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Harrison struggles on tough weekend for locals

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DERRYN Harrison of McMahons Point and Brad Gower of North Sydney joined forces in the Icon Motorsport team for a weekend of thrills during the Formula Ford Championship at Oran Park Raceway.

Harrison endured a tough weekend and said he was disappointed "on a personal level" after suffering "a number of technical difficulties" which

hindered his performance.

"We were chasing set-up all weekend and after race one the car felt pretty good - but in the second race the brake bias was set the wrong way to the rear, so I had no front brakes and as a result I ended up spinning out twice," he said.

"Once I came back to the pits I discovered the drama, which was frustrating and for the third race I battled confidence

with the amount of grip I had out there and that hurt my driving somewhat."

Harrison finished the three races in 11th, 15th and 11th place.

Gower made his debut on the weekend in the Production Sports Cars.

"I had an absolute ball out there on the weekend," he said.

He said his previous experience had been a handful of road rally events.

"I managed to improve my speed as well as keep out of trouble and brought the car back in one piece," he said.

"Everything went to plan - I cannot wait to get out there again."

Team manager Ben Morley said that overall everything went off well and the team came away with no damage to any of the cars.

"That's always a bonus in motorsports," he said.