

# Great Scott!

# He's the new

# Mansell



■ **IN ACTION:** Scott at the wheel of his car

A RACE ace is aiming to follow in the tyre tracks of his hero this weekend – and if his name is anything to go by, he'll be first off the grid.

At just 17, schoolboy Scott Mansell will become the youngest British driver to get behind the wheel of a Formula 1 car in competitive action.

The teenager, from Tamworth, will hurtle a 190mph Benetton, driven by Jean Alesi in 1997, around Donington Park in two races tomorrow.

Although not related to Brum's hero Nigel, Scott

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hopes this weekend's big chance will help him emulate the career of Birmingham's ex-F1 world champion.

"This opportunity came at short notice and I jumped at it," he said. "I have been able to test it and I was surprised how comfortable it felt.

"The power is awesome and it took some getting used to before I was at racing pace.

## Career

"I really want to perform well on Sunday to thank everyone who has supported me in my racing career so far."

Scott, who is studying for A-levels at Bishop Vesey Grammar School in Sutton Coldfield, will join the grid for Sunday's two EuroBOSS Championship races.

The series sees pre-1998 Formula One cars take on F3000 and Indycar chassis.

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

His proud dad Kevin, himself a race car engineer, said: "I think he can finish in the top five this weekend and he has the potential to make it in F1."



■ **HIGH HOPES:** Scott Mansell jumped at the chance to become a racing driver. Picture: Tim East



■ **NAMESAKE:** Race ace Nigel Mansell