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JUNIPER PORSCHE ON THE PACE AT INDY

Shaun Juniper achieved his best-ever Carrera Cup result, driving the Juniper Racing Porsche to 15th place overall in round seven of the championship at Indy on the Gold Coast.

Racing at Surfers Paradise for the first time, the 36 year-old quickly came to grips with the testing street circuit and kept pace with his more experienced rivals during practice and qualifying.

Starting from 20th on the grid, Juniper drove exceptionally well and moved up seven places in the field to finish 13th in race one. However, a minor infringement on the number 8 car saw the team penalised by 30 seconds which pushed their placing back to 18th.

In race two, the Carrera Cup newcomer made up five positions to come from 18th and finish in 13th place.

In an eventful final race, the Juniper Racing Porsche was hit on the first corner of lap one which caused damage to the left rear wheel and steering alignment. Despite battling a slowly deflating tyre, Shaun Juniper improved his standing by several places, only to be hit in the rear end by David Wall in the Glenfords car which sent both entries into a spin. It took some time to re-enter the race, but Juniper still managed to finish 14th.

"It was fantastic to race on a track that's right next to the beach. Surfers Paradise is an awesome circuit and you couldn't ask for a better setting for a motor race," Shaun Juniper said.

Phillip Island will host the final round of the 2006 Carrera Cup Championship in early December.

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