

## Formula Ford



## Wood's big win – Morley's early title

**T**HE weekend didn't end as he might have planned, but it didn't stop Ben Morley from wrapping up the 2006 NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship supported by Simpson Race Products title at Wakefield Park.

Morley (Stubbies Workwear Spectrum) overcame an engine

problem in qualifying to start the weekend in familiar fashion – on top of the timesheets. He took pole position and wins in the opening two races ahead of Kyle Wood (Alpanel Van Dieman RF98) to secure the Championship, Icon Motorsport's first. Free from the misfortune

which had plagued him across the four previous rounds, Wood made Race 3 his own. On Lap 2, he went around the outside of Morley at Turn 2 in a bold move to take the lead.

He then withstood some pressure from Morley, as Leigh Burges (Anglo Australian Motorsport Van Dieman) bought into the battle. Allowing Wood to skip away, Morley had to defend second place, but Burges eventually made his way past going up the hill on Lap 8.

The newly-crowned Champ kept Burges in his sight, but spun at Turn 2 two laps later, ending his run and bringing the race to an early end, with Wood taking his first win ahead of Burges.

Morley's spin scattered the field behind him. Andrew Taite (Eureka Racing Mygale SU01A) was one of the big winners, moving up to finish third and score his first podium finish of the year.

One of the drivers he slipped past was Glenn Welch (Redline Motorsport Developments Mygale SJ98). Running behind Morley at the time, he had to take evasive action and dropped to finish fifth. It wasn't all bad news, though, as the consistent run earned him third place for the weekend.

Between Taite and Welch in the Trophy Race was Nick Lowe (Jaycar Electronics Spectrum 10b), who had a quiet weekend but moves back up to second place in the series standings

after Kristian Lindbom (LinkMe.com.au Spectrum 010B) had a troublesome outing.

Lindbom was excluded from Race 3 for passing under yellow flags, as he recovered from a Turn 8 clash which ended Stephen Payne's (Van Dieman RF98) race.

Victorian Series driver Nick Lacey (Lacey Panel Works) fought back from a Race 1 DNF to nab sixth in the Trophy Race, ahead of Colin Sieders (All-Trans Trucks Van Dieman RF03), San Pattis (Anglo Australian Motorsport Van Dieman), Chris Goodman (Precision Automotive Spectrum 09) and Derryn Harrison (Vodafone Spectrum 06).

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### Formula Ford R5, Wakefield Park

	Q	R1	R2	R3
1. Kyle Wood	3	2	2	1
2. Leigh Burges	4	4	3	2
3. Glenn Welch	10	7	6	5
4. Ben Morley	1	1	1	DNF
5. Nick Lowe	7	6	5	4
6. Andrew Taite	9	8	7	3
7. Stephen Payne	2	5	4	DNF
8. Colin Sieders	15	11	9	7
9. Kristian Lindbom	5	3	8	EXC
10. Daniel Cotton	12	12	10	12
11. Derryn Harrison	13	14	12	10
12. San Pattis	6	9	DNF	8
13. Nick Lacey	8	DNF	11	6
14. Matt McGill	16	15	13	11
15. Chris Goodman	11	13	DNF	9
16. Alan Price	14	10	DNF	DNS

Points: Morley 416, Lowe 280, Lindbom 271, Payne 266, Burges 244, Wood 226, Welch 208, Taite 200, Howard 196, Cotton 163, Price 138, Harrison 136, Pattis 136, Sieders 100, McGill 84, Douglas 76, Goodman 74, Martin 71, Birt 70, Liddell 31, Cady 22.