

Sydney Motorsport Park to host Porsche qualifying under lights

27/04/2021 After wet weather and two unfortunate accidents marred the opening round of the 2021 Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, both Mobil Pro and Morris Finance Pro-Am competitors will be looking forward to drier conditions and better fortunes when they converge on Sydney Motorsport Park for Round 2 of the one-make series on Friday.

A full Shannons Motorsport Australia Championship program has provided a rare opportunity for Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge competitors to qualify under lights on the Friday evening. The 20-minute qualifying session follows two earlier practice sessions on the first day, before the business end of the weekend starts early on Saturday morning, where teams contest a 20-minute Sprint race followed by a 45-minute Endurance race. The final 20-minute Sprint race of the weekend takes place on Sunday afternoon, with all three races broadcast live on the 7plus app.

The Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge series last visited Sydney Motorsport Park in May 2019, a fiercely competitive round that saw three different winners from the three races. Max Vidau won race 1, while Ryan Suhle and Harri Jones shared the spoils in races 2 and 3. Sam Shahin was fourth overall and took home the silverware in the Morris Finance Pro-Am class.

Suhle will be hoping to carry the momentum from both Round 1 and his 2019 race victory into Sydney Motorsport Park this weekend, with the McElrea Racing driver currently leading the Mobil Pro Championship from the Team Porsche New Zealand rookie, Callum Hedge. The impressive New Zealand teenager gave the Earl Bamber Motorsport team their maiden win on Australian soil on his (and their) debut and will again be a podium contender in Round 2 together with McElrea Racing team mates Christian Pancione and Bayley Hall, as well as Courtney Prince from the Sonic Motor Racing team.

In Morris Finance Pro-Am, Porsche Centre Melbourne driver, Matt Belford, leads the Championship for the first time in his career, from Sam Shahin. David Greig sits third with Michael Hovey fourth after a second in race two in Phillip Island. Shahin became just the third driver to notch up 100 race starts in the series in the opening round, only Ross McGregor (106) has more.

The Bend Motorsport Park owner will also surpass John Goodacre for second on the list for all-time starts in Sydney – and will eclipse Goodacre for rounds started at the Sydney circuit, with the pair currently tied on 34 starts a piece following the Victorian event.

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ENTRY LIST: Round 2 – Sydney Motorsport Park

#	NAME	SURNAME	CLASS	SPONSOR
2	Richard	Cowen	Morris Finance Pro-Am	McElrea Racing
3	Jonathan	Gliksten	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Racing to Beat FA
5	Nathan	Murray	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Garage 1
7	Ryan	Suhle	Mobil Pro	Latitude Coffee
8	Madeline	Stewart	Mobil Pro	Porsche Team NZ/EBM
9	Callum	Hedge	Mobil Pro	Porsche Team NZ/EBM
13	Sam	Shahin	Morris Finance Pro-Am	HTFU / OTR
14	Matthew	Belford	Morris Finance Pro-Am	ID Land
22	Andrew	Goldie	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Cirrus Aircraft
26	Tom	Taplin	Mobil Pro	Taplin Real Estate
28	Bayley	Hall	Mobil Pro	Siebe Gorman
29	Rob	Woods	Morris Finance Pro-Am	TekworkX Motorsport
32	Courtney	Prince	Mobil Pro	Sonic Motor Racing
44	Marcel	Zalloua	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Valmont Racing

55	Sergio	Pires	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Valmont Racing
68	Terrance	Knowles	Morris Finance Pro-Am	ASM
73	Michael	Hovey	Morris Finance Pro-Am	HHH Racing / Triffid
76	Christian	Pancione	Mobil Pro	VCM Performance
87	David	Greig	Morris Finance Pro-Am	David Greig
99	Ross	McGregor	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Southern Star Windows
131	Graham	Williams	Morris Finance Pro-Am	Sonic / Williams Racing

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