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VOLUME 4

SOUTH AFRICANS GOING THE DISTANCE

HOW LOCAL DRIVERS ARE MAKING
THEIR MARK ON THE WORLD'S
BIGGEST ENDURANCE STAGES.

THE PEOPLE, PLACES, AND
STORIES OF SOUTH AFRICAN
ENDURANCE RACING.

THE HEART OF ENDURANCE

TEAMS, DRIVERS, FANS AND THE
MOMENTS THAT SHAPE A SEASON.

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MS LIYEMA LETLAKA
**FOREWORD FROM
ACTING CEO**

From the opening round at Zwartkops Raceway to the Five Hours of Aldo Scribante, we have seen exactly what makes this championship special. Competitive racing, committed teams, dedicated officials, supportive partners, and passionate fans have all played their part in creating memorable race weekends and helping the sport continue to grow.

The first two rounds have delivered close competition, new stories, and plenty of reasons to be excited about what lies ahead. It has also been encouraging to see the continued growth of our championship community, both on and off the circuit. From competitors and volunteers to families in the grandstands and first-time visitors experiencing endurance racing, every person contributes to the atmosphere that makes SAES what it is.

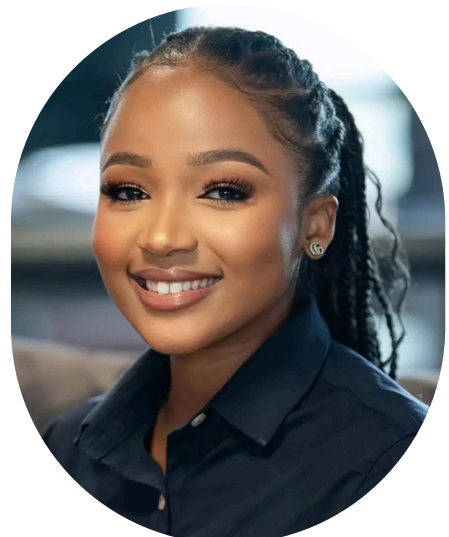
As we look ahead to Killarney and the remainder of the season, there is a real sense of momentum building.

Championship battles are beginning to take shape, opportunities continue to emerge across the paddock, and the future of endurance racing in Southern Africa remains bright.

On behalf of SAES, I would like to thank every driver, team, official, volunteer, partner, sponsor, service provider, and fan who continues to support this championship. We are proud of what we are achieving and excited about what we can continue to build together. Motorsport is a collective effort, and none of what we achieve would be possible without the people who invest their time, energy, and passion into making each event a success.

We look forward to sharing the rest of the season with you. See you at the track!

Liyema



THE SEASON SO FAR

AND THE ROUNDS THAT LIE AHEAD...

With two rounds complete, four race weekends remain.

After stops at Zwartkops Raceway in Gauteng and Aldo Scribante Raceway in the Eastern Cape, the Southern African Endurance Series moves on to Killarney in the Western Cape before returning to the Eastern Cape for a pivotal Aldo Scribante double-header in Rounds 4 and 5.

The season will then build to its biggest event: the Nine Hours of Kyalami. With racing under the lights and the championship potentially still undecided, the final round is set to deliver a fitting end to the 2026 season.

Title fights are taking shape, new stories are emerging across the paddock, and everything is still to play for. As SAES travels across the country, bringing endurance racing to competitors and fans in every province, the championship battle is only becoming more compelling.

Entries are now open for the Nine Hours of Kyalami.

Visit www.saeseries.com to submit your entry.

