



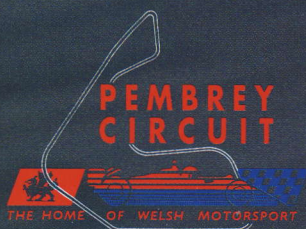
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BRITISH FORMULA 3

The British Formula 3 Championship is set to go down to the wire this year. Unlike previous seasons, where the destiny of the title has often been settled before the end of August, 1995 is going to be a battle to the end of the arduous 18 race championship.

For the most prestigious meeting of the year at Pembrey, the Formula 3 teams have a pair of races on Sunday and with 42 points available to be won – or lost – this weekend it is going to be a very significant meeting on the F3 calendar.

Prior to the most recent round at Snetterton, **Ralph Firman** was starting to look like he had the title in his grasp. However, it could not have gone more wrong for him at his home track in Norfolk. He collided with **Warren Hughes** as they fought for second when Ralph's foot became stuck under the pedal. Neither driver was able to finish the race.

To make it an even more costly day for Firman, the race was won by **Oliver Gavin** – his fourth victory of the season – and suddenly a 36 point lead was slashed to just 17 points.

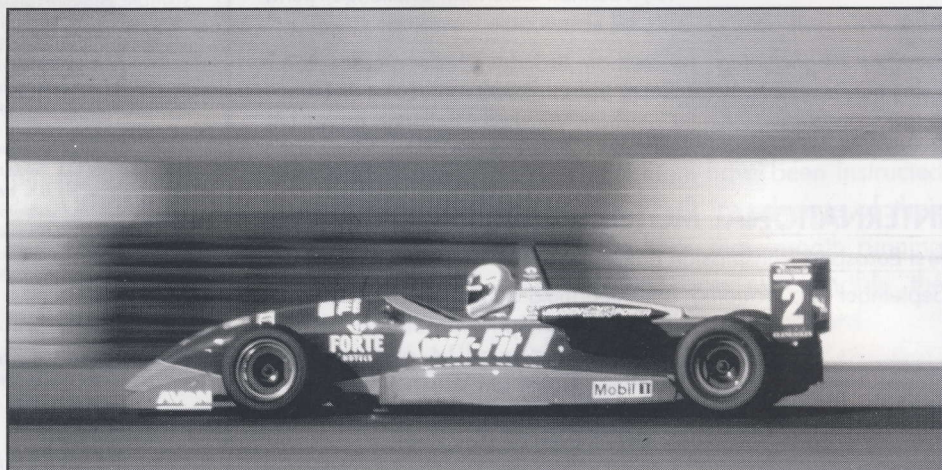
Winning the British Formula 3 title is recognised the world over as a very important step on the route to Grand Prix stardom and the quality of entry reflects this. Ambitious young drivers from all over the world will be racing at Pembrey this weekend.

Firman, in his first season of Formula 3 has had a superb season with five wins already to his credit. But this talented teenager wants nothing less than the title in his Paul Stewart Racing entry and will be determined to win again at Pembrey.

Gavin, too, wants the title having stepped back from Formula 3000 to rebuild his career. He was runner-up to Kelvin Burt in 1993 and will not want to be runner-up again.

The third of the leading title contenders is young Brazilian **Helio Castro Neves** team mate to Firman. Though he has only one once this year, consistent top six finishes mean that he is well in touch with Firman and Gavin. Unlike his rivals, however, Castro Neves has not yet raced at Pembrey.

Still pitching for the title is French teenager **Jeremie Dufour** who could



Brazilian Helio Castro Neves, the third of the leading 1995 British F3 title contenders.

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Ralph Firman comes to today's rounds just 17 points ahead of Oliver Gavin.

(Action 35)

make a late bid for the title if he can pull back points on Firman and Gavin this weekend. He must add to his single victory to stay in the championship hunt.

