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Touring Car Masters return the muscle to the streets

The Touring Car Masters are set to fire up on the streets of Adelaide once more, with guaranteed action and entertainment as the classic muscle and exotic race cars of the popular category celebrate their sixth season at the place where it all began, the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

In 2011, 31 masters took to the track for some of the most epic racing the category has seen since its inception in 2007. With two winners from three races, it was action across the pack as unique Australian muscle burst onto the scene, known legends proved prowess remains, new faces excelled and champions fell, the roar of the classic machines lighting up the circuit to bring fans and fellow racers to the fences to watch the action of a fifth season as it unfurled in the state called home by almost half of the series' field.

On track it was close and fierce, with door to door racing and just 16 points separating the top four at the end of the round, each top three class battle covered by less than 20 points apiece. The masters were showing the crowds just why the Touring Car Masters continue to be one of the main attractions come race weekend.

The season opener signalled winds of change for the classic category in 2011, and with much more to come as the Touring Car Masters series grows and takes a hold of the hearts and minds of racing enthusiasts across Australia and around the world, there's an air of excitement as we await confirmation of the calendar, but one thing is for sure, the masters of Australian motor sport will be on the streets of Adelaide from March 1 to 4.

In 2012, the Touring Car Masters will return with a star line-up extending to welcome past racing champions and eye-catching 'new' vehicles, some expected to capture the spotlight, their models never before seen in the series. Always guaranteed to bring action, heartache and unforgettable memories, this jewel in the series calendar brings no doubt that another year will see a stronger field, all vying to stand atop the podium in the atmosphere that is the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

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