

SUPER-MANSELL

Scott's Silverstone Record breaking Win!

In the last issue we interviewed this talented teenager, now we hear about his first GP of the season...



Date: Monday 12th April.
Location: Silverstone, UK.

Starting from pole, 18 year-old Scott Mansell from Tamworth, England, driving a Benetton Judd, secured an emphatic debut victory in the first round of the 2004 EuroBOSS Championship, setting a new Silverstone national circuit outright lap record (47.404s, 124.47mph) in the process. His winning margin over last year's Champion, Klaas Zwart, was 24 seconds and achieved despite losing his clutch for the latter stages of the race. Scott also becomes the youngest driver to win a race in a Formula One car.

With only minutes to go in qualifying, Mansell went out and posted a lap of 46.685 to grab pole position from Zwart by 1.156 seconds. By the end of the session, a differential problem forced Zwart to abandon his

Championship winning Ascari Judd for the people's favourite, the Jean Alesi 95 Ferrari.

From the start Mansell was a man with a mission. Zwart had only just beaten Mansell in their last encounter and Mansell knew that this was his opportunity for revenge. Mansell blasted into a lead and within five laps had broken the outright lap record four times. D'Aubrey in second place was finding it difficult to keep Mansell in his sights although his speed was increasing with every lap.

As the race entered its final stages

Mansell began to slow, his clutch had given up and, with a commanding lead, he did not need to take unnecessary chances. His driving and race tactics were faultless and as he passed the chequered flag to take his first ever EuroBOSS win it became clear that he is the man to beat in 2004.

Scott Mansell, Zig-Zag Mansell Motorsport: "Testing was on the Thursday before the race on the Silverstone National circuit and had been a massive improvement on the previous test but afterwards some more set-up changes had to be made as I had understeer in the slower corners. Even though we had some minor problems we had set a lap time that was over 2 seconds faster than the lap record, with an average speed of more than 125 mph and top speed of 190 mph.

On the actual race day, in warm-up, the set-up changes we had made were not ideal, as we had lots of oversteer and a slightly wrong 6th gear ratio. However, I managed to set the fastest time, although it was not as quick as I had wanted it to be. In between warm-up and qualifying we made some set-up changes, but

