

Wanneroo 300

Saturday 12th of November saw the return of the “Wanneroo 300” at Barbagallo Raceway being conducted for the first time since 1997. Though a relatively small field of twenty cars there was a highly competitive mix of Porsche Cup Cars (5) and ex-V8 Supercars (5) plus a hand full of Sports Sedans.

The race split into 3 heats with a compulsory driver change in the final 45 lap heat with each driver doing a 40 lap heat each saw the Matthew Hansen/ Cade Bell Commodore VY take victory to claim the “Phil Johnson” perpetual trophy. Michael Patrizi and Adam Marjoram were to finish 2nd in their Porsche 997 Cup car, they being the only two to complete 125 laps. Allan Letcher and Kevin Ledger in the Stewart Mace Subaru WRX produced a stellar performance to finish 3rd overall.

Of the twenty starters only eleven finished due to mechanical attrition, running out of fuel as did the Richard Bennett/ Daniel Gaunt Porsche Cup Car did in the opening 40 lapper. While the Mazda RX7 of Dick Ward/Roy Menze had charged through the field from rear of the field to be high as 4th only to be out of the race when Menze put the Mazda on its roof at Chill Man Up Fast Brake corner on lap 59.

It all looks positive for the “Wanneroo 300” of the future.

The one hour race for Holden HQ's was broken into two 30 minute races back to back with driver change in each heat allowing time for refuelling in between. Rodney Jenzen/John Wood took a comfortable win of nearly 30 seconds over Serge Alfie/ Grant Johnson with Stuart Kenny/ Mal Beale. Though a comfortable win to Jenzen/Wood the race produced close racing in the top half of the field throughout the race.

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