

# **Kempe in big race build-up**

PHIL KEMPE, the 1981 Dunlop/Autosport Star of Tomorrow champion, is busy building up his strength with some special exercises at his home on Sunybank Farm, Rhiwderin, in preparation for the Formula Three supporting race to the Marlboro British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch on July 18.

Kempe had a test run last week and confessed that the aftereffects of his bout of glandular fever had left him very weak. However, he should be fitter for his last scheduled run with sponsors Hicks International Transport.

This race is an important one, with over 150,000 people expected over the three days at Brands Hatch. A substantial number of Welsh fans are expected to make the trip to the meeting and Kempe should be well prepared after testing at Mallory, Brands Hatch and Oulton Park, and running in a fresh engine.

He hopes that more sponsors will step in to help him through the rest of the season as his deal with Hicks begins to run out. "We still have plenty of spaces left on the car and some are going for £1,000 or less. The deal will include the grande prix," he said.

Continuity is almost as important as experience in Formula Three and Kempe needs to keep in the race in order to improve. He could be involved in a major deal involving a new engine for 1983.

## **Kempe looks for favourable spot**

Phil Kempe of Rhiwderin gets back into action this Saturday at Brands Hatch in the first practice session for the Formula Three supporting race to the British Grand Prix and becomes the first Welsh driver to compete in a single-seater event at a British Grand Prix since the late Tom Pryce.

Kempe, who should have redovered by now from the worst effects of the glandular fever that nearly wrecked his plans hopes to win a favourable position on the grid.

In the main race Wales are represented by Arrows Grand Prix racing team manager Alan Rees, formerly of Langstone.

Rees was closely associated with the career of Tom Pryce and has been racing ever since.