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Ellery Set For Title Decider

What a month it has been for the recently appointed CAMS Rising Star driver Luke Ellery. The 19 year old Victorian has the championship lead heading into the Victorian Formula Ford 1600 title decider this weekend at Phillip Island.

Despite a massive gap between rounds of the championship, seat time has not been an issue for Ellery in the past month.

An intensive driver evaluation for the CAMS Rising Star program saw Ellery participate in an intense driver evaluation process in a national specification Formula Ford at Winton Motor Raceway. Shortly after the driver evaluation, which ultimately confirmed Ellery as a CAMS Rising Star for 2009, Luke was invited to test a Formula Toyota car also at Winton.

"The Formula Toyota test was fantastic. It was my first real drive of a wings and slicks car and I learnt a lot from the experience. Thanks to Trevor Scheumack and all involved for the opportunity. They are great little cars", said Ellery.

Not long after the Formula Toyota test, Luke was invited by Team BRM to test one of their Formula 3 cars at Mallala in South Australia. Luke jumped at the chance to evaluate the vehicle and team and explore future opportunities.

"I have never driven a car that fast. I was surprised how I was able to adapt to driving a Formula 3 car after the initial mental overload. The Team BRM guys were amazing at explaining the car to me. Thanks to Mark Rundle and all the Team BRM crew for the opportunity".

Now Ellery shifts his focus to the title decider at Phillip Island. Ellery goes into the final round leading the Victorian Formula Ford 1600 Championship by 24 points from a hard charging Andrew Beams.

"Though Phillip Island hasn't been kind to me this year I have performed well there in the past. The extra effort we have put into the car to ensure a strong performance and my valuable seat time in the past month has given me the confidence that I am well prepared for the title fight", said Ellery.

With Ellery set to complete in the 2009 National Formula Ford Championship as part of the CAMS Rising Star team he is looking to finish 2008 on a high with a strong performance at Phillip Island.

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