SAES 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

R3	31 JUL - 1 AUG	
6H OF KILLARNEY		
R4	3 OCTOBER	
3H OF ALDO SCRIBANTE		
R5	4 OCTOBER	
3H OF ALDO SCRIBANTE		
R6	13 - 14 NOV	
9H OF KYALAMI		

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CLASS C



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All cars
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CLASS D



PRODUCTION SPORTS CARS

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CLASS E



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Volkswagen SupaCup and Toyota Starlet Cars

1 HOUR DASH



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HOW POINTS ARE SCORED



Points are allocated for each class according to your finishing position within your competing category for each event, contributing to the **Overall National Championship Scoring.**

Position	Less than 5 Cars	More than 5 Cars	Position	Less than 5 Cars	More than 5 Cars
1 st	50	52	14 th	21	23
2 nd	45	47	15 th	20	22
3 rd	41	43	16 th	19	21
4 th	38	40	17 th	18	20
5 th	35	37	18 th	17	19
6 th	33	35	19 th	16	18
7 th	31	33	20 th	15	17
8 th	29	31	21 st	14	16
9 th	27	29	22 nd	13	15
10 th	25	27	23 rd	12	14
11 th	24	26	24 th	11	13
12 th	23	25	25 th	10	12
13 th	22	24	Finisher	5	7

NO DROP ROUNDS

MORE SEAT TIME. MORE RACING. MORE VALUE.

MAN VS MACHINE



3 TO 9 HOURS

OF RACE TIME

- ✓ Longer races
- ✓ More driving
- ✓ More strategy
- ✓ Better value
- ✓ True team endurance



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MAXIMISE YOUR SEAT TIME



MORE SEAT TIME

Longer races mean more time on track and more experience.



MORE RACING

More track time. More competition. More adrenaline.



MORE VALUE

Greater value for entry fees and team investment.



SHARE THE COSTS WITH MORE DRIVERS

- ✓ Share the costs of entry, tyres, fuel and more
- ✓ More drivers = less financial pressure on each driver
- ✓ Easier on your budget, bigger on the experience

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TEAM STRATEGY
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REAL ENDURANCE
Test your car. Test your team.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Category Champions & Index of Performance

THE STORY BEHIND **KILLARNEY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY**

As the Southern African Endurance Series prepares to head to Cape Town for Round 3, it returns to one of the most significant venues in South African motorsport.

Killarney International Raceway traces its roots back to 1947, when local enthusiasts began organising races on a disused stretch of road outside Cape Town. What started as informal speed trials would eventually grow into one of the country's most recognisable racing facilities.

The modern Killarney circuit opened in 1960 and soon welcomed international motorsport to the Western Cape. The non-championship Cape Grand Prix attracted some of the biggest names of the era, including Stirling Moss, Jo Bonnier, Wolfgang von Trips, Trevor Taylor and Jim Clark, helping establish Killarney's place in South African motorsport history.

Over the decades, Killarney has evolved into far more than a race circuit. Under the stewardship of the Western Province Motor Club, the venue has become a home for circuit racing, motorcycles, karting, drag racing, rallycross, driver development, and community events.

Its importance was formally recognised in 2023 when the Cape Town Heritage Foundation awarded Killarney a Blue Plaque for more than 70 years of continuous motorsport activity.



Today, Killarney remains at the heart of motorsport in the Western Cape. For competitors, it presents a unique challenge. For fans, it offers one of the country's most vibrant racing atmospheres. And for South African motorsport as a whole, it remains a venue where history continues to be written.

When the SAES grid arrives in Cape Town for Round 3, it will be racing at a circuit that has been part of South African motorsport's story for nearly eight decades.





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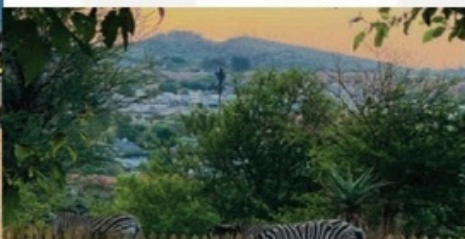
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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO...

YOUR FIRST SAES RACE

1. CHECK THE WEATHER & PACK ACCORDINGLY

South African race weekends can deliver sun, wind, cold mornings, or sudden rain showers. A quick weather check before you leave can make a big difference to your day.

