

VW Challenge

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Midvaal the next stop for VW Challenge

After a six-week break the VW Challenge competitors head to Meyerton and the Midvaal Raceway for the next round of the 2017 championship on Saturday, 14 October. The 2.5-kilometre long circuit is a favourite for testing so most of the drivers have had some experience at the track, but a couple of them will be having their first outing there in Friday's practice sessions.



Two thirds of the way through the championship, things are still very tight at the head of the overall log. Adrian Wood (Laserfische Polo) heads the table four points ahead Rory Atkinson (Pozi Drive Polo) with Iain Pepper (Husqvarna Motorcycles LTR Polo) a further 12 points back in third. Stiaan Kriel (Spanjaard Polo), Lyle Ramsay (Monroe Racing RSA Polo) and Nic Clarke (Pozi Drive Polo) round out the top six.

Pepper, who has won five of the last six races, has moved to the top of the class A championship log and will be out to continue that run of form at Midvaal but will have to be at the top of his game to stay in front of Kriel who is just three points behind the veteran racer. Despite a weekend to forget last time out at Red Star, Devon Piazza-Musso (Allegiance Polo) remains in third place on the log albeit with a much-reduced advantage over Waldie Meintjes (LTR / Marty's Body & Spray Polo) and Wayne Masters (Performance Masters Polo) who are in fourth and fifth places respectively. Wayne Crous (Delway Polo) has his best outing of the season at Red Star and is now firmly in sixth place on the log. Quinton Needham (Megatron Polo) has spent the early part of the season competing in class B, but will make the move to class A at Midvaal and could make life difficult for some of the regular front runners.



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Another full-house points haul at Red Star has seen Wood extend his lead at the head of the class B title race. He now has a 34-point advantage over Ramsay who has Clarke just six points behind him. A string of steady points finishes through the season have allowed Jacques Smith (Hydra Arc Polo) to consolidate his hold on fourth place. His closest challenger on the log is Needham and, as he is moving up to class A, Smith has a bit more breathing space. Deon Holliday Jnr (Centworx Polo) is currently sixth in class B.



It is very difficult to see anyone preventing Atkinson from taking the 2017 class C title. Another perfect day at Red Star last time out has seen his advantage at the top of the table extend 45 points over Shaun Crous (Ancro Building Projects Polo). Wouter Roos (Strata Drilling Polo) is in third place, just seven points ahead of Chris Dale (Pozi Drive / Dale Automation Polo) 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 09h50 on Saturday morning. The serious action gets underway at 12h10 when the first of the two 10-lap races is scheduled to start. Race 2 should get underway at 14h40.

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