

RENAULT SPORT



Wilde podiums for Renault Sport at Rally Australia

The Swiss Renault Sport Rally Team have finished with a solid podium result at this weekend's Coates Hire Rally Australia in Coffs Harbour.

Renault driver Tom Wilde and co-driver Bill Hayes drove superbly all weekend to bring home their Clio R3 in third position overall.

The result marks the second consecutive overall podium for the young West Australian driver who continues to impress on the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship.

It was not the same story however for Renault teammates Scott Pedder and Dale Moscott who lost over seven minutes when they rolled their Clio R3 on the sixth stage of the rally, on Friday.

A strong fight back however saw Pedder move back into a top-5 overall classification and as a consolidation the Renault factory driver won Sunday's final heat.

Eli Evans clinched the East Coast Bullbars Australian Rally Championship with victory at Coffs Harbour.

With the fight for the Manufacturers' Championship still alive the Renault Sport Rally Team have their sights firmly set on the sixth and final round of the Australian Rally Championship - Rally Victoria, 15-16 November.

Renault Sport Rally Team driver Tom Wilde said:

"It's a great weekend for the Renault Sport Rally Team and a fantastic result to come home in third place. This weekend has been my best driving performance all season and we're right up there with the times of the top guys now which is a great feeling. The car ran faultlessly all weekend and I'm really looking forward to stepping things up again at Rally Victoria in November. I do like the roads in Victoria and I have had some good results down there in the past and for sure I want to be pushing for the win in the final round."

Renault Sport Rally Team driver Scott Pedder said:

"The first day was disappointing crashing whilst leading and we struggled through yesterday with some issues but won today and got some consolidation out of a pretty average weekend. To fight back into a top-5 result is a testament to the team and the strength of the Renault Clio R3, given some of the demanding stages this event threw at us. Overall a podium for Tom and Renault is a fantastic result and we kept the other competitors honest right until the end. There's still a chance for Renault to win the Manufacturers' Championship and that's very important for our team so we'll be fixing the car up and be giving it our all for the win in eight weeks time."

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Scott Pedder - Swisse Renault Sport Rally Team

* Not the desired result but a great fight back to fifth?

* Manufacturers' title still alive with one round remaining?

Tom Wilde - Swisse Renault Sport Rally Team

* Podium result is a great effort here?

* Will you be pushing for the win in Victoria?

ROUND 5 RESULTS - RALLY AUSTRALIA

1. Evans/Weston

2. Reeves/Smyth

3. Wilde/Hayes - Renault Clio R3

4. Pedder/Ryan

5. Pedder/Moscatt - Renault Clio R3

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