



# Race Report

SR1 Cup | Snetterton

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## De Sadeleer clinches SR1 Cup title

Two more podium finishes at Snetterton were enough to crown Jerome De Sadeleer the 2017 Radical SR1 Cup Champion.

Starting from the second row of the grid, De Sadeleer's car - run by Silverstone-based 360 Racing - was quickly into second place and part of a four-car break by the end of the opening lap.

But a guesting Kristian Jeffrey in one of the new spec cars began to ease clear to a comfortable win, leaving De Sadeleer an equally clear second, crowning him Champion with one race to go. "I was quick enough on the straights but just couldn't

hold the gap and I didn't want to risk too much on the title," he said.

In the second race he was hard on the heels of Jeffrey for second, as James Pinkerton got away. Exiting Williams onto the Bentley Straight for the second time, Jeffrey ran wide and De Sadeleer was through in to second.

Consolidating second was to prove difficult, however, and Jeffrey continued to press to retake the place, before going into Brundle side by side on lap nine. "He got ahead and then I retook him, but my car was getting very twitchy as the front tyres had gone," De Sadeleer explained.

Jeffrey attacked again but spun at Brundle and left the newly crowned champion finally clear for second place.

In the Radical Challenge Mark Richards was delighted to have qualified eighth for the first of the weekend's races. "It was frustrating though as I was fourth, then got held up and outbraked myself on my last quick lap," he said.

"It wasn't a good first lap for me though, I had the inside line into the Wilson Hairpin and lost places, getting squeezed out at Palmer," he added.

He climbed back to 11th and was poised to challenge further until a spin at Murrays at the end of lap two. "I went off to avoid a spinner, but kept the power on the grass and spun myself," he admitted.

A good recovery drive made a top 10 finish still a possibility, and after demoting Spencer Bourne for 11th on lap eight, he started to close on 10th-placed Kristian Jeffrey. "I should have got him, but when I had the chance I was in the wrong gear," he said after settling in 11th.

It was a much better start in race two and on lap two he dived inside Dominik Jackson at Wilson to exit in fourth place.

But Jackson proved equally determined and a race-long duel began, with numerous exchanges.

"At the Hairpins and Williams, Dominik had been on the brakes, then I was ahead as we started the penultimate lap, but he got me into Agostini's," he explained after taking a well-deserved fourth.

With the car greatly improved, Richards' hopes were higher for another good finish in the 40 minute finale. But disaster struck on the opening lap. "Going into the Wilson Hairpin I was hit up the back, it spun me and initially the car wouldn't restart," he said.

From 20th place at the end of lap two, he had already climbed six places when the pitstop window opened. "It was an enjoyable fightback, but I got behind Stuart Maloney and just couldn't get by until he spun," he added.

Having taken 11th from Brian Murphy through Williams, time was running out and at the flag he was still 10 secs short of a top 10 finish.



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