

# VW Challenge

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## Change of direction at Red Star for VW Challenge

With nearly two thirds of the 2017 season behind them, the VW Challenge competitors make their way to Red Star Raceway, outside Delmas, for the sixth round of the championship on Saturday, 2 September. While most of the drivers have already experienced the 4-kilometre long circuit this year, this time the circuit will run in the clockwise direction as opposed to anti-clockwise which was the case back in April.



In the overall championship Rory Atkinson (Pozi Drive Polo) and Adrian Wood (Laserfische Polo) are tied at the top of the championship log with 94 points each. Stiaan Kriel (Spanjaard Polo) is next up, six points behind the leading duo with veteran Iain Pepper (Husqvarna / Campos Transport Polo) another six points back. Lyle Ramsay (Monroe Racing RSA Polo) and Nic Clarke (Pozi Drive Polo) round out the top six.

In class A Pepper scored a full-house of points last time out at Phakisa, closing the gap to Kriel at the top of the log to just six points. The pair have opened a substantial gap over the chasing pack which is led by Devon Piazza-Musso (Allegiance Polo). Wayne Masters (Performance Masters Polo), Waldie Meintjes (LTR / Marty's Body & Spray Polo) and Wayne Crous (Delway Polo) round out the top six, and while all of them have shown that they are capable of running at the head of the field this season, they have not been able to do so consistently.



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Clarke blew his motor during qualifying last time out resulting him leaving the Free State without adding to his points tally. This has allowed Wood to extend his advantage at the head of the class B field. He now has a 24-point lead over Ramsay with Clarke dropping to third a further six points adrift. Jacques Smith (Hydra Arc Polo) is next up with Quinton Needham (Megatron Polo) and Deon Holliday Jnr (Centworx Polo) a bit further back.



Atkinson is the odds-on favourite to take the 2017 class C title this year. He has already opened up a 38-point lead over Shaun Crous (Ancro Building Projects Polo) and Wouter Roos (Strata Drilling Polo), who tied on 56 points. Chris Dale (Pozi Drive / Dale Automation Polo) is fourth, 13 points further back with Gareth Lyke (Gaz-O-Matic Polo) and Piet Potgieter (Polo) rounding out the top six.



As usual, Friday is dedicated to practice sessions before qualifying at 08h10 on Saturday morning. There are two 8-lap races on Saturday's programme. The first is scheduled to get underway at 11h40 with the second at 14h10.

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