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RACE OVERVIEW

3 car entry

- 1. Johan van Staden and Mike Lawrenson**
- 2. Luke Botha and André Vermeulen**
- 3. Terence Marsh and Derek Watts**

Qualifying race: 122km

Day 2: 472km

Day 3: 392km

Entries: 43

Terrain: Sand and more sand

...extremely rough with plenty of trees

Weather: Moderate and dry

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JOHAN & MIKE

Johan & Mike had a **good qualifying race finishing 3rd overall.**

On day 2 they produced a blistering pace to **win Class T overall** for the day after reporting a good clean and calculated run.

On day 3 they were still leading with 30km to go to the designated service point when they experienced **technical problems** with their steering which dropped them back to **3rd place overall at the halfway mark.**

After the support crew changed the steering pump during their service stop they re-joined the race in pursuit of a podium finish but unfortunately 40km into the second loop they experienced power steering failure which **prematurely ended their event.**

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**LUKE
& ANDRÉ**

Luke & Andre also reported a clean and calculated run in qualifying finishing **6th overall**.

Day 2 turned out to be a really tough day as they incurred rear suspension damage early on, followed by a puncture on the second loop but they still somehow managed to hold onto their **6th place** at the end of the day.

On day 3 the guys bounced back to produce a great performance as they made their way through the field to finish **3rd overall for the event**.

This result was not only their first finish of the gruelling Botswana Desert 1000 but it was their **maiden podium** finish in the hotly contested Class T.

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TERENCE & DEREK

Terence & Derek had a good clean run during qualifying finishing **6th overall in the international FIA class.**

On day 2 they however experienced front diff failure with just 120km to go which put an end to their days play.....after a late night by the service crew the guys then fought back on day 3 to finish **4th overall** for the day in the FIA class.

Day 3 however also threw a late afternoon curve ball with the guys having to **complete the last 50km without power steering after a hydraulic failure.**

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IN SUMMARY

it was an extremely **TOUGH & DEMANDING** event and one that the guys regarded as one of the toughest events they had ever experienced but at the same time it was a **REWARDING** one for the team with us achieving a **win in Class T on day 2** and a **3rd overall for the event.**

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