

# Happy Days for Icon Motorsport in Final Round of the NSW State Championships:



Icon Motorsport completed their 2006 campaign with the running of the sixth and final round of the NSW State Championship at Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway last weekend (September 23 – 24). Despite being unable to achieve their desired results, team drivers Ben Morley, Derryn Harrison and Brad Gower, were pleased with their outing overall.

With the NSW Formula Ford Championship in the bag, Morley went into the final round with the luxury of being able to trial setups, particularly in relation to his tyre selection. Although Morley's trial and error process with his # 72 Stubbies Workwear Spectrum 09 didn't deliver the results he was hoping for, he was still able to prove to his competitors to be the one to beat by quickly working his way through the field, recording two fastest lap times in race one and three, and recording his twelfth victory of the year in the second race (from 18 starts and a winning percentage of 66) race one and three were eighth and seventh place respectively.

"Since we had already wrapped up the NSW Championship at the previous round, I decided to try a few things in the setup, and in qualifying. They didn't work as we qualified back in eighth, but although we lost a lot of ground on drivers in a number of areas, we showed that we were still competitive," Morley said.

"It was good to try a number of different setups and now we know what works, and what doesn't under race conditions. So all in all we were still competitive despite our disadvantages, so I'm happy nonetheless."

Morley's Championship gap over his nearest rival, Nick Lowe, was 126 points after six rounds of the NSW Championship.

Another happy camper, despite the lack of top notch results in the final round of the NSW Formula Ford Championship, was Derryn Harrison (# 66 Vodafone Team Spectrum 06B). Harrison was also an unlucky victim of the opening lap incident in the second race as he finished race one and three in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

"Due to being a big field of cars for this round there was plenty of close racing where I was able to do a lot of dicing," Harrison commented.



"I had set my goals for the top 10, but although I missed out on achieving them I'm still really pleased just to have a weekend of dicing with my fellow rivals."

Driving the # 41 Mazda RX7, Brad Gower summed up his weekend in the Production Sports Cars category as character building after he suffered numerous over heating problems.

"I have gone from finishing every race to not finishing any at all, due to the over heating woes, but that's just the way things go," Gower said.

"The weekend was looking very promising as I was battling with my fellow class rivals and felt really confident for a strong result, but that wasn't to be due to the over heating problems."



From an Icon Motorsport team perspective, team manager and leading driver, Morley, counted the whole year as a resounding success.

"We already have a number of things on the burner in regards to next year, so hopefully this success can only build heading into 2007."

## Final NSW Formula Ford Championship Point Standings (after six completed rounds):

**1 Ben Morley – 480 points**

2 Nick Lowe – 354

3 Stephen Payne - 344

4 Kristian Lindbom - 323

5 Kyle Wood - 292

**12\* Derryn Harrison - 154**

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