

## LIFE IN THE FAST LANE FOR THE NEW MANSELL

# A race by any other name!



■ **IN HIS HERO'S FOOTSTEPS:** Scott Mansell and in action at Donington Park in Jean Alesi's 1997 Benetton. Picture: Dale Martin

**SPEED** demon Scott Mansell is set for life in the fast lane after roaring to success in his first two races in a 190mph Formula 1 car. The Tamworth schoolboy became the youngest British driver ever to get behind the wheel of an F1 machine when he competed in two races at Donington Park less than a week after his 18th birthday.

## Denied

Scott steered Jean Alesi's 1997 Benetton to third and second place finishes in successive EuroBOSS Championship heats. His proud dad, Kevin, said only a crash which caused the safety car to come onto the track during the first race denied him victory.

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"Scott did wonderfully well because he had a gearbox problem on Friday which restricted his testing," he said.

"We were very proud of the way he drove because it was a big, powerful car and he was clocking 184 mph down the straight.

"He certainly opened a few peoples' eyes but where he goes from here depends on how much sponsorship we can raise."

The EuroBOSS series sees pre-1998 F1 cars take on F3000 and Indycar chassis of the same vintage.

Scott, an A-level student at Bishop Vesey Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield, stepped into the

Benetton for the Zig Zag team when a regular driver was forced to pull out.

Although not related to ex-F1 world champion Nigel Mansell, the Birmingham teenager hopes to emulate his childhood hero.

But to do so he needs to raise funds as Formula 3 racing can cost £250,000 a season.

● Anyone wanting to sponsor Scott should contact Kevin on 07889 662 444.

