

Formula Fords Farewell Oran Park Raceway this Weekend:

For 40 years the Formula Ford category has enjoyed a rich history with Oran Park Raceway (Narellan, NSW) and this weekend (October 31 and November 1) they will farewell the circuit forever with the running of the sixth and final round of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship.

In each of the 40 years of Formula Ford existence they have either held an Australian or state level event around the technical 2.62km circuit and that is something the category is proud of.

“Formula Ford and Oran Park Raceway go hand in hand as over the years you can think back to some classic races and a lot of them have taken place at Oran Park,” said Jeff Senior from the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Association. “You only have to look over the entry list for the weekend to see what Oran Park means to the drivers. There are a few of them that are bringing out their cars for the first time in 10 years just so that they can compete at Oran Park one last time.”

Heading into the final round of the NSW Championship Anglo Australian Motorsport driver Leigh Burges has already wrapped up the point standings battle after clinching the fifth round last month at Wakefield Park Raceway, but that doesn't mean that he doesn't want to farewell Oran Park in style.

“It's going to be a huge weekend and I hope I can win the last ever Formula Ford race meeting at Oran Park and go down in history,” stated Burges. “I have wrapped up the NSW Championship now and my focus will be to finish what has been a fantastic year and most importantly farewell Oran Park with a victory.”

So far in this year's NSW Championship Burges has won four out of the five rounds and making it five is going to be a tough task this weekend when you look through the strong field of entries, that is expected to reach in excess of 30.

“You are going to have the usual NSW Championship runners like Leigh Burges, Daniel Lewis, Adam Leung and David Chitty running towards the front of the field, but there are also a number of drivers that are coming out of the woodwork and could cause an upset,” explained Jeff Senior, who himself is making a cameo Formula Ford return. “We are also delighted to welcome Emma Brown to the NSW Championship for the first time. She is a young lady with a strong Go Karting background and she is stepping into Formula Ford after successfully obtaining her licence recently.”

The final round of the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship for 2009 is certainly going to be one to be remembered, as it is going to provide plenty of exciting race action to farewell the Oran Park Raceway circuit in the best possible fashion.

Current 2009 NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship Point Standings (after five completed rounds):

- 1 Leigh Burges – 412 points
- 2 Adam Leung – 312
- 3 Daniel Lewis – 250
- 4 David Chitty – 213
- 5 Jason Liddell - 204

This weekend's sixth and final round of the NSW Championship will see qualifying and race one fought out on Saturday, followed by race two and three on the Sunday.

For any further information about the NSW Formula Ford 1600 Championship or Oran Park Raceway visit: www.ff1600.org.au or www.oranpark.com.au

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