Some good things to pack are: *sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, water bottle, power bank, a jacket, rain jacket or poncho and ear protection for young children*

Remember, racing usually continues in the rain. A little preparation means you'll stay comfortable no matter what the weather decides to do!

2. BUY YOUR TICKETS & FOLLOW SAES

Buying tickets online before the event can save time, but tickets are usually available at the gate too. Before race weekend:

- Check the event program on our social media (and turn on post notifications))
- Join the SAES WhatsApp Channel (schedules, updates, and important announcements are often shared there first)

3. FRIDAY IS WORTH ATTENDING

If you can make it, Friday is when teams practice, test setups, and set lap times to decide what order they start on the grid (qualifying). It's a more relaxed atmosphere and offers a great look behind the scenes before the racing begins.

4. ARRIVE EARLY & EXPLORE

There's far more to a race weekend than the main endurance race.

Visit the fan zone, walk through the paddock, watch the sprint races and support categories, and explore different viewing areas around the circuit.

5. THE PADDOCK IS MORE ACCESSIBLE THAN YOU THINK

One of the best things about SAES events is how close fans can get to the action. You can take part in the grid walk, get close to the cars, meet drivers, take photos, and watch teams get in the zone before the big race.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Drivers, teams, officials, and fellow fans are often happy to share their knowledge and passion for the sport.

6. THE ENDURANCE RACE HAPPENS LAST

The sprint categories race multiple times (usually 3 races) throughout the day before the main endurance event takes center stage later in the afternoon.

That means there's action on track for most of the day.

7. YOU DON'T NEED TO UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING

One of the biggest misconceptions about motorsport is that you need to know every category, driver, and rule before you arrive. You don't.

The best way to learn is simply to watch the racing, ask questions, and enjoy the experience. Most fans learn one race weekend at a time. If you're planning to attend a future race, watching earlier rounds online is also a great way to get familiar with the championship before arriving at the circuit. So don't forget to visit our YouTube Channel.

8. SOME FANS FOLLOW THE LIVESTREAM

Many regulars enjoy having the livestream or live timing open on their phones while at the circuit. It can help you follow battles elsewhere on the track and keep track of positions, but it's entirely personal preference.

9. MAKE A DAY OF IT

Bring friends. Bring family. Bring the kids. Between the racing, paddock access, fan zone activities, food vendors, and entertainment, there's plenty happening throughout the day.

And don't leave early. The podium celebrations are often where some of the best moments of the weekend happen.





Praga South Africa was launched in 2016. Whilst the brand immediately gained attention from well known South African drivers, their first real taste of success came in 2017, when Jarrod Waberski finished second in the Mini Rok National Championship, won the Northern Regions Mini Rok Championship and finished second in the Mini Max Northern Regions Championship, in the same year.



The brand achieved their first National title with Jarrod Waberski in 2018 and continued their success with Luke Hill finishing second in the Micro Rok National Challenge Championship and winning the Northern Regions Micro Rok Championship.

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SOUTH AFRICANS TAKE ON THE “GREEN HELL”

FLYING THE FLAG AT THE NÜRBURGRING



Few races in world motorsport test competitors quite like the Nürburgring 24 Hours. Held on the daunting Nordschleife, the race combines 24 hours of endurance racing with one of the longest, most challenging, and unforgiving tracks in the world.

The 2026 edition once again featured a strong South African presence, with local drivers competing across multiple classes and proving their talent against some of the world's best endurance racers.

Leading the charge was Sheldon van der Linde, who delivered another impressive performance for ROWE Racing. Sharing the BMW M4 GT3 EVO, Sheldon and his teammates brought the #99 BMW home in fourth overall after 24 demanding hours of racing.

His brother, Kelvin van der Linde, and fellow South African Jordan Pepper entered the event among the favourites after showing exceptional pace during qualifying. The pair were firmly in contention throughout the race, but reliability issues brought their challenge to an early end, resulting in a disappointing retirement despite showing the speed to fight at the front.

