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## Spurr Racing – Back to our home circuit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September saw us have an additional round at Zwartkops added to our short 2020 calendar.

Friday in the first session we topped the time sheets not only in class but overall, too! And then we kept the times nice and consistent until the last session when I dropped back quite a bit to 6<sup>th</sup>, as I was battling with some brake fade.

Saturday was going to be long day with the already busy days programme and now SuperHatch having been added...

We went out for qualifying and I didn't put up my best times, and only ended up 5<sup>th</sup> quickest, thankfully, the grid would be reversed from the top five finishing order from the 2<sup>nd</sup> heat at the last event, which put me 2<sup>nd</sup> on the grid.

Race 1: An 'okayish' start saw me not lose any positions, but also not gain any, by the exit of turn 2 though I had gotten into the lead and did what I could to try and maintain the gap.. from the hard charging class B pack, I was hanging onto the back end of class A as far as possible, but mid-way through the race, Nic and Werner had caught up and they were being chased by Louis who was on a mission too.

I was the meat in the Nic and Werner sandwich with just 2 laps to go and dropped to third, but what a tussle it was, and so great to be able to race mirror to mirror, wheel to wheel and not even the slightest scratch on any of our cars.. Werner missed a gear into turn 8 and I got through, and on the last lap Louis got past me, and I had to settle for 3<sup>rd</sup>, but one of the most rewarding third places I have ever had!



**ROUND 3 - ZWARTKOPS**



Race 2: And the top 5 reversed again, so this time I would start 3<sup>rd</sup> in class, another mediocre start and nothing gained or lost, but exiting turn 2, I chose to tag onto the back of Courtney, which ended up being the wrong choice, as he hadn't had a great exit out of turn 2 and this left me falling back with the hard charging, Louis, Nic, Werner and Donovan all streaming past on my outside...



I was over zealous and tried to take a gap up the inside of Courtney into turn 5 out of frustration, and tagged him, hindering myself, and lost some ground and now had Ish and Francis on my tail, Ish tried the same silly move on me a couple of laps later, but hit me squarely on my right rear wheel and sent me spinning to the outside of the track, and now I was last and had to get through the class C cars too. But I managed to get to 6<sup>th</sup> place in class B... across the line.

Which gave me a 5<sup>th</sup> overall for the day. Not ideal, but points in the bag and still a great day at the racing.

We had a quick 'noggin' post qualifying on the day for the special and fun awards from the previous round, and I was awarded the driver of the day award... super proud moment 😊



**Round 4 will take place at Phakisa at the annual Phakisa 200km race on the 2/3 of October.**

**Mel #64**

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