

Unforgettable Formula BMW Experience for Wood:

In what he could only describe as a truly unforgettable experience, Kyle Wood recently returned back to his home base of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia after he spent a total of two weeks with the Carlin Motorsport team in the UK where he completed four successful Formula BMW test days.

Although the weather wasn't the best (wet weather conditions 99 per cent of the time), Wood took part in two (December 5 – 6 & 12 – 13) two day test sessions at the Brands Hatch and Oulton Park circuits and was simply rapt with the whole experience with one of the leading teams in the UK, Carlin Motorsport.

“I cannot begin to explain how enjoyable the entire two weeks was; not only was I driving an unfamiliar car, but also circuits, weather conditions and team, which was a huge learning experience and one that I thoroughly enjoyed,” Wood expressed.

“Racing around the Brands Hatch and Oulton Park circuits were remarkable as they are unlike any other circuit I have previously driven, and that certainly brought up some challenges.”

At the completion of the two test sessions, the Carlin Motorsport team was impressed with the 20-year-old Australian, whose only previous open wheel experience lies in one and a half years in NSW Formula Ford competition.

“It took me a few runs to get familiar with the car and its characteristics, but once I got through that I was able to post lap times that were up with the rest of the leading drivers,” he added.

“With the weather being mainly wet and extremely cold, it was a tough task as I haven't had a lot of racing experience in wet conditions.”

One aspect that Wood made comment on was the entire Carlin Motorsport team and their professional outfit.

“Being invited to test with Carlin Motorsport was a great honour and one opportunity that I'll never forget,” he explained.

“What they [Carlin Motorsport] have achieved over the years is quite remarkable and everyone in their team was so accommodating, and it made driving for them such a pleasure.

“Not only were they friendly, but many of them had previous Formula One experience over the years with teams such as Williams and McLaren, and the experience they were able to offer me was unbelievable.”

Wood would like to say a special thanks to the entire Carlin Motorsport team for all their efforts in making this trip possible, and also Greg Fraser and Sonja Vangaale, from Autonova, Sydney NSW.

The Carlin Motorsport team indicated that a position is available for Wood in next years UK Formula BMW Championship, provided his team can source the necessary budget.

For further information about, Kyle Wood, Carlin Motorsport or the Formula BMW UK championship visit the following websites: www.KyleWood.com.au, www.Carlin.co.uk, and www.Formulabmwuk.co.uk

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