

# MIDWEEK WA MOTORSPORT

## CIRCUIT RACING

ANDREW VAN LEEUWEN



Kym Illman will tackle the gruelling Targa Tasmania later this month.

The West Australian businessman, who is becoming a regular on the tarmac rally scene, will have a slightly different line-up for this event, with Antonia Spiers unable to make the event as a navigator.

Instead, another West Australian co-driver will take the role, Stirling Hamersley sitting alongside Illman for the five-day event.

Hamersley is the former co-driver of Daryl Sosa, and Illman has been preparing himself by doing some driver training with former V8 Utes champion Grant Johnson.

## OON SCORES A 10

Jordan Oon has kicked off his Formula BMW Pacific campaign with a trio of 10th places — qualifying, race one and race two.

The support races at the Malaysian Grand Prix at the Sepang International Circuit were the West Australian's debut on the international scene and, after qualifying 10th, he was running as high as sixth in the first race before missing a gear, spinning and ending up back in 10th. In race two, he finished 10th in the 25-car field.

Briton Richard Bradley, who competes under a Singaporean

# ILLMAN LOOKS HEALTHY



Targa-bound: Kym Illman is winging his way towards Targa Tasmania again this year.

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racing licence, dominated, leading home Spaniard Carlos Sainz Junior (son of two-time World Rally Champion Carlos Sainz) each time to take an early lead in the series.

## POINTS ARE IN

With the circuit racing season now two meetings old, the State

championship point scores are shaping up for an interesting year.

Formula Ford 1600 has had just one round and it looks as though the fight will be between Fastlane Racing drivers Ben-Lee D'limi (70 points) and Jake McNally (57). Andrew Goldie (55) is also in the hunt, having secured a career-best

third at the opening meeting.

In Formula Vee, Jacob Parsons has a seven-point lead over Dan Gate in the 1600cc class, while Bruce Welsh has a comfortable 21-point lead over David Campbell.

Chris Kneafsey and Rod Jenzen have emerged as clear front-runners in the HQ stakes, with just five

points separating them, and 24 points back to Stuart Kenny in third. Walter Epple has a 13-point lead in Sports cars over Benham Bordbar, while Adrian Plummer is a full 56 points clear in Marque Sports.

Former Formula Forder Cade Bell is enjoying similar dominance in Sports Sedans, leading Grant Hill by 52 points, while Mark Greenham is 42 points clear of Graham Stones in Street Cars.

Kerry Wade may well be on his way to another State championship

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trophy, this time in Improved Production Cars. He leads Peter Major by 24 points, although Kevin Ledger can't be ruled out and sits in third, a further five points behind.

Rick Gill is leading both Saloon Car classes, with a five-point buffer over Chris Reindler in the EA/VN class, and a 12-point buffer over Nathan Callaghan in the VI/AU class. Ron Moller is setting the pace in Historic Touring Cars, with a five-point lead over Jamie Buszan.

The next meeting is on Sunday at Barbagallo Raceway.