**FORMULA 1600 RARING TO RACE AT KYALAMI**

*Out of town heroes lead the way to Inveschem’s big race*

Investchem Formula 1600 heads to the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit for the biggest race of its year at the blockbuster double National and Regional Extreme Festival 11-13 April.

There’s much at stake at the present category’s final race at the home of South African motorsport before the big switch from today’s Mygale SJs to the all-new VW turbo-litre powered MSA4 from next year. Out of town drivers lead the title chase to Jozi and there’s also the possibility of setting a forever Kyalami Investchem Formula 1600 lap record too.

Cape Town lad Jason Coetzee and his Mint Wrapworks entry, and Durban Production X driver Shrien Naidoo arrive at Kyalami on top of the 2024 Investchem Formula 1600 championship table. Naidoo took a memorable maiden win in the first race at Killarney before Coetzee took the second heat win in Cape Town last time out. They will however have their work cut out against the Vaalies up at Kyalami.

Veteran Nicholas van Weely’s Magnificent Paints & Hardware entry and young charger, KC Ensor Smith’s African Heating version will be out to prove a point on home ground. Another local, Polo Cup refugee and Formula 1600 rookie, Liqui Moly lad Jagger Robertson caused a flutter by putting it on pole at Killarney before an effective debut outing there. He’s also out to prove a point this weekend.

DV Building Supplies pilot Alex Vos, Investchem driver Siyabonga Mankonkwana and Karabo Malemela in his KMFT Morita car are all keen to put a forgettable first round behind them. The returning Ewan Holtzhausen’s Bee Tee car and Cape Mantellis lad Storm Lanfear’s will be after another step forward. And it’s a big day for rookies, Renzo Ribeiro’s Metal Used entry and NBR lad Mikel Bezuidenhout.

The Formula Ford Kents once again join the Formula 1600 grid at Kyalami. Ian Schofield is chasing a clean weekend after win and bust Killarney in his Investchem Mygale. He has Duncan Vos’ DV Building Supplies Swift looking to beat him again. Ian’s teammates, Rick Morris, and Allen Meyer are back alongside Ron van Weely in his Magnificent Paints and Hardware van Diemen, and Graham Hepburn’s Qualipak JHB Van Diemen returns.

Investchem Formula 1600 practices on Thursday, qualifies Friday and races twice at 07h30, and again at 12h25 on Saturday. It’s all part of the epic dawn to dusk blockbuster double header National and Regional Extreme Festival. See you at Kyalami!