race 1, Zander Roos winning from Elke van Vledder, Wouter Roos and Mack. Levin finished in fifth with Graham Savage (Goldwagen JHB CBD & Wynberg Golf) in sixth.

Atkinson took the overall class A win from Meintjes and Piazza-Musso while class B went the way of Clarke with Smith and Daine Stewart in the other podium positions. Zander Roos won class C with Elke van Vledder and Wouter Roos in second and third respectively.

The Comsol VW Challenge returns to Zwartkops on 24 September for their next outing.

### Overall Points

POS	CLASS	DRIVER	POINTS
1	B	Nic Clarke	113
2	A	Rory Atkinson	1107
3	C	Zander Roos	97
4	A	Waldie Meintjies	78
5	B	Gerhard Henning	59
5	B	Brad Hall	59
7	A	James Hurley	54
8	A	Devon Piazza-Musso	50
9	C	Simon Levin	45
10	B	Daine Stewart	43
10	C	Stuart Mack	43
10	A	Iain Stevenson	43

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