

BARC

Teen sensation overcomes clutch problem

Silverstone National, April 12

Scott Mansell's crushing victory in the opening BOSS race was tribute to the natural talent of the 18-year-old. Even the loss of his Benetton B197's clutch mid-race failed to stop his rout of the slim field.

Klaas Zwart, having switched to his Ferrari F195 after the Ascari broke its gearbox in qualifying, romped from the back of the grid to finish second, but had no answer to the young Mansell. French circuit owner Patrick D'Aubrey gave Zwart a fight until his ex-Schumacher Benetton broke its engine.

Stewart Linn returned from Tinnettas to race his 'for sale' Westfield in the first race of the season, and soon realised that he had a big battle on his hands. Old adversaries Bill Lancashire and Keith Carle, along with Chris Davison and Alexander Wilkinson, took the fight to Linn and it proved to be a contest of the very highest order.

Initially Linn looked the strongest, but Lancashire and Scarfe had their ideas and the result was a



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Easy win for youngster at Silverstone. By PAUL LAWRENCE

memorable race. It was Lancashire who towed himself into the lead on the final lap as Linn was edged back to third behind Scarfe.

Martyn Bell could scarcely believe his luck in the BMW event. Utter confusion reigned at the start, as some drivers got going and others didn't, and it was poleman Bell who lost out the most. From down around 15th place he set about a monster recovery and stormed through the pack like a hot knife through butter.

Once ahead, he pulled clear but then suffered the agony of having the car cut out at Luffield on the final lap. He coasted over the line, but lost three places in the process.

"I just managed to pace it," said Barry Webb with customary modesty after a dominant drive in MG Clubmans. The real interest lay in the battle for second as Marcus Bicknell fought to hold off his rivals. It was Adrian Lester and Russell Munns who finally moved through to enact a lengthy tussle for second, with Lester always just quick enough to fend off Munns, while Stefan Mumm fought through to take fourth.

The expected battle between Ian Pearson and Nicky Wilson in the BARC Formula Renaults evaporated when Pearson coasted into retirement at the end of the opening lap. That left Wilson, in his

Mansell: the youngest man to have won a race in an F1 car

months in Australia to win the Classic Clubmans opener, although the arrival of Malcolm Jackson in Class A for the first time gave him a considerable contest. In the closing stages Mike Hickson, recovering from a terrible start, moved up to challenge Jackson.

Michael and Garry Woodcock dominated the seven-car Formula Saloon pack, taking their Nissan Primers well clear of the similar car of Jonathan Young.

**EUROBOSS** 1 Scott Mansell (Benetton B197) 22 laps in 18m03.349s (119.98mph); 2 Klaas Zwart (Ferrari F195) 18m27.492s; 3 Roger Kilty (Reynard 930); 4 Paul Smith (Simtek S951).

**BARC WESTFIELD CHAMPIONSHIP** 1 Bill Lancashire 12 laps in 13m19.523s (88.77mph); 2 Keith Scarfe 13m19.825s; 3 Stewart Linn; 4 Alexander Wilkinson; 5 Chris Davison; 6 Nick Flowers. **FL Scarfe** 1m05.170s (90.53mph).

**KURHO BMW CHAMPIONSHIP** 1 Peter Seldon (M3) 14 laps in 15m54.857s (86.69mph); 2 Rick Kerry (M5) 15m57.935s; 3 Don Grice (M3); 4 Martyn Bell (M3). **CW Giovanni di Genaro** (M3); **Matt Seldon** (M5); **Lea Sandy** (325); **Alan Wileman** (318). **FL Bell** 1m05.449s (90.15mph).

**MG XPOWER CLUBMANS CUP** 1 Barry Webb (Mallock Mk23/03) 14 laps in 14m54.878s (92.50mph); 2 Adrian Lester (Mallock Mk35K) 14m56.483s; 3 Russell Munns (Mallock Mk28/30); 4 Stefan Mumm (Mallock Mk28/30); 5 Howard Payne (Mallock Mk20B); 6 Guy Woodward (Mallock Mk27 EBX). **FL Munns** 1m02.507s (94.39mph).

**FORMULA SALOON CHAMPIONSHIP** 1 Michael Woodcock (Nissan Primera) 16 laps in 16m16.497s (96.85mph); 2 Garry Woodcock (Nissan Primera) 16m18.760s; 3 Jonathan Young (Nissan Primera); 4 Tony Brass (Audi A4). **CW Don Grice** (BMW M3). **FL Garry Woodcock** 1m00.395s (97.69mph).

**BARC FORMULA RENAULT CHAMPIONSHIP** 1 Nicky Wilson (Tatuus RC97) 14 laps in 14m12.282s (97.13mph); 2 Nino Piccoli (Tatuus RC99) 14m19.697s; 3 Nick Wilcox (Mygale SJ99); 4 Martin Bloss (Tatuus RC97); 5 Jonathan Sedgwick (Tatuus RC96); 6 John Johnsen (Tatuus RC97). **FL Wilson** 59.913s (98.48mph).

**FUELFORCE CLASSIC CLUBMANS CHAMPIONSHIP** 1 David Childs (Phantom P79) 12 laps in 12m37.386s (93.71mph); 2 Malcolm Jackson (Mallock Mk20B) 12m43.743s; 3 Mike Hickson (Mallock Mk20B);

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