David Perel continued his Nürburgring campaign in the SP9 Pro category with the REALIZE KONDO Racing Ferrari 296 GT3 Evo. Competing in one of the most competitive GT3 fields in endurance racing, Perel and the team added further valuable experience around the famous circuit.

Another South African gaining international exposure was Leyton Fourie, who took on the Nordschleife challenge as part of the Nürburgring 24 Hour field. Racing at the Nürburgring remains one of endurance racing's biggest tests, and the event provided another important step in Fourie's international motorsport journey.

Jonathan Mogotsi also reached an important milestone, making his Nürburgring 24 Hour debut with Max Kruse Racing in the Volkswagen Golf GTI Clubsport 24h. His appearance highlighted the growing number of South African drivers competing internationally and gaining opportunities on some of the sport's biggest stages.

From factory-backed GT3 programs to touring car entries, South African competitors were represented throughout the field. Their performances served as another reminder that local talent continues to make its mark globally, carrying the South African flag into one of endurance racing's toughest and most respected events.



TAKING AFRICAN TALENT TO EUROPE

INTO AFRICA FLIES SA FLAG OVERSEAS

As South African endurance racing continues to grow, local drivers are increasingly making their mark on some of the world's most respected circuits.

Through its international GT program, Into Africa Racing by Dragon Racing has been providing African drivers with the opportunity to compete against established international teams in the 2026 International GT Open Championship.

Xolile Letlaka and Stuart White took on the legendary Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps during Round 2 of the championship, securing 10th place in the ProAm class after 70 laps of racing in their Ferrari GT3. The event provided valuable experience at one of motorsport's most challenging and historic venues.

The momentum continued at Misano, where Letlaka teamed up with Axcil Jefferies. The pair delivered strong performances throughout the weekend, finishing sixth in Race 1 before improving to fifth in Race 2 against a highly competitive international field.

For SAES followers, these names are familiar. Their success abroad highlights the depth of talent within South African motorsport and the opportunities that exist for local drivers to compete on the global stage.

From Spa-Francorchamps to Misano, Into Africa Racing continues to showcase African talent while building valuable international experience against some of the best teams and drivers in endurance racing.



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SHELDON VAN DER LINDE

FEELING AT HOME ON THE WORLD STAGE IN 2026

South African endurance racing continues to make its mark on the international stage, and one driver flying our flag very high in 2026 is Sheldon van der Linde.

Already established as one of the country's most successful international racing exports, van der Linde has spent the opening months of the season competing at the sharp end of some of the world's biggest endurance racing events.

One of the standout moments came in May when van der Linde, René Rast and Robin Frijns delivered BMW's breakthrough Hypercar victory at Spa-Francorchamps in the FIA World Endurance Championship. The result secured a memorable BMW one-two finish and helped move the manufacturer to the top of both the Drivers' and Manufacturers' standings. The victory was an important milestone not only for BMW's Hypercar programme but also for van der Linde, who continues to establish himself as one of endurance racing's leading drivers.

Just weeks later, he was back in action at another of motorsport's great endurance challenges. Competing for ROWE Racing at the Nürburgring 24 Hours, van der Linde and his teammates guided the #99 BMW M4 GT3 EVO to fourth place overall after 24 gruelling hours around the Nordschleife. Missing out on the podium by a narrow margin, it was another strong result at one of the toughest races in world motorsport.

The momentum generated by the Spa victory has also fuelled optimism ahead of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Speaking before the event, van der Linde said the team was in "the best possible spirit" as BMW targets its first outright Le Mans podium in decades.

At just 27 years old, van der Linde already boasts a résumé that includes a DTM title, major endurance victories, and factory-driver status with one of the world's largest manufacturers. Yet 2026 feels like another step forward.

With Le Mans, the remainder of the FIA World Endurance Championship season, and further international endurance races still ahead, there is every indication that the

story of Sheldon van der Linde's season is only just beginning... and we're only in July.



