

# MANSELL ROBBED OF VICTORY

AN ELECTRICAL fault robbed Bishop Vesey schoolboy Scott Mansell of another victory in the latest EuroBOSS Championships round at Zolder in Belgium - but it did not stop him claiming his fifth lap record in a row.

Mansell, aged 18 and no relation to former motor-racing world champion Nigel, had not seen the track

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before Friday but, driving his Zig-Zag Mansell Motorsport Benetton B197, he smashed 2.4 seconds off the record in free practice.

That was just a warm-up though and, on the second lap of the race with a full fuel

load, did it again with a lap of 1:20:068. By the third lap he was six seconds clear.

On the sixth lap the cockpit data display was showing an overheating problem - and a temperature of 150C - and, rather than risk blowing the engine, Mansell retired the car.

When the fault was investigated it was found that the

problem was not overheating but an electrical fault which was giving a false reading, a fault which had robbed him of the chance of his fifth victory in a row.

The race was won by current EuroBOSS champion Klaas Zwart on his home track in his Ascari Judd with Karl-Heinz Becker in his Minardi Cosworth second.

Paul Smith completed the podium line-up in his Simtek Ford. Mansell still leads the EuroBOSS championship by nineteen points over Zwart, who picked up 17 points for his victory, with three rounds to go.

The next round of the championship is at Mansell's local circuit, Donington Park on August 29.



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