

Morcom's Formula Ford Debut Filled with Promise:

Nathan Morcom's debut performance in the opening round of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship at Wakefield Park Raceway last weekend was one filled with promise.

Although it was a spectacular ending to Morcom's weekend when he came together with a car ahead of him during the middle stages of the final race which launched him into the air and the damage that was sustained ended his race there and then.

Up until the crash in the final race Morcom had shown plenty of speed and grew in confidence as the weekend wore on. Morcom's results earlier in the weekend saw him qualifying in an outstanding third place, only to be shuffled back in the order during the opening lap of the opening race and go on to finish in eighth. For the second race Morcom moved forward by executing a few clean passes throughout the 12 lap event to finish in seventh position.

Morcom, driving for the Anglo Australian Motorsport team aboard the # 71 Comtec Spirit W07, proved that he had the pace, and over the weekend gained more and more confidence by learning passing techniques.

"At this stage it's all about seat time, and I was pretty pleased with how the weekend went, although it was disappointing to have the weekend finish with a crash," Morcom explained.

"The speed is there and my lap times indicate that as I was the third quickest car in terms of my lap times all weekend, it's now just a matter of learning the art of driving a Formula Ford and adjusting to the circuit conditions such as oil on the circuit."

Having only just turned 16 and gained his racing circuit the day before the weekend's round, Morcom certainly showed signs of promise.

Round two of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship is to be fought out at Sydney's Eastern Creek Raceway on May 24 – 25.

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