

Rookie tests a success

THE advanced rookie tests instigated by ASCAR in the wake of a number of incidents that blighted last month's season-opener proved successful as last weekend's second round of the series, which saw improved driving standards.

The sessions, run by Richard Petty Experience driving instructor Mark Klaussner, worked with both drivers and spotters to increase competitors' understanding of oval racing.

Klaussner said: "There is a big difference between oval racing and

road racing and it takes time to change your approach.

"There are some world-class drivers in this series," he added, "and there are some very inexperienced drivers who need to gain the experience of this type of racing."

Mark Proctor, who threatened to withdraw from the series in the wake of the first round, said: "It was much better. A lot of people have taken everything on board, and it was not a problem today."

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