

# The Winning Ways of Icon Motorsport Continue

It has certainly been a wonderful start to 2006 for Icon Motorsport and that trend continued last weekend (April 29 & 30) when team driver Ben Morley dominated the second round of the New South Wales Formula Ford Championship at Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway.

After claiming all three races in what was almost a mirror performance of his opening round at Wakefield Park Raceway in March, Morley maintains his solid lead in the Championship standings after two rounds, which is something that the Newcastle based driver is very pleased with.

"This is such a wonderful feeling (leading the Championship) and to have a perfect winning record after two rounds is pretty surreal," admitted Morley.

"Our car is just getting better with the more time I spend in it, and hopefully we can continue our great start to the year."



Driving his Spectrum 09B, Morley is running an older car in comparison to a number of his main rivals but his years of experience, both on and off the track, have been shining through. At Eastern Creek, youngster Nick Lowe provided the toughest opposition for Morley by finishing second in all three races, while in qualifying Morley was pipped for pole position by newcomer Glenn Welch during a wet session on Saturday morning.



"Qualifying was a bit of a lucky dip with the wet weather, but starting second is always good at Eastern Creek as it keeps you out of the marbles on the pole line," explained Morley.

"In the three races Nick (Lowe) drove really well and in the low speed corners he was quicker and in the high speed corners I'd be quicker, so we both had our advantages and disadvantages.

"I was confident that if he had caught me in any of the three races I would have been able to handle the pressure, but thankfully that didn't occur."

Once again, the entire Icon Motorsport team was rapt with their weekend which saw Morley take a clean sweep of the round and his team mate, Derryn Harrison continue his consistency driving his # 66 Vodafone Team Spectrum 06B.

"The team has been apologising to me that they haven't been able to watch me race as they have had their eyes fixed on Ben up front," said Harrison.

"I replied, don't be sorry as if I was in that position I'd be doing exactly the same.

"Icon Motorsport is proving that its opening round performance was no fluke and everyone in our team has been sporting smiles from ear to ear.

"There is a wonderful vibe around the team at the moment and let's hope it can continue."

In his three races, Harrison finished in 11th, 12th and 10th and this has moved him closer to the Top 10 in the Championship point standings.

"I couldn't be happier with how my weekend progressed, there was a little incident in the second race but I overcame that and that's just the way things go," expressed Harrison.

"My lap times over the weekend were consistent and the only downside was in the final race where we lacked a bit of power, so before the next round we should have that sorted."



On a whole, Harrison stated that the Icon Motorsport team has found their feet in only its third year of operation.

"I'm just ecstatic with how our year has panned out so far and everything has come together in such dramatic fashion," he said.

"Last year we didn't achieve the results we set out to do, but in 2006 we are really repaying our supporters for their faith."

Round three of the NSW Formula Ford Championship is to be held at Oran Park Raceway on the weekend of June 17 – 18.

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