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Rookie Gibson and Castrol off to winning start!

Matt Gibson has got off to the best possible start in his first ever official saloon car race, by winning and posting the quickest lap time in the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup Championship at Pukekohe on Saturday.

The 18 year old from Wanganui qualified a respectable 5th for the first race and got a flyer of a start to be in 3rd place by the first corner. Gibson kept it clean and was focused on staying with the front bunch to be in with a shot come the last lap. Crossing the line in third place Gibson was credited the win after Cody McMaster and William Bamber were handed a 5 second penalty for jumping the start.

A very excited Gibson said "I was a little disappointed to qualify in 5th after being so quick during Friday's practice sessions. The Castrol Swift is handling perfectly and a win in the first race was beyond my expectations. I made a mint start and would have been happy with third to be honest as I just wanted to get the first race nerves out of the way and post a solid result. Hopefully come Sundays races we can lead from the front and back up today's win with another couple of podium finishes."

The Suzuki Swift Sport Cup again proved to provide some of the closest racing of the day with very little separating the top drivers throughout the race. With the one make class, consistency will be the key to winning the championship and Gibson knows that. "Although race wins are great, i know that finishing well in each and every race is the key."

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