



A SLICE OF CROSS COUNTRY RACING HISTORY AT RFS 450

A slice of racing history will be made at the opening round of the Donaldson Cross Country Championship, the RFS 450, in Harrismith on February 28 and March 1.

The new Side by Side category will make its official debut and rounds of the Northern Region and KwaZulu-Natal regional championships will also be run in conjunction with the national race. Northern Region and KZN regional events have previously been held in conjunction with national races, but never at the same time.

The Side by Side category is aimed at bringing new competitors into cross country racing, and will act as a feeder for classes in the premier Production and Special Vehicle categories. Only the Polaris RZR and Can Am Maverick have been approved for Side by Side racing, and competitors will complete the qualifying race and one of the two 175 kilometre loops that make up the RFS 450.

Side by Side, a national championship class, will also compete independently of the premier categories, and will start after the Production and Special vehicle classes. The regional competitors will also complete one loop of the route.

At this stage the Side by Side teams are something of an unknown quantity. Best known in the Regent Racing entry is Brian Capper, paired with Petrus Swart in a Polaris, and Gareth Woolridge who will share another Polaris with Simon Harrison.

It will be round one of the KZN championship and round two of the Northern Region championship which kicked off earlier this month with the Lichtenburg 200. In the Special Vehicle categories all the Class A entries are from KZN competitors, while there is a good spread of KZN and Northern Regions competitors in Class B, with Class P dominated by Northern Region crews.

All the Class D and E entries in the Production Vehicle category are from Northern Region competitors.

Race headquarters, the start/finish and the designated service park for the RFS 450 will be located at the La La Nathi resort on the outskirts of Harrismith. Public entry to these areas and spectator points along the route is free of charge.

The qualifying race to determine grid positions will start at 11:30 on Friday, February 28 and the race at 08:30 on Saturday, March 1.

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