

From V8s to bikes, the Big Z has it all

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The Spanjaard Lubrications Pro-Tour Race Day at Zwartkops Raceway on Saturday can be expected to produce a huge spectacle of top-quality racing.

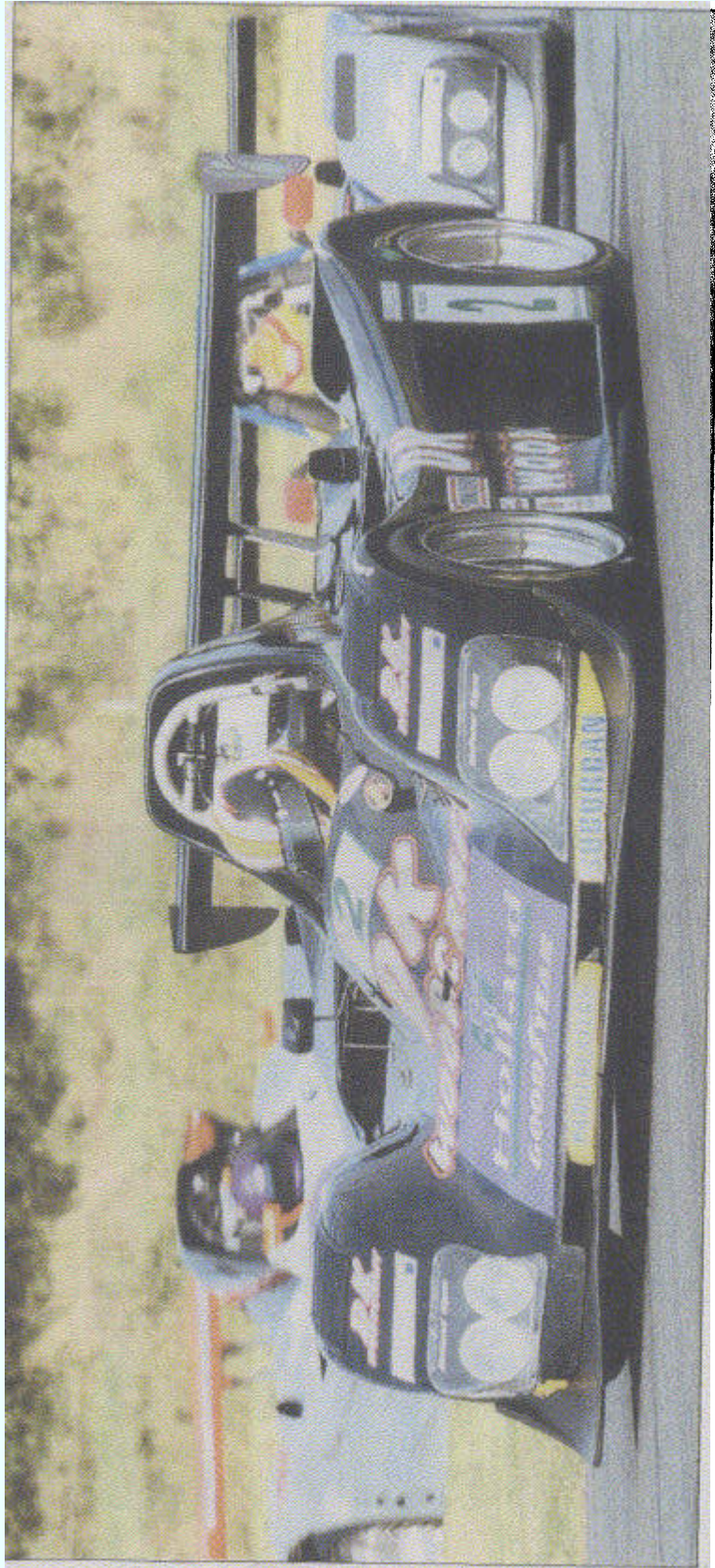
The Pro-Tour is South Africa's second tier of motorsport behind the WesBank Super Series and features national championships for categories including the Shelby CanAms, Formula Fords and Kawasaki ZX10 Masters series.

With the Altech Challenge, the might of SA's fastest Porsche and Ferrari supercars will test man and machine to the limit. Drivers to watch in this class include Vernon Bricknell in his awesome Porsche 993 GT2R and Toby Venter in his 997 GT3 Cup car. Andrea Taurino, in his F360 Challenge, will be hoping to keep the Ferrari flag flying high.

The ever-spectacular Holland Shelby CanAms, with their screaming Nissan V6 engines, will test the drivers' skills and courage on the newly resurfaced Zwartkops circuit. Former champion Neil Lobb leads the table from his son Darryn, while just one point behind is Donovan Roscoe.

The saloon-car brigade will also be out in force with a massive entry for the Goldwagen VW Challenge, with the drivers inevitably over-exhilarating themselves in their excitement.

The big saloon entertainment



ACTION: Neil Lobb heads a full field of Holland Shelby CanAm drivers competing in the Pro-Tour championship meeting at Zwartkops Raceway on Saturday.

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should come from the home-brewed Super Saloon category, where the giant Chev V8s of Willy Hepburn, Larry Wilford and Corne Uys will burn up the track to stay ahead of Anton Brits' screaming Mazda MX6 rotary.

Single-seaters will also come to the fore with the National Formula Ford title up for grabs, while the Formula Vee category can also be

complete without the superbikes. Zwartkops has attracted a full field of Altech Kawasaki ZX10 national challenge racers. Greg Dreyer heads the entry list but he will be challenged by Gavin Lightfoot and Gavin van Heerden, among others. In addition, the local Thunderbike brigade will be out in full force.

Circuit owner Peter du Toit is hoping that Porsche stalwart An-

dre Bezuidenhout will provide spectators with a sub-60 second demonstration lap in his newly acquired Dallara Formula One car. Racing starts at 10am. Adults pay R40 entry fee, students R20 and children under 12 are admitted free of charge.

For more information, visit the website at www.zwartkops.co.za or call 012 374 5802.