

# Icon Motorsport Slips Back to Second in Championship Chase:



Despite losing his lead in the NSW Formula Ford State Championship standings and not recording a single win over the weekend, leading Icon Motorsport driver Ben Morley wasn't too disgruntled with his third place finish overall at Wakefield Park Raceway during the fifth round.

Heading into the round Morley headed arch-rival Rob Storey by seven points in championship point standings and at the conclusion of the weekend Storey moved back in control after dominating all three races, and Morley finishing back in third place.

"To say that we have had a bad weekend isn't really a true reflection, as if I consider third spot on the podium a bad result, then things can't be too bad," admitted Morley.

"Although we have surrendered the championship lead back to Rob [Storey] there is still very little separating the two of us, 11 points to be exact.

"We didn't have the best of weekends as we were chasing a little bit of setup and were caught up in a number of battles, as a few drivers really stepped up in performance terms this weekend, and that allowed Storey to pull a gap on the field."

After qualifying third, Morley finished all three races over the weekend in third place in his # 1 Spectrum 09B, and this was the first time this year where he has not left a round of the NSW State Championship without at least one victory to his name.

Derryn Harrison, Morley's Icon Motorsport team-mate and owner, recorded his strongest result ever at Wakefield Park and capped off the weekend with a strong finish in the third and final by scoring ninth place. Throughout the third race, Harrison aboard his # 66 Spectrum 06B, was placed back in 11th before catching up to the drivers ahead of him and securing a fast finishing ninth place finish at the fall of the chequered flag. Harrison qualified 12th and then worked his way up to 10th place in the opening race before dropping back a further two spots to finish 12th in the second race.



"My run in the third race was without a doubt the highlight of my weekend, as I had fallen away from the pack fighting out for top ten spots but I was able to claw my way back and finish inside the top ten," Harrison explained.

"The aim for this year is to record top ten results and to come away from Wakefield Park with that result in two out of three races I'm very happy, especially since the circuit hasn't been my fondest in the past."

Brad Gower's return to the Production Sports car class in a new Mazda RX-7 was short lived after he was sidelined late in Friday's practice sessions with a leaking exhaust system. Despite the best efforts of the Icon Motorsport team to repair the problem they were unable to source the necessary replacement parts and Gower was a spectator for the remainder of the weekend.

The next round of the NSW State Championship is set down for Eastern Creek Raceway on September 22 – 23.

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