

## RACE 2

# HISTORIC FORMULA JUNIOR

## FJHRA SILVERLINE CHAMPIONSHIP

**B**rainchild of Italian pre-war racer Count Giovanni 'Johnny' Lurani, Formula Junior - built around production car engines of up to 1100cc, which suited FIAT and the Stanguellini family in Modena which made more than 100 front-engined cars re-sembling miniature Maserati 250Fs from a distance - debuted in 1958. FJ spread rapidly to Great Britain, Continental Europe, the USA and Australia, growing in stature to become the pre-eminent training ground for F1 drivers until it was superseded by one-litre F2 and F3 in 1964.

Although F1's rear-engined revolution, pioneered by double World Champion Cooper, with Lotus on its heels, filtered down into the junior school playground, rendering the 'pullers' obsolete, hundreds of manufacturers built cars to the regulations, from one-offs to full-scale production runs. Mike Costin and Keith Duckworth's brilliant development work on Ford engines begat their Cosworth enterprise - manufacturer of the DFV V8 F1, a debut winner in 1967 with 1960 British FJ champion Jim

Clark and Team Lotus. The category also inspired Jack Brabham and Ron Tauranac's MRD/Brabham cars.

The first single-seater class to be recognised with Historic status in 1975, it has been nurtured globally by the extraordinary Formula Junior Historic Racing Association - under visionary Duncan Rabagliati and his Lithuanian-domiciled daughter Sarah Mitriki - since 1993. Saturday's race is round 10 of the FJHRA's Silverline Tools UK Championship, currently led by Suffolk's Nic Carlton-Smith (Lotus 20) who is aiming to land his fourth crown in five seasons.

Adrian Russell (doubtless anticipating another front-engined Condor duel with Alex Morton), promising youngster Nathan Metcalfe (Lotus 20) and the versatile Chris Porritt (Lotus 18) are embroiled in the chase. Defending champion Andrew Hibberd (Lotus 20 or 22), Anglo-Croatian ace Jon Milicevic (Brabham BT6) and Stuart Roach - if he picks his Alexis Mk3 over the front-engined Mk2 - could dispute outright victory.

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No.	Class	Driver Name	Home Town	Make/Model	CC	Year	Colour
24	A	Adrian Stevens	Halstead	Hillwood FJ	1100	1959	Silver
37	A	Martin Sheppard	Bristol	Stanguellini FJ	1098	1958	red
4	B1	Graham Barron	Preston	Gemini Mk2	1000	1959	Green
31	B1	Anthony Olisoff	Auckland	Emeryson Experimental Elfin Mk1	995	1960	Red
123	B1	Andrea Guarino	Roma	Elva 100	997	1959	Blue
2	B2	Mark Woodhouse	Bromsgrove	Elva 100	1098	1959	Green
3	B2	Sam Wilson	Leicester	Lola Mk2	1100	1960	Blue
7	B2	Duncan Rabagliati	Wimbledon	Alexis HF1	1098	1959	Orange
8	B2	Alex Morton	Alresford	Condor S2	1098	1960	Red
12	B2	Stuart Roach	Southampton	Alexis Mk2	1100	1960	Orange
23	B2	Adrian Russell	Woking	Condor S2	1098	1960	Blue
79	B2	Andrew Hibberd	Slough	Lola Mk2	1098	1960	Green
121	B2	Andrea Guarino	Roma	Elva 100	1100	1959	White
14	C2	Crispian Besley	Gayton	Cooper T56	1095	1960	Red
35	C2	John Hutchison Jnr	Reading	Envoy Mk1	1100	1960	White/Blue
40	C2	Chris Wilks	Newbury	Deep Sanderson FJ	1100	1960	Silver
44	C2	Eddie O'Kane		Crossle 4F	1100	1960	Navy
48	C2	Nick Powell	Chieveley	Cooper T52	1089	1960	Red
77	C2	Chris Porritt	Stratford-upon-Avon	Lotus 18	1098	1960	Red
12	D2	Stuart Roach	Southampton	Alexis Mk3	1100	1961	Orange
20	D2	Andrew Hibberd	Slough	Lotus 20	1098	1961	White
39	D2	Nic Carlton-Smith	Stowmarket	Lotus 20	1098	1961	Blue/Red
135	D2	Paul Boulton	Bedford	Elfin 629	1100	1962	Blue
171	D2	Nathan Metcalfe		Lotus 20	1098	1961	Red
41	E1	Andrew Hibberd	Slough	Lotus 22	1098	1962	Green
51	E1	Michael Hibberd	Slough	Lotus 22	1098	1962	Green
60	E1	Jon Milicevic	Fosters Booth	Brabham BT6	1098	1963	Green/Gold
81	E1	Ralph Carter	London	Brabham BT2	1098	1962	Green
144	E1	Iain Rowley	Reading	Lotus 22	1100	1962	Dark Blue