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June 2023

Kia Ora everyone and welcome to June's edition of the Formula Ford newsletter. We've got a lot to discuss, so buckle up!

Racing Recap

First thing on the order paper, is the World Rally Championship. We ended the WRC segment last newsletter on a somber note, with the passing of WRC Superstar Craig Breen. This month it has been on a better note, with the Rally Italia Sardegna and Safari Rally Kenya taking place. Firstly, the Rally Italia Sardegna. This was Thierry Neuville's happy place, as he won the rally from team-mate Esapekka Lappi, and Kalle Rovanpera. Ott Tanak retired from the rally after water killed his engine, While Dani Sordo rolled down a banking. Overall, a chaotic rally with multiple retirements, including WRC-2 Leader Adrien Fourmaux, who crashed on the power stage (final stage) 30 seconds ahead of Andreas Mikkelsen, and

Mikkelsen took the win from Adrien because of that crash. Safari Rally Kenya is probably one of, if not the toughest rally on the calendar. Takamoto Katsuta found that out in Shakedown, before the rally had even started, where he rolled his Toyota and sustained significant damage. Overall, part time legend, part time 8x World Rally Champion Sebastien Ogier won the rally, his 3rd rally wins over the year while driving on a limited schedule.



Kalle Rovanpera sits in 2nd, and leads the championship by 40 points, which looks likely to win back-to-back championships for the young Finn. Next up is Formula E, which is currently led by Kiwi Nick Cassidy, who won the inaugural Portland ePrix on the 25th of June. Really impressive performance and hoping for him



and Mitch Evans to be competing for the title come seasons end. Max Gunther has also been impressive, scoring back-to-back poles in Jakarta and winning the 2nd race there. Jake Dennis also shined, performing incredibly consistent, finishing 2nd 3 times in a row. Otherwise, it's been relatively quiet in Formula E so not much to speak about this month. IndyCar this month has been Alex Palou month, Detroit, Road America and the first race in July, Mid-Ohio all won by

Palou. Leading the championship and an extremely impressive performance for him. I'm glad Simon Pagenaud is okay though after an extremely scary flip into the gravel at Mid-Ohio, no brakes and just went in incredibly fast. Glad we have the aero screen because it hit hard. Formula One this month has been dominated by Max Verstappen, winning at Spain and Canada, which hasn't been the most entertaining and you'll hear my rant on that a little bit later.







I'm not sure what's happened to Sergio Perez, getting eliminated in Q2 in a Red Bull and finishing off the podium, highly unusual and hopefully he gets back to his usual form soon. Fernando Alonso continues to push that Aston Martin to podium places which is impressive, I look forward to when hopefully he can be competing for wins once again. Supercars has been great also, with Broc Feeney once again proving the young superstar he is and winning the Hidden Valley round, while we had first time winners this season in Mark Winterbottom and Jack le

Brocq, didn't see that coming at all but incredible for them to win their first ever races. To round off, NASCAR has been impeccable, Kyle Busch winning at Gateway, Martin Truex at Sonoma, and Ross Chastain at Nashville, it's been amazing. Continued drama and great racing, I'm so excited to see who ends up becoming this year's champion, but still lots of races yet to go.

Flying Kiwis overseas

Welcome to the Flying Kiwis segment, where we'll discuss our kiwis managing to fly in other countries and in other forms of motorsport. Firstly, 3x Supercars Champ and 2x Bathurst 1000 winner Shane van Gisbergen went out to Chicago to try his hand at NASCAR. Where'd he finish? You may ask. He won the



race, went out and passed Justin Haley with 4 laps to go and held him off once more in NASCAR Overtime after a late caution. Congratulations to Shane, and I think he's hinted there at a full time Cup ride in 2025, saying to NBC Sports post-race "I'll do one more year in Aus(tralia) and then head over". His contract with Triple 8 I believe ends after 2024, so I reckon Shane moving over to Cup full time in 2025 would be fantastic for him and for the sport. Next Kiwi I want to mention is Andre Heimgartner. Fantastic

performance over in Hidden Valley, with 2 podiums and consistently performing and being the best of the Brad Jones team. Well done to him and his team and hopefully there's a win on the horizon at some point. Also I'd like to briefly mention British F4 driver Louis Sharp, who's unfortunately lost the championship lead to William Macintyre but has continued to grab podiums and consistent results within the championship so well done to him, hopefully the form he had at the start of the season will come back and he can jump back to the lead.