THE GOAL: MOTOGP

ORA PHIRI IS GOING FROM THE SAES PADDOCK TO THE WORLD STAGE

For many in the SAES paddock, Ora Phiri is a familiar name.

The young rider has spent years building a reputation as one of South Africa's brightest motorcycle racing talents, and in 2026, he is continuing that journey on the international stage.

Still balancing the demands of his matric year, Phiri is competing in the TVS Racing International Championship, which forms part of the FIM Asia Road Racing Championship program. Racing against some of the best young riders from across the Asia-Pacific region, he has already made history by becoming the first South African rider to stand on a TVS Racing International Championship podium after securing third place in Thailand.

It is the latest achievement in a career that has already produced multiple championship titles and established Phiri as one of the country's most exciting young prospects.

Away from the circuit, he continues to balance school, training, travel, and racing, all while pursuing an ambitious goal of competing in MotoGP one day.

For those who have watched him develop through the local racing ranks, his international success comes as no surprise. Ora Phiri is proving that South African talent can compete with the best, and at just 17 years old, his story is only beginning.



DAVID PEREL

WHEN THE DREAM REFUSED TO DIE

There is a popular saying in motorsport that some drivers are born with petrol in their blood. For South African endurance racer David Perel, that certainly seems true.

Perel began karting at the age of 15 and quickly established himself as one of South Africa's leading young talents, winning multiple provincial and national championships before progressing into single-seater racing. His promising career, much like many others, took an unexpected turn when financial backing was withdrawn.

Rather than walking away from his dream entirely, Perel turned his attention to business. Together with his brother, he focused on building Obox Themes, the web company they had founded after leaving school. The goal was simple: work hard, save money, and one day find a way back to racing.

That opportunity finally came in 2014 when he returned for a single GT race. The performance was enough to earn him a drive in the Italian GT Championship the following season, where he finished second in the standings while collecting multiple wins, pole positions, and fastest laps.

The years that followed saw Perel establish himself as one of South Africa's most successful international endurance racers. Racing Ferrari machinery across Europe, he claimed major GT titles, won the prestigious 24 Hours of Spa twice, and eventually achieved a lifelong ambition by competing at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Today, Perel continues to represent South African motorsport on some of endurance racing's biggest stages.

His story is a reminder that success in racing is not always a straight line.

Sometimes the road to the world's greatest races begins with refusing to give up when the dream seems furthest away.





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Inclusion Begins with Accessibility

Accessible toilets are not special treatment, they are essential facilities that allow disabled people to participate equally in society. Clean, well-maintained, and clearly signposted accessible toilets demonstrate respect, inclusion, and a commitment to ensuring everyone can enjoy the same opportunities and experiences.

Taylor Hill: Championing Inclusive Motorsport

Taylor Hill is a dedicated advocate for inclusive motorsport in South Africa and serves as the Disability & Accessibility Officer for the Southern African Endurance Series. Living with a genetic condition known as CMT, which affects her peripheral nerves, she remains undeterred in her passion for motorsport. Taylor enjoys driving her Praga Kart and exploring the Main Circuit in her Volkswagen Polo.

Article by: Taylor Hill

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The Future of Motorsport Starts Here

The **Africa Race Together Foundation** is the innovative creation of visionary entrepreneur Xolile Letlaka, whose guiding philosophy, “**we lift as we rise,**” reflects a deep commitment to fostering the growth of the sport. His aim is to transform it into an inclusive industry that embraces the entirety of Africa.

The objective is to identify learners as early as Grade Eight who demonstrate exceptional skills in Mathematics and Science, along with a strong passion for pursuing a career in the motorsport industry. We aim to financially support these individuals throughout their tertiary education, nurturing them into the next generation of engineers and technicians.

To establish a platform that sparks interest in motorsport, a dedicated team is essential. This team should include graphic artists to craft captivating artwork for promoting upcoming events, camera operators to broadcast races, lighting and sound engineers for studio production, as well as journalists and photographers to cover the races. All of these roles qualify for ART support.



