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VW Polo Cup

Champion Young Drivers eager for Kyalami action

Champion Young Drivers Devin Robertson and Gennaro Bonafede go to Kyalami this weekend for the second round of the 2009 Engen Volkswagen Cup in first and 13th places respectively in the points standings.

Robertson, at 16 the youngest driver in the VW Cup, was the driver of the day in Port Elizabeth in his Champion spark plugs Polo, finishing second in race one, winning race two and recording fastest lap in each race.

Bonafede, 17, a contender for last year's title until the final round at Killarney in Cape Town, had a frustrating weekend after his Champion spark plugs Polo developed a mysterious engine management problem in qualifying, which prevented him from starting the first race. He only just made the grid for race two and, starting from the back of the field, came from 21st to a remarkable 10th at the finish in a car that was not on the pace.

The Champion Young Driver team-mates, both past VW Cup rookie of the year winners (Bonafede in 2007 and Robertson in 2008) are a formidable team in the hotly contested VW Cup and, barring unusual problems like Bonafede experienced in Port Elizabeth three weeks ago, are likely to once again be at the sharp end of the closely-bunched VW Cup field at Kyalami.

"Gennaro and Devin epitomise the concept of the global Champion Young Drivers programme," said Ronnie Erasmus, motor sport manager of Federal Mogul.

"They are both talented young drivers – two of the youngest in a field of aspirant motor racing champions – and we are very pleased to be able to assist them in their development. While Devin could not have got off to a better start in Port Elizabeth, Gennaro was most unfortunate. We have thoroughly checked and prepared both cars and are looking forward to a less troublesome outing this weekend than we had at Aldo Scribante."

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