



News Release

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1.30 pm Darwin Time Provisional Update

LEAD CHANGES AS NUON MAKES A CHARGE

Team Twente in 'Red One' have led, sometimes by just seconds from their Dutch compatriots, the Nuon Solar Team, for most of the 2,500 kilometres since leaving Darwin on Sunday. But just outside of Pimba, the team that has won this event five times previously, made their move.

Around 150 kilometres north of Port Augusta, 'Nuna 8' streamed past, to take the lead. The question now is will they be able to hold it? 32 kilometre desert head-winds may be a factor in this contest with aerodynamic performance and stability coming into play.

US Solar Champions, Team Michigan are still in 3rd, but are now around 45 minutes behind the leaders after encountering mechanical issues with their car 'Aurum' late yesterday. Team Tokai from Japan are closing the gap in a chase for the top three, and are now just minutes behind.

Punch Powertrain from Belgium also had mechanical issues and arrived at the Glendambo Control Stop at around 1.30 pm still holding 5th position. Chasing them are US Stanford University in 'Arctan' in 6th position, and the Hungarian team GAMF in 'Megalux' in 7th position. Further back in a battle for the final top ten positions, are Australia's Clenergy Team Arrow in 'Arrow1-GT', EAFIT-EPM from Colombia in 'Primavera', Western Sydney University in 'Unlimited', Canada's Blue Sky Solar, and the two teams from South Africa, UKZN in 'Hulamin' and NWU in Sirius 'X25' all holding their positions just minutes apart.

The Cruiser Class left their compulsory overnight stop in Alice Springs at 8am this morning. Japan's Kogakuin University's 'Owl' are approaching Marla with team Eindhoven from the Netherlands in 'Stella Lux' and German team HS Bochum in 'SunRiser' not far behind. Australia's Uni NSW Sunswift team in their solar sports couple 'eVe' are around 40 kilometres behind Bochum.

A full update will be available after Day 4 of the Challenge concludes at 5pm Darwin time.

Follow team progress on the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge live team tracker as they make their way towards Adelaide on www.worldsolarchallenge.org/dashboard/map

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