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Why Top Brands Are Choosing Motorsport



Motorsport offers something few marketing platforms can: an engaged audience in a memorable environment.

The Southern African Endurance Series gives businesses the opportunity to build brand awareness, host clients, engage employees, and connect with passionate motorsport fans through meaningful experiences both on and off the track.

Partnership opportunities extend far beyond branding on race cars. From hospitality experiences and trackside activations to digital campaigns, magazine features, and social media coverage, brands become part of the action while reaching audiences across multiple platforms.

The impact doesn't stop when race weekend ends. Through ongoing media coverage, content creation, and championship-wide exposure, SAES partners continue to benefit long after the chequered flag falls.

Whether your goal is brand awareness, hospitality, PR, or business development, there is a place for your brand within the Southern African Endurance Series.



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WHAT YOU'LL SEE OUT ON TRACK ***AT SAES RACE WEEKENDS***

One of the things that makes a Southern African Endurance Series race weekend unique is the variety of machinery on track.

While the endurance race is the headline act, there is racing throughout the day from a range of categories, each bringing its own style of competition and character to the programme.

SA ENDURANCE

The main event. These are the cars competing in the Southern African Endurance Series championship.

Teams share driving duties over several hours, balancing speed, strategy, reliability, fuel management, and teamwork in one of the toughest challenges in South African motorsport.



SPORTS & GT

Home to some of the fastest machinery of the weekend.

Expect GT3 and GT4 cars, sports prototypes, and purpose-built race cars capable of incredible performance. The category combines speed, variety, and close competition in a sprint-race format.



GT CUP

A category dedicated exclusively to Porsche Cup machinery.

With similar cars throughout the field, GT Cup often produces close racing, hard-fought battles, and very little separating competitors from lights out to the chequered flag.



1-HOUR DASH

A shorter race format for modified cars over 1400cc.

It's the faster-paced version of endurance racing. The races are shorter, but still reward consistency, racecraft, and smart decision-making.

MRSSA MOTORCYCLES

South Africa's premier motorcycle racing championship.

From Superbikes to Supersport machinery, the bikes bring a completely different style of racing to the weekend. Fast, aggressive, and exciting to watch, they're a favourite among many fans.

SOMETHING FOR EVERY FAN

Whether you love GT cars, prototypes, motorcycles, endurance strategy, or wheel-to-wheel sprint racing, there's always something happening somewhere around the circuit.

That's what makes an SAES race weekend more than just a single race. It's a celebration of motorsport in all its forms, bringing together competitors, teams, and fans from across South Africa for a full day of action on and off the track.



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TEAM FEATURE INTO AFRICA

Into Africa Racing has established itself as one of the leading names in African endurance racing. Founded by Xolile Letlaka and managed by Gerald Ekron, the Vereeniging-based team has grown from a passionate local operation into a championship-winning international GT programme proudly representing South African motorsport on some of the world's biggest stages.

