

Race Report: Newton's IGSA World Championships Day 1, Part II

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Labarthe paces day one qualifying.

Andy Lally on his way to 2nd in Street Luge qualifying. Photo David Pang

Bathurst, Australia- Yvon Labarthe from Geneva, Switzerland set the fastest time in an intense first round qualifying duel between the fastest street luge racers on the planet. Labarthe set the fastest time of the day with a sensational 1:00.994 run. Andy Lally from Dacula, Georgia, USA currently sits in the number two position with a time of 1:01.629. Last years Mount Panorama winner Nick Duffield followed Lally closely with a time of 1:01.729. Will Stephenson from Worcester, England currently sits in the fourth position with a time of 1:02.132. Australian David Kelly rounded out the top five with a time of 1:03.666.

Yvon Labarthe had the field covered on day one. Photo Marcus Rietema

Many are describing this as the toughest and deepest Street Luge field in many years. Both current World Champion Matthias Lang from Stuttgart, Germany and 2002 IGSA World cup Series Champion Pete Eliot from London, England suffered heavy crashes exiting Forest's Elbow. Both were pushing very hard to catch Lally and Labarthe and drifted wide exiting the corner. Fortunately neither rider was seriously injured. Both will be working hard tonight to patch up their sleds for another run at the pole tomorrow.

Street Luge Qualifying

Pos
No
First Name
Surname
Nat
Run #1

1
37
Yvon
Labarthe
SUI
1:00.994

2
216
Andrew
Lally
USA
1:01.629

3

50
Nick
Duffield
AUS
1:01.729

4
10
William
Stephenson
GBR
1:02.132

5
52
David
Kelly
AUS
1:03.666

6
83
Isaac
King
AUS
1:03.757

7
61
David
Anderson
AUS
1:03.862

8
135
Phillip
Champion
AUS
1:04.217

9
198
Tyler
Johnson
AUS
1:04.431

10
5
Abdil
Mahdzan
MAS
1:04.524

11
172

Graham
Brittain
AUS
1:04.764

12
17
Damian
Andrey
SUI
1:04.840

13
123
Christopher
Hicks
USA
1:04.907

14
97
Bradley
Sterritt
AUS
1:05.240

15
237
Daniel
Newton
AUS
1:05.732

16
227
Darryl
Fellows
AUS
1:05.741

17
7
Chris
McBride
USA
1:06.363

18
91
Richard
Powers
AUS
1:06.603

19
76
Andrew

Scott
AUS
1:06.834

20
78
Craig
Mears
AUS
1:06.848

21
65
Lee
McLaren
AUS
1:06.969

22
100
Troy
Davidson
AUS
1:07.098

23
240
Andrew
Smith
AUS
1:07.326

24
66
Adam
Sparks
AUS
1:07.341

25
62
Rehn
Buchanan
AUS
1:07.413

26
63
Pat
Brennan
AUS
1:07.965

27
132
Damien
Sturgess

AUS
1:08.217

28
115
Simon
Godfrey
AUS
1:08.237

29
234
Justin
Chappe De Leonval
AUS
1:08.266

30
125
Lee
Murr
AUS
1:08.372

31
572
Dave
Miller
AUS
1:09.390

32
124
Adam
Higgs
AUS
1:09.551

33
130
Paul
Stewart
AUS
1:09.628

34
236
Tim
Gregory
AUS
1:10.384

35
146
Scotty
Wyman
AUS

1:12.604

36
231
Jack
Atkins
AUS
1:13.295

37
233
Katie
Champion (F)
AUS
1:14.780

38
230
Adrian
Alderson
AUS
1:15.261

39
239
Daniel
Rogers
AUS
1:15.515

40
112
Clayton
Gibblett
AUS
1:15.836

41
232
Brendan
Burke
AUS
1:25.585

42
84
Javier
Gonzalez
AUS
1:25.649

43
241
Hayden
Tyrrell
AUS
1:26.003

44
64
Claes
Meijer
SWE
1:28.806

45
213
Graeme
Pleming
AUS
1:28.982

46
12
Matthias
Lang
GER
1:29.662

47
2
Peter
Eliot
GBR
1:48.157

49
235
Sean
Cunningham
AUS
DNS

50
212
Shane
Madeley
AUS
DNS

48
238
Mickael
Reeve
AUS
DNS

51
58
Cameron (F)
Scott
AUS
DNS

