



As COVID-19 rears its head and causes disruptions again, we've got a few updates for you, as well as a wrap from Round 4 at Winton last month.

Round 5 - Sunday 8 August

August Access is now a single-day event, running only on the Sunday. Don't worry - we still get our full track allocation, PLUS we can cross-enter the Tin Tops category for only \$50 for heaps more racing action - great value!

Round 6 Update

Date & Venue Change

We will be rejoining the Vic State Racing Series calendar for round 6, on 25-26 September, at Phillip Island and will not be returning to Winton this year. Update your diary, and stay tuned for entry details.

Round 4 Wrap - Winton Short Track



Qualifying

Clear and crisp conditions greeted us for our race on the unrelenting short circuit at Winton. The chilly air and a full day's practice provided great conditions for fast times, and Alex Jory obliged, pipping Mike Bailey to pole position by just over two tenths.

Brian Bourke and Simon Leach occupied the second row, also coming across the line with scorching times in the 1:07s.

Race 1

The inside line at the "old" start/finish line made for a tricky getaway, but Alex Jory managed to hang on to P1, where he finished ahead of Mike Bailey in P2. Unfortunately, Brian Bourke couldn't get away as cleanly, and finished behind Simon Leach and Matt Thewlis (who was superbly steering Paul Shiff's #54 Red Rocket Racing machine).

Race 2

Starting P3 again proved a curse, as Simon Leach dropped back to finish P5, giving our former DSO Matt Thewlis the perfect opportunity to snatch P3 behind Jory and Bailey. Bourke was unable to make up places, being held behind Geoff Bowles (P4) and Leach.

Race 3

After a great start, Mike Bailey enjoyed some time at the head of the pack, but ultimately succumbed to the consistency of Jory behind, and dropped back to finish P3, with Matt Thewlis finishing an impressive P2 behind Jory. Meanwhile, while Brian Bourke recovered some places to finish P4, Geoff Bowles overcooked turn 1 during a great scrap with Simon Leach, and dropped to the rear of the field.

Race 4

With the full field of racers clocking times within the 1:08s or less, it was a frenetic end to the weekend. Yet again, Jory prevailed, making it a clean sweep for the weekend. Thewlis completed a magnificent return to the E30 Racing grid with another P2, while Bourke salvaged P3 and clocked the fastest lap of the race. Bailey missed out on another podium, ahead of Leach, Rory Plant, Geoff Bowles, Jess Bell, and Harry Walker, who battled hard throughout the weekend after suffering a suspension issue prior to qualifying.

Round Results

Jory was the clear round victor, while Bailey and Thewlis finished equal on points behind.

Championship Standings

Bourke hangs onto P2 behind Jory, while Bowles and Leach sit in equal 3rd, with Bailey close behind.

Full results & standings [here](#).

See you at the Island.

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