

Eastern Creek Raceway's Simpson and Tweedie Show:

The second round of the 2008 NSW Formula Ford Championship last weekend at Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway was taken out by Anglo Australian Motorsport team driver Ryan Simpson but it was achieved after a hard fought battle with team-mate Tom Tweedie.

Over the course of the weekend little separated Simpson and Tweedie as Simpson took two out of the three race wins and Tweedie won the other, and aside from Simpson and Tweedie, one of the standout drives of the weekend came from former Australian Touring Car racer in veteran John Smith who drove one of the oldest cars in the field, a Reynard FF89 owned by Don Holland, to third place.

Simpson's second round victory of the year only strengthened his lead in the NSW Championship point standings in what turned out to be a very closing fought battle up the front between the two Anglo Australian Motorsport drivers of Simpson and Tweedie.

"There was very little that separated the two of us, and I'm glad that I came up away with the round win, as Tom [Tweedie] certainly made me work for it," Simpson said of his weekend long battle with Tweedie which saw him take pole position and win both race one and three.

"After clean sweeping the opening round the pressure was on to make it back to back, and more importantly to build on my championship, and we managed to do both, so I couldn't ask for anything more."

Runner up for the weekend Tweedie was pleased with his performance over the weekend, which included winning race two, but was disappointed to narrowly miss out on the round win.

"Ryan [Simpson] and I had a good dice out there during all three races, and Ryan got the better of me in the final race, but we certainly stepped it up a notch or two this weekend," Tweedie expressed.

"I made a mistake in the opening race and spun out while fighting with Ryan for the lead, and then in race two I got up for the victory, and in the final race Ryan was able to use the slip stream to his advantage and take the win by the slimmest of margins."

In third place for the weekend was veteran John Smith, who was driving the Don Holland owned Reynard FF89, and certainly impressed many in his cameo appearance.

"This is a great result for the weekend as I am only filling in for Don [Holland] who wasn't able to compete due to being a bit ill," explained Smith, who finished the weekend with a third, second and third place from the three races.

"The Reynard FF89 is one of the oldest cars in the field and to be right up there amongst the front runners is fantastic achievement, and I guess the key to the result was getting a good balance of the car, as it certainly isn't lacking any horsepower, and also a combination of my experience running against younger opponents."

Those drivers that battled it out amongst the Top 10 throughout the weekend was the likes of Matthew Howard, Bruce McCabe, exciting newcomer Adam Lucas, Daniel Lewis, Derryn Harrison, Russell Newell, and youngster Nathan Morcom.

In the Peter Larner Classic round, which ran as part of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship, the best performer of the weekend was Greg Watson, and driving his Mawer 004 was the fastest in all three races of the historic class and was in the Top 10 outright all weekend.

The third round of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship is to be held on the weekend of June 21 – 22 at Oran Park Raceway.

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