

Mansell easily pulled away from his rivals in EuroBOSS



Mansellmania

Scott Mansell shatters lap record on his way to a dominant win. By RICHARD WRIGHT

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This Mansell doesn't hit the bridge
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Scott Mansell shattered the outright lap record for the Donington Park National circuit and left his local track with the satisfaction of having notched up a second dominant EuroBOSS victory in as many races this season.

Mansell put the Judd-powered Benetton B197 on pole with Klaas Zwart's similar Ascari alongside, but the reigning champion was 1.6sec slower. A misfire that could not be cured for the race slowed the Dutchman's car. "It's a high-mileage engine," Zwart admitted after finishing a very distant second.

Before qualifying Roger Kilty targeted third place, and that's exactly where he qualified and finished after a fine drive in his Reynard.

Paul Osborn dived inside Nick Crossley to snatch fourth spot at the chicane on lap five, starting the latter's slide down the order as he struggled to breathe properly in the cramped confines of the Arrows A11B's cockpit. Osborn had to keep an eye in his Tyrrell 019's mirrors late in the race as the image of Joachim Ryschka's G-Force Indy Chevrolet became ever larger as the German went over the top.

for class honours. Ted Reddick had other ideas though, and snatched class victory at the very final corner.

Burton challenged Sowerby for the first half of the first lap of race two before having to concentrate his efforts on keeping second from the grasp of Riley. From 12th on the grid Attard only took a lap to get up to fourth this time, but again his progress stopped there. Eventually Graham Reeder wrestled fourth from him. Reddick took another class win, chased by David Back.

The classic Ferrari field was led away by the mighty 450bhp 365 GTB/4/C of Grahame Bryant. "The car is fine for the first four laps and then becomes a bit of a handful," Bryant explained. Sure enough, after four laps William Jenkins's 308 GTB began to challenge. Then, as he tried for the inside at McLeans, Jenkins got on the grass and spun across the circuit, narrowly missing Bryant and finishing his race in the gravel.

Nicky Paul-Barron (328 GTB) took up the chase of Bryant to no great effect, although he still pulled well clear of the battle for third place where David Wild (308GTB) got the better of Jon Goodwin (Mondial T). The Reg Parnell Trophy was up for grabs to the winner of the BRDC Historic Sportsman race. Although a

would close in and get alongside at McLeans, but always Bronson had the speed to keep his lead. Walker had to keep an eye on his mirrors too, with Alan Minshaw's Birdcage Maserati looking for a way by and setting the fastest lap in the process.

EUROBOSS (17 LAPS) 1 Scott Mansell (Benetton B197 Judd) 16m32.553s (120.57mph); 2 Klaas Zwart (Ascari Judd) 17m00.076s; 3 Roger Kilty (Reynard 93D); 4 Paul Osborn (Tyrrell 019). **Class winners** Kilty; Anthony Hansford (Footwork Arrows A11B). **Fastest lap** Mansell 55.859s (126.14mph) **outright record.**

PIRELLI MARANELLO FERRARI CHALLENGE (12 LAPS) 1 Peter Sowerby (F360) 15m04.683s (93.34mph); 2 Kevin Riley (F360) 15m13.391s; 3 Phil Burton (F360); 4 Marco Attard (F360). **CW** Ted Reddick (F355). **FL** Sowerby 1m13.881s (95.37mph) **record. RACE TWO (12 LAPS)** 1 Sowerby 15m11.702s (92.62mph); 2 Burton 15m12.511s; 3 Riley; 4 Graham Reeder (F360). **CW** Reddick. **FL** Sowerby 1m14.469s (94.62mph).

FERRARI FORMULA CLASSIC (12 LAPS) 1 Grahame Bryant (365 GTB/4/C) 17m29.719s (80.44mph); 2 Nicky Paul-Barron (328 GTB) 17m33.160s; 3 David Wild (308 GTB); 4 Jon Goodwin (Mondial T). **CW** Paul-Barron; Wild. **FL** William Jenkins (308 GTB) 1m25.560s (82.35mph) **record.**