

Ace sets new circuit record

Nineteen years after Nigel Mansell scored his first Formula 1 win at the famous Kent circuit, unrelated Sutton school-boy Scott Mansell has notched up another motor racing achievement.

Scott (pictured) set a new benchmark for the 1.2-mile Indy circuit in his ex-Jean Alesi 1997 Benetton F1 car as he charged to an easy victory in the EuroBOSS race.

The Bishop Vesey's sixth-former became the fastest racer ever to lap the Indy circuit, driving his Zig Zag Benetton Judd V10 majestically around the twists and turns of the Kent circuit to secure the lap record by almost 0.2 seconds.

The 18-year old broke the lap record set a year ago by



Champ Car pilot Adrian Fernandez by setting a time of 38.03 seconds on lap four of Sunday's race, which was part of the annual csma Classic Festival. Mexican veteran Fernandez set his outright lap record of 38.21 seconds during the London Champ

Car Trophy on May 5, 2003.

Mansell admitted he was overwhelmed to have beaten a time set by such a high-profile racing star and added: "It's fantastic.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet. I mean, Champ Cars are pretty serious machines and to beat their lap times

means I was doing some very fast laps."

Mansell had already beaten the outright lap records at Donington Park and Silverstone during the opening two rounds of the EuroBOSS series.

But he said that beating the Brands record more to him. "It's good that we've beaten the American Champ Car record, which was a record set by a current car, last year."

The Mansell Motorsport Zig Zag racing driver even dipped into the 37-second bracket during practice on Saturday, although he had a very light fuel load for that run. But setting a new lap record with a full fuel load adds to the kudos.

"I was quicker on Saturday," he said, "But the lap on Sunday was the best driving lap I have ever done."