



Shannon Rentsch has begun his title defence on a high, finishing the first day of the Cobb & Co St George 399 on top after comfortably taking out both prologue and the first section.

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The nine-time BFGoodrich CAMS Australian Off Road champion was in incredible form as he finished seven seconds ahead of young gun Josh Howells in prologue.

Compared to last year, it was a significantly different top five as Beau Robinson and Greg Gartner enjoyed their debuts in the Queensland course by slotting into third and fourth respectively, while Glen Towers finished prologue in the top five.

Just over two tenths of second separated Mark Burrows and the highest placed ProLite driver in Jason Richards for sixth position - Michael Spokes finished prologue in seventh ahead of last year's runner-up Toby Whateley and 2018 Pro-Lite champion Alan Dixon.

It was a strong start from reigning champion Shannon Rentsch, who won both Prologue and the first section.

Once the racing got underway, Rentsch continued his dominant form and looked to build on his lead, before a brilliant performance from Robinson in the first half the section saw him fight his way into the top spot.

However, his well-deserved lead was short-lived when the Extreme 2WD driver sustained engine issues, forcing him out of the race and handing the lead back to Rentsch, who was faultless for the remainder of the day.

Rentsch claims opening day honours

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