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Juniper Wins First Ever Pilatus Challenge

Shaun Juniper (Juniper) was hopeful of doing well coming into the first round of Carrera Cup Australia's 2008 season at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide – this exceeds his expectations.

After a sensational round of racing Juniper has claimed his maiden Pilatus Challenge round win (which is for non professional drivers over the age of 30), with Peter Hill (Boost/Globe) second and Marc Cini (Hallmarc) – with his highest ever Pilatus Challenge finish - in third.

Juniper came into the round with lofty Pilatus Challenge ambitions after much work in the off-season, but with a strong field he knew it would be difficult at the first round at Adelaide.

But after finishing 14th twice and 11th over the course of the three races, Juniper claimed his first Pilatus Challenge trophy.

Hill looked in the box seat for the win after a 12th and 10th finish in the first two races, but a spin in Race Three relegated him to 17th, which enabled Juniper to snatch the victory by six points.

Cini limped to 15th in Race One after a crash with Theo Koundouris (Supabarn Supermarkets), but another 15th and a 14th saw him to third.

The final race was an entertaining affair for the Pilatus Challenge drivers, with the entire field in the action.

Juniper, Cini, Max Twigg (Truloc) and Theo Koundouris (Supabarn Supermarkets) battled each other all race, while Peter Hill and James Koundouris were able to keep Iain Sherrin (Sherrin Equipment)

Juniper was understandably ecstatic with the result.

“The third race was a really good race, with plenty of action for us,” he said.

“I got a good start and passed a few guys and the car was firing.

“It’s the perfect start to the season – the car will go like a rocket ship this year!”

Hill was disappointed with his final race, but thrilled with the weekend overall.

“I got a good start off the line and was going well until I tried to make up some ground at the hairpin and that was enough to spin,” he said.

“It was a bit of a bummer but I learnt something and for me that’s what it is all about.”

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