



## Junior Racing Development Takes Out Race 2 at Bathurst 12 Hour

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Junior Racing Development has taken the win and fourth place in one of the toughest Formula Vee races held at Mt Panorama.

Starting on P2 Ryan Simpson (FORCE TOOLS / Parramatta Smash Repairs Sabre 02) after the grid did a very slow warm up lap found himself with a fouled plug. When the lights were extinguished he was quickly dropped back to 9<sup>th</sup>, however by lap end he had fought his way back onto the leading group. Meanwhile James Simpson (FORCE TOOLS / National Lube Sabre 02) was clawing his way towards the front, taking the lead on lap 3. On the same lap Ryan was sent skyward on the front straight after a touch of wheels leaving all the JRD team on pit wall agape as he gathered it all up, losing very little time and then driving back to lead the race a lap later!

After 6 laps, JRD had two cars in the top four. Ryan had made a one second break leaving James to fight it out for second with Reynolds (Sabre 02) and Porter (Checkmate). At the Chase Porter made a big dive down the inside with Reynolds leaving little room and James making a run on the outside. At the final turn Porter squeaked through to take second followed by Reynolds and James

A pretty pleased Ryan Simpson commented, *"What an intense race, all the guys were right on it out there. The start was no good for me but I caught up pretty quickly and then it was a matter of managing my race to ensure I was in a position to take the lead on the final lap so it all worked pretty well"*

James Simpson was also happy with his drive saying *"I am much happier with that drive than yesterdays. Once I cleared Stubbs I knew I had the pace to lead so I set about keeping it clean although the car was a little loose early on in the race .*

The team is now busy prepping the JRD FORCE TOOLS Sabre 02's for Race 3 at 3:15pm this afternoon.

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