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Luke Ellery Selected as 09 CAMS Rising Star

After a gruelling selection process, young gun Formula Ford racer Luke Ellery has been selected to join the CAMS Rising Star program for 2009.

Ellery, who is the current leader of the Victorian Formula Ford 1600 Championship, was thankful and excited to be selected alongside some of Australia's greatest young motorsport talent.

"I am pumped that I have been given the opportunity to drive under the CAMS Rising Star banner next year. I am looking forward to jumping into a competitive car and the Factory backing that this program offers", said the 19 year old.

Victorian based Ellery started his racing career in karts at age 8, and has progressed through the karting ranks with the last two years racing Formula Fords in the Victorian State Championship. Along the way he has impressed showing professionalism beyond his years.

With his sights set on a career in motorsport, Luke is focussed on the long term goal but understands the importance of performing at every step of the way.

In 2009 Luke will be competing in the Australian Formula Ford Championship where he is aiming to be a strong competitor.

"I have been racing Formula Fords at State level for two seasons now, so I have a good idea of what to expect. Stepping up to the National championship will be a massive challenge but having the support of an experienced team and all the best equipment, I could not be in a better position."

The CAMS Rising Star program provides support to young talented drivers. The program includes access to personal trainers, sports psychologists and sponsor acquisition specialists. This perfect leg up to a career in motorsport is something Ellery is not taking for granted.

"To be selected in this program means that I now have to knuckle down and get consistent results. I can't wait to roll up to the starting grid next year and mix it up with the best Open Wheeler drivers in the country".

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