

Podium Result Completes 2006 for Wood:

Although he had harbored hopes of continuing his winning ways in the NSW Formula Ford Championship, Kyle Wood finished the sixth and final round at Eastern Creek Raceway in third place. However, it certainly wasn't an indication of the speed that Wood had produced throughout the weekend.

Wood, aboard his # 22 Alpanel / Subway RF98 Van Diemen, proved his winning pace around the 3.93KM Eastern Creek circuit, but a number of unfortunate circumstances foiled his hopes for success. After qualifying second, Wood finished second, ninth and third in the three races and that saw him in winning positions in all of them, but some bad luck denied him.

In the first race, Wood trailed Kristian Lindbom for four of the five laps before taking the front running position at the beginning of the final lap. Further on that lap, Wood was the first to come across an oil slick in turn four which saw him slip off the circuit (along with 10 other cars following behind him) and therefore this handed the lead back to Lindbom. Despite his off track excursion, Wood managed to hold down second place and narrowly finished ahead of Stephen Payne for second place.

Contact on the opening lap of race two curtailed the chances of Wood challenging for victory after sustaining a bent rear bar that caused some major under steer. Despite battling on valiantly, Wood held down third place only to become a victim of his own under steer late in the race, which saw a complete restart due to an opening lap crash, when he slipped off the track at turn 11 and ended up finishing back in ninth.

With the chips down heading into the third and final race, Wood was on a mission to finish on the podium and he achieved that by finishing in third place in what was a strong come back and an encouraging way to finish off the weekend.

“There were a lot of positives to take away from the weekend as we proved that we were able to carry our winning pace from the previous round,” Wood said.

“We suffered some misfortune, but that's just the way things go, as these incidents were out of my control, and to be able to finish the third race on the podium makes me pretty happy.

“Our set-up over the weekend was consistent enough for us to be at the pointy end of the field throughout the weekend, so it was just unlucky that we don't have the results to prove our pace.”

At the completion of the NSW Formula Ford Championship Wood was able to finish fifth in the official point standings for the year.

Wood would like to say a big thanks to all of his supporters and sponsors for what has been a fabulous finish to what had been a tough year.

“I simply couldn’t do this without all their support, and they are just all wonderful,” added Wood.

The next (and final) event in 2006 for Wood is at Phillip Island Raceway in Victoria for the ‘Island Magic’ on November 25 - 26

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

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