

DRAGON RACING

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UAE PROCAR RACING - ROUND 1

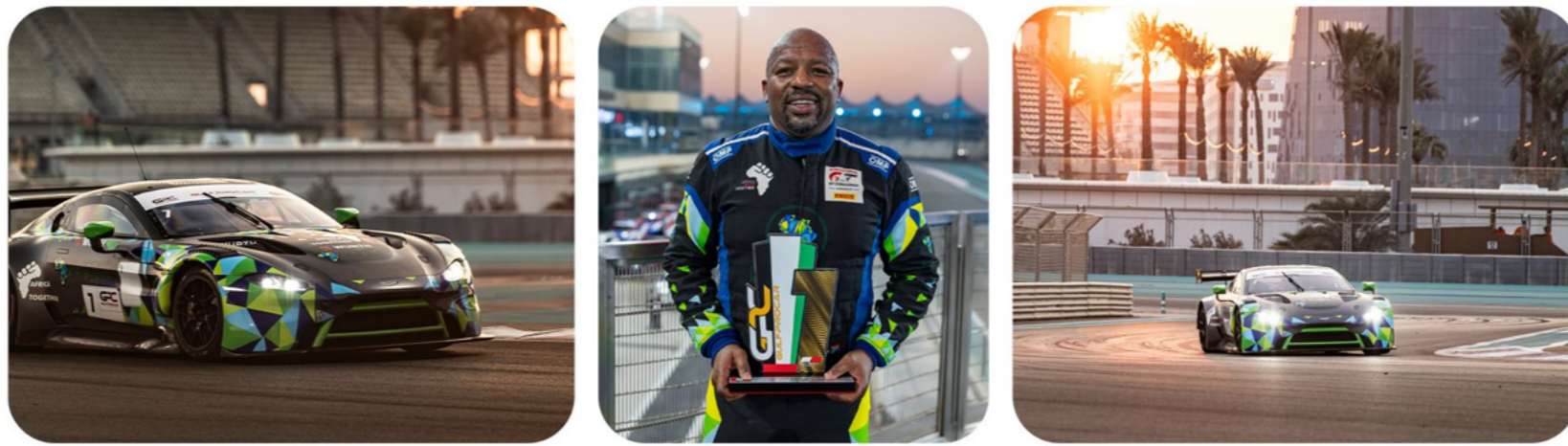
The 2025/26 Gulf ProCar season launched under the lights of the iconic Yas Marina Circuit, where teams and drivers from across the region came together to begin their winter racing campaign. A diverse and competitive grid set the tone for an exciting season ahead, with returning contenders, ambitious newcomers, and new teams joining the championship - including several series debutants and the first appearance of the Volkswagen Polo Cup cars in the Middle East.

Among the standout newcomers was Xolile Letlaka, who made an impressive debut with Dragon Racing in the #7 Aston Martin Vantage GT3, signalling a strong start to his winter programme.

As the sole Class 1 entry, Xolile maximised the weekend's extensive track time, showing immediate pace and confidence on one of the region's most demanding circuits. Despite occasional pressure from faster classes, he delivered a faultless performance:

- Fastest in all official sessions
- Maximum points scored
- Consistent, controlled pace all weekend

A strong and disciplined debut places Car #7 as the clear Class 1 leader heading into the next round.



UAE PROCAR RACING - ROUND 2

The 2025/26 Gulf ProCar season returned to the Dubai Autodrome for Round 2, where the Class 2 Challenge category delivered some of the closest and most competitive racing of the weekend. With Dragon Racing's quartet of drivers at the front of the field, the team showcased speed, consistency, and strong race craft from start to finish.



Jim Geddie set the tone early, demonstrating commanding pace and full control in the Ferrari 296 Challenge. Taking pole and converting it into back-to-back wins, his performance remained faultless throughout the weekend, reinforcing his position as the driver to beat in the Challenge class.

