

Record breaker!

■ LEFT: Scott Mansell with his Benetton Judd Formula One car and, below, on his way to setting a new lap record during the 2004 EuroBOSS Championships at Donnington.



Starting from pole position, 18-year-old Scott Mansell from Tamworth, driving a Benetton Judd Formula One car, secured another emphatic victory in the second round of the 2004 EuroBOSS Championship, setting a new Donington national circuit outright lap record (55.859) taking over one second off the previous lap record held by Earl Goddard set in Michael Schumacher's 1994 championship winning Benetton.

His winning margin over last year's champion, Klaas Zwart, was 27.5 seconds and Scott's average speed over the entire race was over 120 mph!

Following his spectacular result in the first race of the season at Silverstone, where he also broke the outright circuit record on his way to a debut victory, things could not have gone better for Scott as he qualified for the Zig-Zag Mansell Motorsport Benetton on pole in a time of 55.945, 1.6 seconds faster than his nearest rival.

From the start, Mansell held off Zwart into the first corner and then started to put in

some awesome laps, smashing the lap record four times in the first five laps!

Such was his speed, that on lap six he had already caught up with the backmarkers and he proceeded to blast past them on his way to a stunning second victory of the season, making it two out of two.

Scott now leads the championship by 1 point heading into the third round at Brand Hatch which is part of the spectacular CSM festival on May 22/23.

Scott said: "Today was a perfect day for everyone in the team, and to have taken pole position, win the race and to have smashed the outright circuit lap record was absolutely brilliant.

"Donington is a great circuit and to be able to take the cranes flat out, at over 180 mph, is an awesome feeling.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Mansell Motorsport for all their hard work in preparing the car and to thank my sponsors Zig-Zag rolling papers, Drayton Manor theme park, Castrol and Living We Health Club.

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