

# Silverstone

## RACECHAT – Paul Lawrence

Recent Grand Prix cars top the bill at **Silverstone** today as the British Automobile Racing Club organises an excellent seven-race Bank Holiday programme, topped by the stunning **EuroBOSS** series.

Headlining the action is the opening 2004 race for the EuroBOSS category. This series for high-power single-seater racing cars, including Grand Prix cars up to 1998, will be easily the fastest race on the Silverstone National circuit this season and, if conditions are good, a new circuit record is a real possibility. With F1 cars from Benetton, Arrows and Simtek in the field, this is a great chance for fans to get up close to cars that were racing in F1 only a few years ago.

Sure to be amongst the pacesetters is **Klaas Zwart** in his Ascari. The Aberdeen-based Dutchman has an extensive and successful racing history, and will be pre-race favourite. However,

teenager **Scott Mansell** has adapted extremely well to racing an F1 car even though he is still at school, and will be a serious contender in his Benetton B197. Other notable entries include **Paul Smith** in the rare Simtek and Irishman **Frank Lyons** in his Arrows FA13. European visitors could play a significant role, too, with **Patrick Dewandeleer** (Arrows FA16) and **Joachim Ryschka** in his G-Force Indy car adding to the British-based entries.

What is thought to be the UK racing debut of the BMW 850 will be one of the attractions as the **Kumho BMW Championship** season opens. The highly experienced **Jim Edwards** senior, father of BTCC racer Jim junior, has entered a 5.5-litre 850 CSi in the BMW race series and will come up against a horde of M3s. **Martyn Bell** and **Don Grice**, in more familiar M3s, will surely set the overall pace, but the performance of the 850



*Kumho BMW Championship contender Martyn Bell (M3).*

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