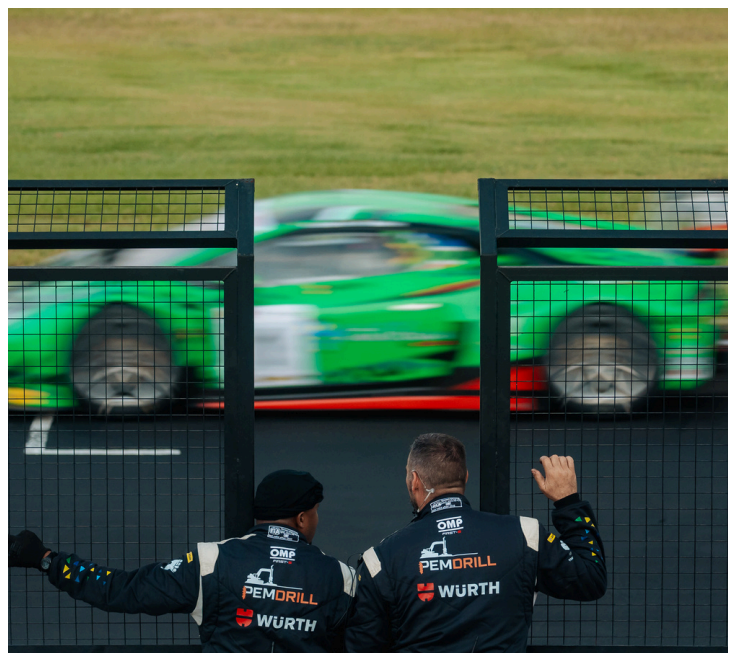
The team first became widely recognised through its iconic bright green Lamborghini Huracán GT3 programme, with the cars famously named "Rambo Lambo" and later "Maverick" by the team itself. Over the years, Into Africa Racing evolved its GT3 programme through the Huracán GT3, Evo and Evo2 platforms, building a reputation for professionalism, consistency, and front-running endurance performances across South African motorsport.

Into Africa Racing made history by becoming the first team to win the South African Endurance Series Championship back-to-back in 2024 and 2025, firmly cementing itself as one of the dominant forces in modern South African endurance racing. Alongside its local success, the team also claimed the Gulf ProCar Class 1 Championship in the Middle East, proving its ability to compete and win internationally against world-class competition.

A major step in the team's international growth came through its partnership with Dragon Racing, expanding Into Africa Racing's presence into global GT competition. Competing internationally in the Ferrari 296 GT3 programme, the driver lineup of Xolile Letlaka, Stuart White, and Axcil Jefferies has already delivered major international milestones, including podium finishes in European endurance racing and strong performances against some of the most competitive GT fields in the world.

Beyond the results, Into Africa Racing has become an important symbol for the growth of African motorsport.

Through its professionalism, ambition, and commitment to developing opportunities for African talent, the team continues to prove that African teams can compete successfully at the very highest levels of international GT and endurance racing





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ROUND 2 RECAP

ALDO SCRIBANTE TESTS TEAMS WITH SHIFTING CONDITIONS AND NONSTOP PRESSURE

The Southern African Endurance Series delivered a demanding and unpredictable second round at the Five Hours of Aldo Scribante, where changing conditions, strategy, and sustained pressure defined the race across the full five-hour distance.

At the front, the fight never fully settled. As the race moved into its final stages, shifting weather conditions brought rain into play, forcing teams onto wet tyres and tightening the gap between the leaders, with the battle between the front-running teams keeping the result open deep into the final hour.

In the end, Rico Barlow Racing emerged on top. Charl Michael Visser, Weylin Volschenk, and Barend Pretorius guided the Nova Proto NP02 to victory after completing 288 laps, securing the win by a margin of five laps.

Stradale Motorsport (Charl Arangies, Bradley Liebenberg, Arnold Neveling) delivered a strong performance to finish second in their Porsche GT3 R (991.2), while G&H Motorsport (Gianni and Ricardo Giannoccaro) completed the podium in their Audi R8 GT3.

MJR Motorsport brought their Porsche 911 GT3 R (Gen2) home in fourth, with Korridas Racing finishing fifth overall and claiming Class C honours in their Volkswagen Polo after a consistent run.

The race also brought notable retirements, including Into Africa Racing's Lamborghini Huracan GT3 Evo, underscoring endurance racing's unforgiving nature.

A standout story across the weekend came from Scuderia Scribante, who made their first appearance at the 2026 SAES season at their home circuit. Aldo Scribante led the team to victory in the Sports & GT race, delivering a composed and measured drive in front of a home crowd, while the team also secured the 1-Hour Dash win by Michael Stephen.

In the GT Cup, Charl Arangies (Oh Hi) won in his 997 Gen 2 Porsche, with Mohsin Mia finishing second overall and newcomer Ian Howell in third.



