

Wood Finally Turns Pace into Results:

After a turbulent start to the year, Kyle Wood finally broke his streak of bad luck with a maiden victory in the fifth round of the NSW Formula Ford Championship at Wakefield Park Raceway, Goulburn over the weekend (August 19 – 20). The Queensland based racer has quashed his doubters, as he upped the ante in his # 22 Alpanel Australia / Subway RF98 Van Diemen to record solid results in the Championship: a searing mark of better things to come for Wood.

Dogged by bad luck, Wood came into the fifth and penultimate round sitting ninth in the NSW Championship point standings, but was quietly confident that a good result was just around the corner - and thankfully his intuition was right.

The 20-year-old was able to qualifying strongly in third, before scoring a set of second places behind Ben Morley in race one and two. In the third race, however, Wood was able to go one spot better by taking out his first Formula Ford race win. Although the pace of Wood had always been there, a recent test session at Wakefield Park put him in good stead heading into the Championship round.

“Without a doubt our test session leading up to the round did the world of good and played a big part in our performance this weekend,” commented Wood.

“Our pace had always been there it was just that we didn’t have any results to show for it.”

Wood’s Wakefield Park weekend unfolded as planned, proving to his supporters and cynics alike that his ability as a driver wasn’t all talk.

“There comes a point where you can only make up so many excuses as a driver, and to be honest I got sick of telling people that we were unlucky again, as it wears a bit thin after awhile,” he admitted.

“I came into Wakefield Park loaded with confidence especially after our productive test session a fortnight before, and from there everything just fell into place, and we showed everyone what we were capable of.”

What made the weekend even more special for Wood was that his family alongside his major supporters - the Carr Family, Alpanel Australia & Steve Pettaras were present to witness his stunning performance with the great help of Sonja Vangaale and Greg Fraser from AutoNova. Subway Mgm’n’t weren’t able to be present this weekend, but were on the phones regularly, supporting me.

“That made the weekend even more special; being able to achieve such a result in front of my loyal supporters who’ve been there right through from my go karting days,” he said.

“I wouldn’t be able to do what I love doing: racing, without their support, and it’s wonderful to be able to share my success with them all at the track.”

With the sixth and final round at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney over a month away (September 23 – 24), Wood is now focused on continuing his winning ways.

“We’ll be planning to put on a similar showing at Eastern Creek next month and finish what has been a tough year on a strong note,” concluded Wood.

To find out more about Kyle Wood visit his official website: www.KyleWood.com.au

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