To round off the Flying Kiwis, I wanted to quickly mention Indy NXT driver Hunter McElrea, currently 3rd in the standings with Andretti Autosport, who's performing really consistently and doing a nice job out there, staying within touch of the championship battle. Hoping for a few wins and more podiums.

Extra Segment: Discussion on Quality of Racing

Before I start, this segment is highly opinionated and 100% my own opinion.

I wanted to add this quick little segment to discuss my thoughts on the quality of racing nowadays, given things have changed since I started watching in 2019 and I'm sure since most of you started watching before I was even born. Personally, I think a few series, but mainly F1, are up for major changes to their cars packages. One thing I dislike in racing is when someone completely dominates a series for multiple

years. Especially in Formula One since 2010 domination has been quite prevalent, and It just makes watching races incredibly difficult given you know who's going to win by a mile. Vettel had it in 2010-2013, Hamilton 2017-2020 and now Verstappen. I have absolutely nothing against these drivers at all, in fact I look up to some who do dominate. But the key for me is it can be a lot closer than it really is. I used to be so keen on waking up at 1 in the morning to watch Formula One races in the school holidays, but recently I've valued my



sleep more than two hours of Max Verstappen dominance. Yes positions change with strategy, and there's other racing throughout the field to watch, I'm well aware, but when the championship isn't at stake at every race or when drivers points positions aren't at risk each race and the leader is leading by a good 50+ points, what's the point, right? In my complete opinion, all series should have equal cars so the drivers can



prove how good they really are. Look at IndyCar, NASCAR for example. In IndyCar, Alex Palou is absolutely dominating right now, and I have no problem with it because the cars are all the same. Palou has won 4 races this year, but we've also had other race winners like Scott McLaughlin, Josef Newgarden, Marcus Ericsson and Kyle Kirkwood, and also drivers who've had a shot to win, like Romain Grosjean and Pato O'Ward. In NASCAR they have 12 different

winners already within 18 races. Just like last year, they had 16 different winners In 26 Races. The package is great and I'm absolutely addicted to NASCAR especially. Anyone can win on any given day and the cars are the same in terms of parity. Obviously Supercars has that Parity problem right now, and hopefully that gets fixed sometime soon.





But in my honest opinion, Formula One ideally should operate with cars the exact same, only the setup can be tweaked. This would give a intense championship battle, with no room for error. I mean it's meant to be the pinnacle of motorsport, right? Why not make it actually the pinnacle of motorsport and allow all drivers to physically be there and compete. Had this been installed since say, 2010, I guarantee you



you'd have champions in the sport like Felipe Massa, Valtteri Bottas, Sergio Perez, Charles Leclerc, Lando Norris, the list goes on. Unfortunately it won't even be considered but it's a idea that would wipe out the boring races and also add more fanbase and excitement to the sport, which is currently pooling from Drive to Survive, not the actual racing itself. Anyway, that's my rant over



<u>Chairman's Corner:</u> Andy Robertson

Hi Racers,

I'm not a big fan of winter, frosts little sun and no Formula Ford racing!

Anyway a couple of changes ahead this year, firstly we asked you what wanted the series to be called either 1600 of Ford and with voting at 3 to 23 will see this year's series return to carry the Ford name again. With Ford showing some support behind our series and the National series over the last few years the timing of the return to Ford in our name is well timed.

Our usual SIFF series is six rounds with eighteen races, this year we are looking at five rounds with three of them having four races so we will retain the same eighteen races from one less meeting. We have had a few four race weekends at the joint National rounds and the feedback has been positive with less waiting around time. Along with that the committee feels with the current economic situation facing the country this should be a financial saving to competitors with one less weekend away.