For the rest of the field the title may be out of reach but there is still much to prove. Brazilians **Gualter Salles** and **Cristiano da Matta** both have won once so far this year, while British drivers like Hughes, **Steve Arnold**, **Jamie Davies** and **James Matthews** are all potential race winners in this very high quality entry.

Class B is for cars at least one year old and provides a 'race within a race'. **Martin Byford** has a firm grip on the class after a superb season with his family team but South African youngster **Werner Lupberger** is gaining pace as the year

progresses. A recent impressive test in a Formula 3000 car at Silverstone will have boosted his confidence further but he has yet to beat the flying Byford.

With every driver using examples of the Italian Dallara chassis, the qualifying sessions on Saturday will be critical as drivers try and find a balance between the tight, twisty section between the two hairpins and the fast run down the main straight and through the daunting Honda Curve. Starting from pole position will be a major advantage as the large fields pours into Hatchets Hairpin on the first lap of each of the races!

SUPPORTING RACES

Another championship set for a thrilling climax is the Dunlop Rover GTi Championship. The identical Rover 216 GTi's have produced some fine racing this season and seven different drivers have now won races.

One man yet to win a race, however, is **Vince Martin** who currently heads the points table by just two points from **Mark Jones**. This weekend, drivers will count their better score from the two races with the grid for race two being the finishing order from race one.

Spencer Baker – who won one of the races at Snetterton two weeks ago – is still in contention for the title in the car that his mentor Martin Short used to race in the series. Nuneaton chef **Alfonso Emanuele** and **John Griffiths** have also been winners and are still outside contenders for

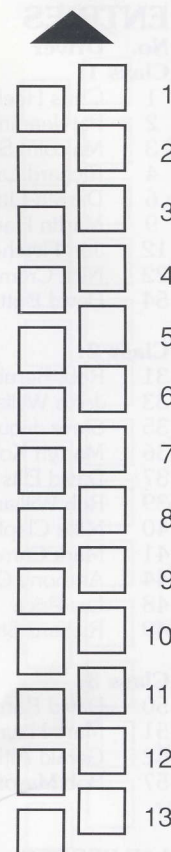


BRITISH FORMULA THREE CHAMPIONSHIP

RACE 11: 18 LAPS

ROUND 14 & 15

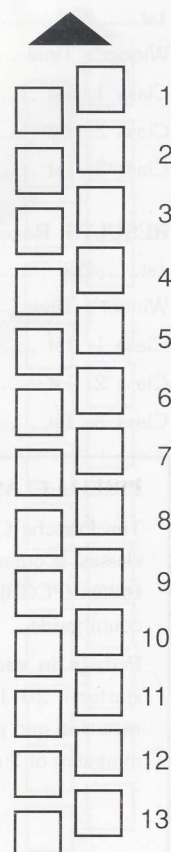
No.	Driver	Country	Entrant	Car/Engine	cc
1	Ralph Firman	Great Britain	Paul Stewart Racing	Dallara F395	2000
2	Helio Castro Neves	Brazil	Paul Stewart Racing	Dallara F395	2000
3	Cristiano Da Matta	Brazil	West Surrey Racing	Dallara F395	2000
4	Brian Cunningham	USA	West Surrey Racing	Dallara F395	2000
5	Oliver Gavin	Great Britain	Edenbridge Racing with Vauxhall	Dallara F395	2000
6	Steve Arnold	Great Britain	Edenbridge Racing with Vauxhall/Mitutoyo	Dallara F395	2000
7	Warren Hughes	Great Britain	HKS/Mitsubishi/Alan Docking Race Team	Dallara F395	2000
8	Owen McAuley	Great Britain	HKS/Mitsubishi/Alan Docking Race Team	Dallara F395	2000
9	Gualter Salles	Brazil	Fortec Motorsport	Dallara F395	2000
10	Jamie Davies	Great Britain	Fortec Motorsport	Dallara F395	2000
11	Luiz Garcia Jnr	Brazil	David Sears Motorsport with Marlboro CEF	Dallara F395	2000
12	James Matthews	Great Britain	David Sears Motorsport with Business Post	Dallara F395	2000
13	Mark Shaw	Great Britain	Vincini Competition Motorsport	Dallara F395	2000
16	Christian Horner	Great Britain	TOMS Racing	Dallara F395	2000
17	Gonzalo Rodriguez	Uruguay	HKS/Mitsubishi/Alan Docking Race Team	Dallara F395	2000
18	Kurt Mollekens	Belgium	Alan Docking Racing	Dallara F395	2000
19	Marc Gene	Spain	West Surrey Racing	Dallara F395	2000
20	Geoffroy Horion	Brazil	Fortec Motorsport	Dallara F395	2000
21	Garth Waberski	South Africa	DAW Racing	Dallara F395	2000
25	Jeremie Dufour	France	Ligier Junior Team	Dallara F395	2000



