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# Martin, Aston Martin

## SPORTS SEDANS

**KERRY Baily is set to debut his new Aston Martin Sports Sedan in September.**

The replacement for the five-time champ's Nissan 300ZX is nearing completion, after an exhaustive build process. Round 4 of the Kerrick Sports Sedan Series at Eastern Creek with the Shannons Nationals on September 11-12 is looming

as the likely first hitout.

"That's what we're working towards," he said of the Eastern Creek debut.

"It should be completed some time before then, but we'd like to do some testing. I'll see how it goes. I might run two cars at that meeting, and cross-enter myself [with the Nissan]."

Baily currently leads the 2010 series in the 300ZX, which

made its racing debut 10 years ago this week. The car is likely to remain in action, with Baily running it as a second car.

Among the contenders for the drive are Glenn Seton, who has done some running with Baily in the car in recent years, and Tasmanian Sports Sedan racer Shane Bond.

"You never get what these cars are worth if you sell them, so I might as well keep it," Baily

said.

"The plan is to keep it and run somebody else in it. I could put Glenn in it and there's another young fellow in Tassie who shows a lot of promise – Shane Bond. I'll give him a run and my son has indicated interest, but he's got a long way to go before he could be competitive, he hasn't run before."

– MITCHELL ADAM

# Sofi eyes 2011

## NATIONAL

**AUSTRALIAN F3 race winner Mat Sofi is assessing his options for the remainder of 2010, after a stint in a Radical in Round 2 of the Supersports Series at Wakefield Park on the weekend.**

Sofi was immediately competitive in the Radical, qualifying second and running consistently in the top five



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throughout the races, in what was a one-off at this stage.

"The opportunity came about through some driving instructing I was doing with the Radical guys," he said.

"Whether I get to race in a Radical again this season really depends on if any more opportunities come up. The cars are really good to drive, I was very impressed. They're not that much slower than F3 cars

and they're a lot less twitchy."

Sofi was looking at a Fujitsu Series ride for 2010, but the plans did not come to fruition. He's focused on stepping up in 2011.

"I had some Fujitsu stuff lined up at the end of last year, but it fell over," he said.

"At this stage, I'm really trying to conserve the budget for this season and I'm focusing on next year. I might do one

F3 round somewhere, but that would be it.

"If I'm going to do the Fujitsu Series, I'm looking to do my own thing. I would purchase an ex-main game car, and ideally I'd look to run two cars because when you already have everything in place to run one car, the costs of running a second car are not significantly greater."

– LACHLAN MANSELL