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Round 1 of the 2019 season - 8/9th of March – Zwartkops Raceway

Round 1 of the 2019 championship took place in Pretoria at Zwartkops this past weekend, with the newly wrapped Polo, now sporting a clean new white look with a host of colour and a very welcome list of new names on her...thanks to AKA Signage, for the stunning new look.

Friday saw us take to the circuit after a long break (since November – that is as good as 4 months!)

First session I was there or there a bouts, but I found myself overdriving instead of easing back into it and as a result the times were not great..

The 2nd session Wouter asked me to please follow him to just settle into things, and it worked, I dropped my time by a second and I was back in the 1m17's where we know we should be.

Saturday morning, and qualifying went alright, I managed to put the little Polo 5th in class and on the road I was 11th overall...

Once the grid had been sorted by class I was still 5th in class but 17th on the grid itself, I had a fairly ok start, with a small rub into turn one, getting a scrape on the front left door, but I maintained my fifth spot in class, a few tussles with some slower class A cars and Wouter having his bonnet pop open and shatter his front windscreen in front of me into turn 5 on lap 2 promoted me to 4th in class... this is where I stayed a little lonely with those ahead just too far and out of reach and those behind just too far to catch me... and we brought the little Polo home in 4th in class and 11th on the road.



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Race 2 and the top 5 per class reversal, put me 2nd in class and 14th on the grid, not losing any ground and managing to get past the slower class A guys by turn 2, so that was a great start... a few small tussles and just not catching Matt, Nic and Wouter managed to get past in lap 4 and Matt ran wide with 2 laps to go and gifted me 3rd place...

And that is where I finished up 3rd in class and 9th on the road.

And for the day some silverware with a 3rd place in class B, not a bad start to our season ☺

BUT without the support of all my sponsors, my great team at Nathans Motorsport and my better half Wouter, this wouldn't be the same, THANKS to ALL of you ☺

Round 2 of the 2019 championship will take place at Midvaal on the 12/13th of April...

TV times for round 1 will be distributed as soon as I have them.



Mel #64

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