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Webling holds on to second after southern rounds

Stefan Webling's hopes of improving his placing in the hard-fought MTA Formula Ford championship were somewhat dashed after contesting the two Southern 200 rounds at Timaru and Teretonga. Nevertheless, the MTA Scholarship winner left Invercargill still in second place and looking forward to taking up the challenge at the next round at Manfeild on Feb 28 – March 1.

"We certainly had some problems at Timaru with the engine losing its peak performance and we struggled to keep up with the front-runners with whom we have been running earlier in the season. Nevertheless we aimed for consistency and keeping out of trouble and managed to get third points overall for the meeting. My Motorsport Solutions team did a great job during the week between Timaru and Teretonga and freshened up the engine. In qualifying and the first race we had some issues with set-up and the driving tactics of other drivers, but sorted those out in the tricky wet-dry weather conditions, but were disappointed to end up in sixth place for the round," said Webling.

Webling qualified fourth at Timaru then took fourth in the first and second races and a disappointing seventh in the third race.

At Teretonga Webling qualified sixth, but then finished well down in 11th place in the first race after moving up to third, then being "hung out to dry" and slipping off the track.

Race two was better with Webling finishing fourth and equalling the fastest lap time of the race, finishing right behind the top three cars, all racing in close formation.

The Taranaki driver then managed to take fifth place in the final race, his best lap time just fractions off the fastest lap of the race.

Points: Stanaway 907, Webling 830, M Evans 826, McNee 764, Short 675, Leitch, 655, S Evans 645, Penrose 642.

Attached is a free-to-use image of Stefan Webling in action at Teretonga. Please credit Lee Howell/Kaptured. For a hi-res version of this image, please contact Robin Curtis: 0274 864 794.

Next round: Feb 28 – March 1 Manfeild.

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