



With a break between Winton and Darwin, [supercars.com](http://supercars.com) is analysing the drivers' results and performances in this first part of the season. The racing is the closest in history, with nine different winners in 11 races.



### Aaren Russell, Erebus Motorsport

**Engineer:** Mathew Nilsson (from Walkinshaw Racing)

**Average qualifying position:** 25.3

**Average finishing position:** 23.3

**Championship position:** 26

**Points to leader:** 786

**Wins:** 0

**Pole positions:** 0

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Yes, he was helped by the oil spill, but cracking the top 20 at his second championship event is nothing to scoff at when the field is so tight.

**Low point:** Qualifying, Tasmania Saturday

Russell was 2.26sec off the pace in the session, and one second away from 25th placed racer Andre Heimgartner, starting from last place on the grid.



**For:** The rookie showed a certain tenacity fighting Mark Winterbottom in Perth at the end of the race when he was on fresher tyres. While he copped plenty of criticism from the fans – particularly when ‘Frosty’ said he thought the race was lost – **Russell wouldn't back down on the move, saying he's racing for his career.** He has been described as incredibly focused on success.