**All equal in SupaCup**

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| * Fourie, Kruger share honours again * Mogotsi, Rowe in third and fourth * Nick Davidson’s Master five from five |

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**Kariega, 7 August 2022 –** **SupaCup racing championship rivals Leyton Fourie and Jeffrey Kruger continued their epic duel for title glory with a race win and a fastest lap apiece at an epic East London Extreme Festival fifth round on Sunday. Only Fourie’s pole position bonus point differentiated the duo after yet another weekend of shard success between them.**

It was a tight tussle throughout qualifying for the top slot eventually taken by rookie Fourie’s Express Hire car in the all-Volkswagen SupaPolo field, by a mere 0.124 seconds from Universal Team Red driver Kruger. Jonathan Mogotsi impressed in third on his second race back on his Sonax Polo, a further 0.25 seconds adrift.

Perfect Circle former Volkswagen GTC duo Keagan Masters VW Polo and the returning Daniel Rowe, and rookie Arnold Neveling’s Stradale Polo were next up. Nathan Hammond’s Trinity Protection Polo was seventh on the grid from Danie van Niekerk.

The results show an unchallenged run from lights to flag for Fourie, but Leyton had to work hard to win the race with Kruger always pressing the point as he initially held Mogotsi, Masters and Neveling off. Masters found a way past Mogotsi and the order then remained unchanged from there to the finish. That, despite Neveling’s best efforts to make up a place.

Rowe’s sixth saw him take reverse race 2 pole position, while van Niekerk edged JP Van Der Walt for seventh with brothers Damian and Nathan Hammond next up. Cape-based Scotsman Paul Luthi edged Gqeberha driver Nick Davidson’s Stu Davidson entry for Masters honours.

Rowe made the most of things to get out in front ahead of Mogotsi, Kruger, Van Niekerk and Fourie from the start of race 2. That’s how it stayed until lap 5, when Kruger passed Rowe, and Fourie’s hard charge paid dividends seeing him up to third in what soon became a fraught six-way spat.

Fourie kept piling on the pressure and on lap seven got past Rowe to take over second place with Mogotsi passing Rowe on the next lap to set up the final order of Kruger, Fourie, Mogotsi, Rowe and van Niekerk. Van der Walt, Nathan and Damian Hammond were next up from a troubled Neveling, while Masters was rendered an early casualty. Davidson meanwhile got one back on Luthi in Masters.

So, Kruger took the day from Fourie on time, but Fourie eked a single point out if his pole position to open his championship advantage up to a scant seven points. Comeback kids Mogotsi ended third for the day from Rowe, followed by van Niekerk, van der Walt, Damian Hammond, Neveling and Nathan Hammond. And Davidson edged Luthi for his fifth Masters overall win out of five.

Now it’s on to Killarney in Cape Town for the penultimate round six of the gripping Fourie versus Kruger SupaCup title chase on 17 September. Bring it on.

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