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Local drag racing team at top of game

Local drag racing team, Porters Racing is in the midst of preparing for a 4000 kilometer return journey to Sydney to compete in round four of the prestigious Andra Championship Drag Racing Series.

Porters Racing Crew Chief Paul Porter said that the car's engine and transmission has already received a vital 'freshen up' to keep the car running in peak performance before round four of the series, to be held at Western Sydney International Dragway from February 15- 16.

"While there is more work still to be done to prepare the car for the meet, we are looking forward to traveling to Sydney to compete. This year marks our first full season in Group One Racing and the team is getting more comfortable with the car at each competition and looking forward to taking the car to the next level at this race meeting," Paul said.

Paul said that the team is excited to return to Sydney, where they recently enjoyed huge success in round three of the series held from December 8 - 9.

"After three qualifying runs on Saturday December 8, Team Driver Scott Porter qualified third with a time of 7.25 seconds at 300 kph over the quarter mile.

"Eliminations on Sunday December 9 were fraught with very hot & humid conditions making the track extremely difficult. That coupled with a freak hail storm that covered the entire facility with hail stones the size of golf balls, added to the changing conditions and difficulty of the track.

"After a short delay, eliminations got underway and Scott Porter won the first round against Melbourne racer Nick Xerakias with a time of 7.2 seconds. Scott then went to the semi final and defeated Sydney Ford racer Jason Grima with a time of 7.26 seconds.

"After which, the team entered their first final against renowned drag car engine builder John "The Rooster" Barbagallo. At half track it was an even race but Scott encountered transmission problems and Barbagallo took the win leaving Scott with the runner up trophy- an excellent effort," Paul said.

Paul added that the upcoming round is the fourth in a total of six rounds in the Andra Championship Drag Racing Series. Scott Porter and the Porters Racing team are currently ranked third in Australia in the series.

"We are extremely proud of our results in the past year of Group One racing. If we can maintain our position in the top three we feel we have a strong chance at being at the pointy end in the final round at the Winter Nationals in June 2008," Paul said.

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Paul said that Porters Racing 2007 Ford Mustang is one of Australia's top Pro Stock drag cars and is currently ranked third in Australia in the very competitive Pro Stock class.

"The 2007 Ford Mustang was built by renowned USA chassis builder Jerry Bickel and shipped to Australia at the end of 2006. The paint scheme was designed by US graphic designer Greg Ozubko of G.O.S. Motorsport Graphics.

"Importantly, the naturally aspirated 400 cubic inch engine was built by fellow racer John Barbagallo and produces over 1000 horsepower," Paul said.

Paul said that the success of the Mustang can not only be attributed to the outstanding features of the vehicle, but also the dedication and passion of the whole Porters Racing team.

Porters Racing team includes Paul Porter (Crew Chief), Scott Porter (driver), Paul Anderson, Darren Fry, Curly Fadden, Craig Prescott, Drew Prescott (mechanics & logistics).

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