The NIFF and SIFF committees have worked through the Schedule F remits and this currently sits with MSNZ. I have seen the final draft and have approved it so it should go live on Monday the 10th July. Keep a eye out for it print it off and READ it please, you will find some changes for this year nothing serious but you need to make sure you are up with the changes.





One change is the carburettor to manifold spacer and gaskets move to a control part as signalled last season these are currently in production. NIFF and SIFF will be the suppliers of the control parts we will notify all in the next few weeks when they are available. Another change is to safety harnesses all belts must respect the manufacturers expiration dates. The Regional NIFF and SIFF series will no longer receive the "plus five" years over the manufacture's expiry date so please check your belts. If you are in need of belts Palmside NZ have belts for a very reasonable cost they can be contacted on 03 338 9151 see their add in the classifieds.

Race dates before Xmas have been confirmed and you should have seen them in the membership form send out over the last few weeks. Post Xmas we are still working on. I can confirm the Levels Truck meeting 27-28 January which will be a joint National round the other round we are still waiting on SuperSprint to confirm costs.

Keep a eye out for winter club get together and catch up we will advise as soon as a date is confirmed until then keep warm and dry.

Back to the shed for me Andy

Well, that's the end of this edition of the Newsletter, join me next time for more spicy takes and race recaps, have a good school holiday (if you even get time off!) and we'll be back again in 2 months before we go monthly again (Winter Break).

> Cheers, Josh





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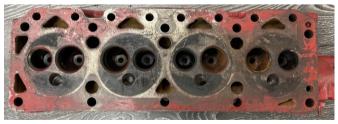
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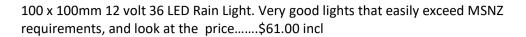












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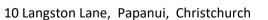
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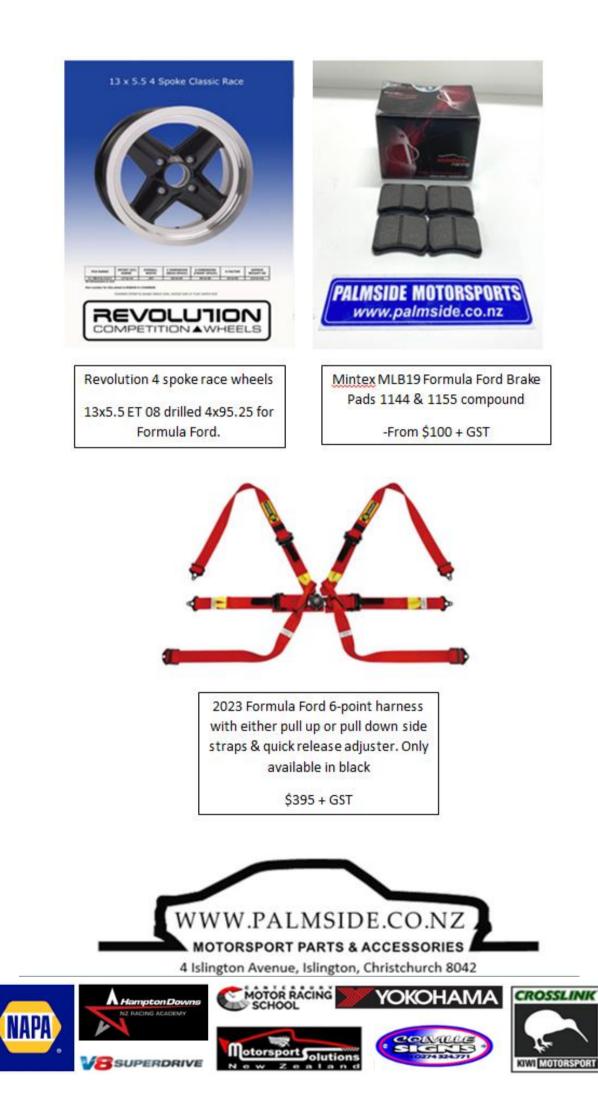


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