

SUPERCHEAP AUTO BATHURST 1000

Mount Panorama, Bathurst, New South Wales, October 9 - 12

EVENT SUMMARY

Thursday: Practice
 Friday: Practice Qualifying
 Saturday: Practice Top 10 shootout
 Sunday: Race 161 laps

CIRCUIT SUMMARY

Length: 6.213km
 Direction: Anti clockwise
 2007 winners: J. Whincup & C. Lowndes

KELLY TO THROW EVERYTHING HE HAS AT BATHURST 1000 GLORY



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Riek Kelly

HSV Dealer Team's Rick Kelly has put the quest to win the 2008 V8 Supercar Championship to one side to throw everything he has at winning the Bathurst 1000 jewel this weekend.

Kelly has tasted a Bathurst 1000 victory, he won back to back titles in 2003 and 2004 with Greg Murphy and with same support crew that he

has behind him now. "The team I am with knows all about Bathurst success" Kelly said

"We are definitely aware of what it takes to win and I know we can translate that confidence onto the track."

The HSV Dealer Team have previously conquered



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Bathurst and won back to back V8 Supercar Championships in 2006 and 2007. Kelly thinks it is a long shot for him to win the Championship this year but would love to add another Bathurst trophy to his cabinet.

"It is going to be a long shot for us to win the Championship now. The only thing we are focused on right now is qualifying that car up the front and winning that race" said Kelly.

Paul Dumbrell lined up on the start line for his first go at the Bathurst 1000 in 1999 and makes his tenth start this year.

"On a personal level I have performed quite well at Bathurst over my career and as this will be my tenth start at Bathurst this year I am really looking forward to it" said Dumbrell.

David Reynolds suits up next to Dumbrell again and after a tough start to the 'Season of Endurance' at Phillip Island in September is looking for a solid finish in the 1000km race.

"I am pretty comfortable with the #16 car and the whole team around me, so I am as ready as I will ever be" said Reynolds.

The #16 Autobarn Commodore showed some promising speed at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit. After a rough qualifying session Dumbrell started in last place on the grid before the pair were able to haul the car back to an almost top ten position before suffering engine dramas.

"We should take something out of getting close to the top ten ahead of Bathurst" Reynolds said.

"If we can qualify the car well we should end up with a good result"

Dumbrell was equally as confident about the upcoming event.

"David did a great job down at Phillip Island, after we didn't quite have the qualifying times we needed for the main race. We came from 28th on the grid to be knocking on the door

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of the top ten by half race distance.

“Dave now has a few race miles under his belt and I think the cars will be very strong at Bathurst” Dumbrell said.

HSVDT’s Team Manager Erik Pender is also confident the team has done the necessary work between the L&H 500 and Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 to be able to contest for its first Round win of the season.

“HSV Dealer Team and Autobarn Racing Team are heading to Bathurst with quiet confidence” said Pender before heading off to Bathurst.

“Phillip Island’s results masked the true potential of both the car 15 and car 16 combinations.

“The team knows what it takes to perform and win at Bathurst and we have been steadily putting that plan into place. Last years brake dramas are in the past and we look forward to upsetting our more fancied rivals” Pender said.

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With Kelly’s Race 1 win at Phillip Island he too is certain that he and team-mate Paul Radisich can put in a good result at Bathurst.

“As far as outright wins goes it has been tough for us but getting that win at Phillip Island was a good boost for the team before heading into the most important race of the year.

“Our motivation is at a high at the moment

and it has come at the right time.”

With Kelly’s main Bathurst rivals also fighting out for the Championship, Kelly is more determined to do whatever it takes to win the prestigious race.

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“Nothing is going to get in the way of that!”

Kelly’s team-mate has had a busy couple of weeks since the Phillip Island Round. Radisich will head to Bathurst this week fresh from a win at the first round of the New Zealand V8 Championship at Taupo last weekend.

With a few more V8 race miles under his belt Radisich will be ready to go when he steps into the #15 Commodore with Kelly this weekend.

David Reynolds will also have the chance to earn a few more Bathurst race miles. After a disappointing debut at Bathurst last year when he failed to step into the drivers seat come race day after the car he was partnering with Cameron McConville suffered engine dramas on the warm up lap.

Reynolds has a chance for further race laps when he suits up in his Fujitsu Series car for Round 6 of the Championship. He currently sits in second position on the points table.

The Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 kicks off this Thursday with the 1000km race on Sunday.

KELLY SAYS



Bathurst is the biggest race of the year and I am looking forward to heading up there and getting out on the track. Last round at

Phillip Island didn’t bring home a fantastic result but it gives us confidence for this round. In the rounds leading up to the L&H 500 we struggled to find outright pace and we really turned the corner at Phillip Island. I feel we had a car strong enough to win the race and Paul Radisich did an outstanding job. As far as outright wins goes it has been a tough season and at the moment I think we have ticked all the boxes and we have what it takes to win this year!

DUMBRELL SAYS



I am as ready as I am ever going to be for Bathurst! It is like the Grand Final of V8 Supercars and motorsport in Australia. Down at HSV Autobarn we have spent all year preparing for this race. At the end of the day we just have to make sure we are still on the merry go round at the end. I would love to come away from Bathurst with a podium and I think we are very capable of pushing for a win. The team has done it before so the ingredients is there. I have finished fifth twice and both times I could have been in contention for a podium with 30 or so laps to go. I am more prepared that I have ever been!



TRACK FACTS



In order to stay informed about all the action at the track this weekend tune into the HSV Dealer Team website at www.hsvdt.com.au

PHILLIP ISLAND

The 'Season of Endurance' kicked off at Phillip Island last month with the L&H 500.

A new format was trialed which saw HSVDT's Rick Kelly take out his first race win of the season. Kelly and Radisich just missed out on a pole position, Radisich picking up enough points to put the #15 Commodore on second place on the grid.

In the #16 Autobarn Commodore Dumbrell and Reynolds battled through tough qualifying and race sessions leaving them to start from the back of the grid. Some early pace enabled the two to push for a top ten position. Engine dramas put them out of the race a few laps before Dumbrell was due to get back in the car. Kelly and Radisich took a gamble with the wet weather causing them to fall a lap down. An impressive drive by Kelly helped them to finish in seventh position.

2008 V8 SUPERCAR CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Garth Tander	TOLL HRT	2096
2. Mark Winterbottom	FPR	2043
3. Jamie Whincup	TEAM VODAFONE	2016
4. Rick Kelly	HSV DEALER TEAM	1702
5. Will Davison	JIM BEAM RACING	1661
6. Craig Lowndes	TEAM VODAFONE	1623
7. Steven Richards	FPR	1594
8. James Courtney	JELD-WEN M'SPORT	1544
9. Lee Holdsworth	GARRY ROGERS M'SPORT	1399
10. Russell Ingall	SUPERCHEAP AUTO R'ING	1362
21. Paul Dumbrell	HSV DEALER TEAM	866

