



Fractions of a second decided the winners of the fifth round of the Castrol BMW Drivers Series.

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V8 BMWs close race margins to sub-second

Drivers had winning margins of less than 0.9 seconds in round five of the Castrol BMW Race Driver Series at Pukekohe.

Auckland's Andrew Nugent and Matakana's Andre Mortimer twice finished first and second respectively in their open class category, split by 0.738 seconds in the first race and 0.817 seconds in the third.

"It's been a whole lot of fun, good battles and really good racing with similar paced cars of Rob (Berggren), Warwick (Mortimer), Andre (Mortimer) and myself. We had some good chases and tussles - and the competition of being so closely matched," Nugent says.

Nugent and Andre Mortimer had

to settle to the rear for Sunday's handicap reverse grid race.

The morning race fell in to the hands of Nigel Patterson.

In the final, Mortimer jostled with Nugent for the lead - swapping positions mid-race. Focusing on consistency, Nugent was able to leverage his faster lap times to reach the chequered flag 0.817 seconds ahead of Mortimer.

Round 5 results saw Nugent finish first overall with Andre and Warwick Mortimer second and third respectively.

The series now breaks for six weeks until the penultimate round at the Legends of Speed weekend at Hampton Downs on April 2-3.