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Porsche Blow Out in Green Hell

The Juniper Racing Team were unceremoniously taken out of the Nürburgring 24 hour endurance race on Saturday 24th May 2008, when the engine of their 2007 Porsche 911 GT3 RSR (type 997) blew up in the 10th hour of the gruelling 24 hour race.

Shaun Juniper, joint managing director of Juniper Development Group, said he and fellow drivers Boris Said, Max Twigg and Warren Luff had successfully qualified 19th out of 280 cars to compete on the 20.8 kilometre 'Green Hell' Northern Loop, and the 4.5 kilometre Grand Prix Circuit, at the demanding Nürburgring 24 held in Germany last weekend.

"Warren was driving and we were 9th position at the time when the engine blew up in the 10th hour. The team had a best result of 6th overall and our best lap time was 9:01.882 which was great. Obviously the team were very disappointed we couldn't finish the race. The engine blowing came as a complete surprise as it was a newly rebuilt engine by Porsche Weissach, Germany. It wasn't anyone's fault, just a mechanical problem and unfortunately that's the nature of motorsports," said Shaun.

Nürburgring hasn't seen the last of the Juniper Racing Team, Shaun plans to return in 2009, but for now he has his eyes on the next prize, Total 24 Hours of SPA in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium. In late July 2008 the Juniper Racing Team will run the gauntlet of the SPA course in Shaun's new 2008 911 GT3 RSR (type 997)

Closer to home Shaun will return to the track in his Porsche 997 Carrera Cup Car from the 6th - 9th of June for round five of the Porsche Carrera Cup Australia at Sandown 400, Melbourne.

The Juniper Racing Team also competes in the Dubai and Sepang, Malaysia endurance races. In January 2008 Juniper Racing came third in their class and fourth overall in the 24 hour in Dubai. They also competed in the 12 hour Merdeka Millennium endurance race held in Sepang Malaysia in August 2007 where they finished second in their class and sixth overall. The team will once again compete in the Merdeka Millennium to be held in August 2008.

The latest project for the Juniper Development Group is 'Soul' at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. The \$850 million, 77 level residential tower is believed to be the largest, private single-tower construction project ever awarded in Australia.

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