The Volkswagen Motorsport South Africa Rookie Cup again produced close racing. Luke Hill took the overall win in his Steelform-backed Polo Vivo GT, with Sebastian Dias and Keyaan Dwomoh running within seconds of each other throughout. The tight field underlined the category's strength as a development platform. A highlight from the Volkswagen team was their rapid rebuild of a car in just 1.5 hours after an OnTrack rollover incident.

On two wheels, the MRSSA Motorcycle Championship brought high intensity across its classes. In the Superbike category, Dino Iozzo secured victory after a closely fought race with Adolf Boshoff, while Graeme van Breda completed the podium.

In the Supersport (600cc) field, Troy Harvey Tonking controlled the race out front, with Ruan van Zyl and Aston Nesbitt rounding out the top three.

The Production Cup (PC) saw a tight contest between Ryan Futter and Siya Tshabalala, with Leon Horn completing the podium, while in the Sub 500cc class, Dylan Grobler edged out Lungisile Tom in a direct, head-to-head battle.

Across all categories, MRSSA added depth and energy to the programme, with each class bringing its own dynamic to the circuit.

The championship now moves forward with momentum building as teams and fans look ahead to the next round at Killarney (31 July – 1 August)

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THE ART OF ENDURANCE

WHY DRIVERS CHOOSE ENDURANCE RACING



Endurance racing gives drivers something sprint racing cannot always offer: more meaningful time behind the wheel.

With races running for several hours, competitors have the chance to settle into a rhythm, manage changing conditions and build experience over a much longer distance. It is not only about producing one quick lap. Drivers need to stay consistent, make smart decisions in traffic and protect the car while still maintaining competitive pace.

The format also turns racing into a true team effort. Drivers share the car, while engineers, mechanics and crew members all contribute to the result through strategy, preparation, pit stops and communication. Every part of the team matters, and one strong performance depends on everyone doing their job well.

For many competitors, endurance racing also offers better value from a race weekend. Shared driving duties can help divide costs between drivers, while the longer format gives each entrant more seat time and more racing for their investment.

SAES makes the discipline accessible to a broad range of competitors through multiple classes for different types of cars, from production-based machinery to sports racing cars and GT vehicles. There is also the 1-Hour Dash and the Sprint & Dash (for VW Supa Cup cars) that is debuting at Killarney for those looking for a shorter introduction to the format.

For drivers who want more track time, stronger team involvement and a deeper test of racecraft, endurance racing offers a challenge that goes far beyond outright speed.



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WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT: DRIVING CHANGE AND BREAKING BARRIERS

For decades, motorsport has been perceived as a male-dominated arena, but women around the world are proving that talent, determination, and passion know no gender. From the pit lane to the podium, women are reshaping the landscape of racing and inspiring a new generation to pursue their dreams in motorsport.

The beauty of motorsport lies in its inclusivity. Unlike many other sports, success is not determined by physical size or strength alone. Racing rewards skill, precision, mental resilience, teamwork, and the ability to perform under pressure—qualities that transcend gender boundaries.

Today, women are making their mark across every aspect of the industry. Female drivers are competing in endurance racing, single-seaters, karting, rally, and touring car championships. Beyond the cockpit, women are excelling as engineers, mechanics, team managers, officials, media professionals, and event organisers, proving that there is a place for everyone in motorsport.

The rise of women in motorsport represents more than participation; it symbolises progress. Every young girl who sees a woman standing on the starting grid, leading a race team, or engineering a championship-winning car begins to believe that these opportunities are possible for her too. Representation matters, and visibility creates pathways for future generations.

However, the journey is far from complete. Continued support from governing bodies, teams, sponsors, and families is essential to ensure that barriers continue to fall and opportunities continue to grow. By investing in development programmes, mentorship initiatives, and inclusive pathways, the motorsport industry can nurture talent regardless of gender.

Women in motorsport are not asking for special treatment—they are earning their place through dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance.

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