

Racing tragedy mars Mansell's Most show

THE fourth round of the NDS EuroBoss Formula 3000 series was a mixed one for 16-year-old driver Scott Mansell.

Mansell, who lives in Clifton, drove a great race at the Czech Superprix to finish seventh overall and first in class.

However, the whole weekend was marred by the death of Austrian driver Frederic Careca.

The 58-year-old had started the race from second on the grid and was battling with South African Earl Goddard for first place when the accident happened at the first

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chicane on lap seven.

His Arrows hit a kerb and somersaulted before hitting a safety wall.

The race was red flagged and Careca was rushed to hospital with neck and chest injuries. He remained in a coma until he died. Mansell did not see the incident but the youngsters did see the wreckage.

"It is a flat out corner and it looked like he went end over end," said the Bishop Vesey School pupil.

"It isn't nice to see but it is

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part of racing and you know it can happen.

"It hasn't put me off racing."

Despite the tragedy, Mansell was happy with his weekend's racing in Most.

He qualified 11th on the grid and first in his class in his Reynard Mugen V8.

"All went well and I enjoyed it," said Mansell, who has been racing in karts since he was eight.

"I have only just started racing at this level but it is going very well," he added.



■ Scott Mansell was in action in Most, Czech Republic. (SI)