Joshua Price continued his upward momentum with a confident and well-managed pair of races. He remained firmly in contention throughout both heats, delivering clean battles and showing strong pace across every stint.

Khaled Boodai brought stability and maturity to the Dragon Racing lineup, delivering two disciplined drives. His consistency and composure under pressure played a key role in strengthening the team's overall Challenge class campaign.

Leon Price completed the squad's strong showing, matching the competitive pace across the Class 2 field and delivering one of his most controlled weekends of the season. His racecraft and sector strength contributed significantly to the team's presence at the front.

Across both races, the three Dragon Racing Ferrari 488 Challenge cars delivered exceptionally close and exciting racing, often running together on track and pushing one another forward as the battles unfolded.

With strong overall results and a dominant showing in Class 2, Dragon Racing leaves Dubai with momentum, confidence, and a clear statement of intent as the championship moves into its next chapter.



THE DRAGONERS CELEBRATE DIWALI

As Dragoners celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights, we are living with the symbols of these timeless values represented by the event, namely hope, harmony, and victory of light over darkness. This is an occasion that reminds us to take a moment, look back, and reaffirm our mission to think positively, get and stay healthy.



The Diwali spirit will become with us in the months to come, as we build up our collaboration to make our bond stronger and strive to create a better future for all.



A MCLAREN MEMORY RESURFACES

The advent of a number of new car auction houses has brought some interesting lots to an otherwise standard historical approach - recently a Broad Arrow auction in Zurich listed as the last lot a McLaren MP4 12 C Rolling chassis. This was of great interest as together with Martin Whitmarsh (then CEO of McLaren Group) Dragon commissioned building 6 x MP4-12C track cars (similar in approach to Ferrari Challenge cars) which were named Sprints.

Dragon still owns 2 x 12C Sprints and 3 x 650 Sprints and which were built by Dragon's current CEO Brad Fincham at McLaren GT in 2012 ...what a small world we live in ...

The story does not end here as Brad disclosed

The rolling chassis of the 12C was first introduced as a way to highlight the technical prowess of the first McLaren road cars since the Iconic F1 in the 1990's. With a Carbon monocoque, hydraulic suspension and a purpose built flat plane crank V8 twin turbo engine the 12C really was streets ahead of the rivals at the time the Ferrari 458 and Porsche 911 Turbo.

On the day of filming the teaser of the McLaren 12C for Top Gear I recall pushing said rolling chassis for a lap of the Dunsfold Top Gear track in the pouring rain so the film crew could take slow motion videos, and then cut between the rolling chassis and the actual car on circuit. Not only did this 2.8km lap take a very long time but it was also February 11th in 2011 and it was freezing cold. Much to our surprise when we saw the final TV Show this rolling chassis never actually featured in the show!

A few months later on 31st May 2011, and as the Lead engineer for all track testing I set off from MTC (McLaren HQ 45 mins drive from Dunsfold) in the press car and drove down to Dunsfold for the big show down, The Ferrari 458 vs. The McLaren 12C. On arrival at Dunsfold we were greeted with not 1 x 458 but actually 2 x 458's, One was for the road drive and the other was for the track test which was visibly much lower, louder and on Pirelli tyres with no dot markings and potential dressed with many challenge parts...

I had arrived in a standard press car on PZero Corsa tyres. After a quick briefing and catch up with the Stig between myself and Chief Test Driver Chris Goodwin, (Both the Stig & Chris actually raced for Dragon over the years) he set about his lap times in either car and completing ¼ mile drag races etc. My highlight of this day was meeting Mr Clarkson who appeared from the BBC Portacabin with a cigarette in one hand, mug of coffee in other, hurling abuse at the Ferrari Press Team who were dressed like the F1 Pit crew with matching red trousers and tops and wouldn't let the production crew park the 2 x 458s next to each other.

Needless to say the car that set the fastest lap, and won the drag race was driven back to MTC that evening, and we even stopped at our favourite pub on the way home to celebrate our day out.



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