

MORLEY EAGERLY ANTICIPATES NATIONAL FORMULA FORD RETURN:

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Icon Motorsport lead driver Ben Morley will make his national Australian Formula Ford Championship return at the wheel of the 2006 winning car in a history-making fourth round at Eastern Creek Raceway this long weekend (June 9-11).

In a successful last-minute deal put together by the management of Icon Motorsport, the reigning New South Wales Formula Ford 1600 champion will drive John Martin's championship winning Spectrum 011 this Saturday, Sunday and Queen's Birthday holiday Monday, in an arrangement with car-owner Minda Motorsport, Icon Motorsport and technical support from Spectrum manufacturer Borland Racing.

Steering the #43 Powerhouse Global Logistics supported entry, Morley's recent state round win at the 3.93km Sydney circuit has proved the perfect preparation for his national comeback and eagerly awaits to race against the best young steerers in the country.

"It's definitely exciting to be back in the national series again and I'm hopeful that we'll at least be competitive up the front of the field," enthused Morley.

"Even though we only just picked up the car on the weekend, it felt good in testing at Wakefield Park on Monday; we made a few changes but have found a good balance to start us off well this weekend."

Despite only ever running limited rounds on the national scene, Morley is excited about the opportunity to compete in the premier category again with the hope of testing the waters for a possible 2008 campaign.

"Last time I raced in the national championship was two years ago but we qualified a strong fifth. If we can replicate or better that this weekend, at a circuit that I already know fairly well, we will be happy and it will show that we have potential to be here next year," he said

"We're also getting an in-car camera for race three on Monday so to have national television coverage during the V8 Supercar telecast on Seven is big exposure for us and we're confident that we'll be a strong contender."

Round four of the Australian Formula Ford Championship begins on Saturday June 9 with two practice sessions at 10.10am and 12.40pm, qualifying will be held on Sunday June 10 at 10am followed by race one at 3.35pm, and the remaining two races on Monday June 11 at 10.05am and 2.35pm.

If you're unable to catch the racing live at the track, Formula Ford action will be broadcast on Network Seven as a support category to the V8 Supercar Championship Series, starting from 4-5.30pm on Saturday, 1-3pm on Sunday and 1-5.30pm on the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday.

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