

F1 student's record start



Bishop Vesey's student Scott Mansell will set a new record when he becomes the youngest British racing driver ever to race a Formula One car, writes *Neale Graham*.

The 17-year-old student from Tamworth will be behind the wheel of a 770bhp Benetton in the EuroBOSS Championship at Donington Park this weekend. Driven by flamboyant French-Sicilian Jean Alesi during the

1997 F1 season, the Renault-powered machine is at least 250bhp more powerful than anything Mansell has piloted before. Undaunted, he said: "This opportunity came at short notice and I jumped at the chance - who wouldn't? I was able to test in the car last week and I was surprised by just how comfortable it felt. The power is awesome and it took some getting used to before I was at

race pace.

"Donington is my local circuit and in Sunday's Zig Zag Super Prix I'll have lots of support and will be determined to perform well as a thank you to all those who have backed my racing career."

Tickets for the EuroBOSS competition cost £10 (accompanied under-16s free), and are available on the day.