Class B:

31	Werner Lupberger	South Africa	DAW Racing	Dallara F394	2000
32	Jim Carney	USA	DAW Racing	Dallara F393	2000
34	Martin Byford	Great Britain	Z Speed Racing	Dallara F394	2000
35	Alan Berkov (1st Res)	Russia	Z Speed Racing	Dallara F394	2000
36	Takashi Yokoyama	Japan	TOMS Racing	Dallara F394	2000
47	Tavo Hellmund	USA	Mark Bailey Racing Ltd	Dallara F394	2000
56	Philip Hopkins (2nd Res)	Great Britain	Prowess Racing	Dallara F393	2000
70	TBA	TBA	West Surrey Racing	Dallara F394	2000

RACE 16: 18 LAPS



LAP RECORD:

Class A: Oliver Gavin (Dallara F393 Vauxhall) 22/8/93: 0:52.12, 100.56mph/161.84km/h.
 Class B: Duncan Vercoe (Dallara F393 Vauxhall) 21/8/94: 0:53.36, 98.23mph/158.08km/h.

RESULTS: Race 11

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 Winner's TimeSpeed Fastest Lap: NoTimeSpeed
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The 1995 British Formula Three Championship is organised and administered by the British Racing Drivers' Club and the British Automobile Racing Club.

Formula 3 became an International category in 1950, for cars with 500cc engines. It was superseded by the 1/1.1 litre Formula Junior in 1960, then a new 1-litre Formula 3 was introduced for 1964, 1600cc (1971-73) to the current 2-litre (since 1974).

Specification: single-seater racing cars built to international F3 regulations, powered by 2-litre production based engines (developed from that of a recognised road car of which at least 5000 have been built), and running on control radial tyres (Avon). Class B cars must be designated as models from no earlier than 1992 and no later than 1994.

Awards at each round: Class A - 1st £750, 2nd £600, 3rd £450, 4th £400, 5th £350, 6th £300, 7th £275, 8th £250, 9th £200, 10th £150; Class B - 1st £575, 2nd £450, 3rd £375, 4th £325, 5th £250, 6th £225.

Points systems: 20-15-12-10-8-6-4-3-2-1 to the first ten finishers in each class, plus 1 for class fastest lap. Class B competitors are not eligible to score points in the Class A Championship. All championship rounds to count.

POINTS

Positions after Snetterton September 10th thirteenth round:

Class A:

1	Ralph Firman	148
2	Oliver Gavin	131
3	Helio Castro Neves	127
4	Jeremie Dufour	112
5	Gualter Salles	85
6	Warren Hughes	83
7	Steve Arnold	70
8	Cristiano da Matta	64
9	Jamie Davies	58
10	Marc Gene	43

Class B:

1	Martin Byford	211
2	Werner Lupberger	125
3	Johnny Mowlem	118
4	Takashi Yokoyama	99
5	Philip Hopkins	76
6	Jim Carney	64
7	Tony Renna	63
8	Alan Berkov	45
9	Tavo Hellmund	38
10	Daoud Abou Daye	24

Next round Silverstone October 7th/8th.