

VW Challenge

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Kyalami the Penultimate Challenge



Almost 40 Amada VW Challenge competitors will make their way to the iconic Kyalami circuit in Midrand for the penultimate round of the 2017 championship on Saturday, 4 November. With all of the class championship leaders extending their points advantage at the last round, held at Midvaal Raceway just three weeks ago, the action is sure to be fast and furious.

Adrian Wood (Laserfische Polo) leads the overall championship, ten points

ahead Rory Atkinson (Pozi Drive Polo) with Iain Pepper (Husqvarna Motorcycles LTR Polo) just seven points back in third. Stiaan Kriel (Spanjaard Polo), Lyle Ramsay (Monroe Racing RSA Polo) and Nic Clarke (Pozi Drive Polo) complete the top six, as they did prior to the last round although the points gaps to the leading trio have widened slightly.

Pepper heads to Kyalami on a winning streak that goes back to Phakisa in July will be looking to continue that run of form but will face some serious competition. Stablemate Delon Thompson (MF Autobody Polo) grabbed pole position at Midvaal and was seriously quick around the bumpy Meyerton circuit until a collision ended his day early. Thompson, together with early season championship leader Kriel are likely to be Pepper's most serious challengers, but there are a number of others capable of running at the head of the field. Devon Piazza-Musso (Allegiance Polo) and Waldie Meintjes (LTR / Marty's Body & Spray Polo) have both had mixed fortunes this season but occupy third and fourth places on the class A championship log and can never be discounted. Wayne Masters (Performance Masters Polo) and Wayne Crous (Delway Polo) could also spring a few surprises.



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Wood is also on a six-race winning streak and now has a 37-point lead at the head of the class B log. A good result this weekend could see him claim the title. Ramsay is his closest challenger with Clarke a further 17 points back. Jacques Smith (Hydra Arc Polo) continued his steady run of points paying finished at Midvaal to consolidate his grip on fourth place. Deon Holliday Jnr (Centworx Polo) and Luan Roos (Strata Drilling Polo) are others to watch in the class B battle.



A good points haul at Kyalami should secure the 2017 class C title for Atkinson. He has a 53-point advantage over Shaun Crous (Ancro Building Projects Polo) but that gap reduces once the drop scores are taken into account. Wouter Roos (Strata Drilling Polo) is in third place on the log, just two 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.



With the huge entry for Kyalami, there has been a slight change to the normal event schedule. Friday practice sessions will happen as usual but qualifying will take place at 15h15 on Friday afternoon instead of Saturday morning as is normally the case. Two 8-lap races are scheduled for 09h45 and 13h00 on Saturday.

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