

NIGEL MANSELL : THE WORLD CHAMPION IS BACK ON THE TRACK WITH HIS TWO SONS
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The **1992 Formula 1 World Champion**, will be back on one of his favourite circuits for the fifth and last race of the 2009 Le Mans Series season: **the Autosport 1000 Km of Silverstone**.

A major event to be followed in less than two weeks time; when **for the first time in motor sport history**, a World Champion will race **with two of his children** at the highest international competition level.

The 56 year old British driver will share the wheel of **LNT Team's LMP1 Ginetta-Zytek** with Lawrence Tomlinson and his son, **Greg**.

Leo Mansell, Nigel's other son, as since the beginning of the season, will also be on the track in another category with Modena Team's Ferrari F430 (GT2).



Nigel gave an interview two weeks ago at the **1000 Km of Nürburgring** where he was supporting and advising Leo.

LMS: Nigel, a few weeks before your come back to the competition, what do you expect from the Autosport 1000 Km of Silverstone ?

N.M: "This will be my first time in LMP1. This is a very exciting opportunity that Lawrence Tomlinson has given to us to compete in the Ginetta-Zytek car and especially at Silverstone where I have had three victories. I hope that reliability will be there and I hope to have fun!"

LMS: You follow your son Leo on the Le Mans Series rounds since the beginning of the season. What do you think of Le Mans Series?

N.M: "I like the ambiance and the competitiveness of the Series. It is run professionally and all the races are very exciting to watch. I think that a six-hour race is a good balance and a lot of things can happen. I am here watching Leo, and I am impressed by Team Modena. Ferrari means a lot for me and I am pleased to be back working with them."

LMS: What about driving with both your sons?

N.M: "This is the first time ever that a Formula 1 world champion and his two sons enter the same race. I am not sure that it will happen again! Leo won't compete in the same class, but I am delighted to share the wheel with Greg."

LMS to Greg Mansell : Greg, what do you think about the Mansell family gathered for a race?

G.M: "We already raced together with my brother, but I am very excited to have my dad as a teammate! I think this will be a life experience."

A TRACKLAP WITH...NIGEL MANSELL!

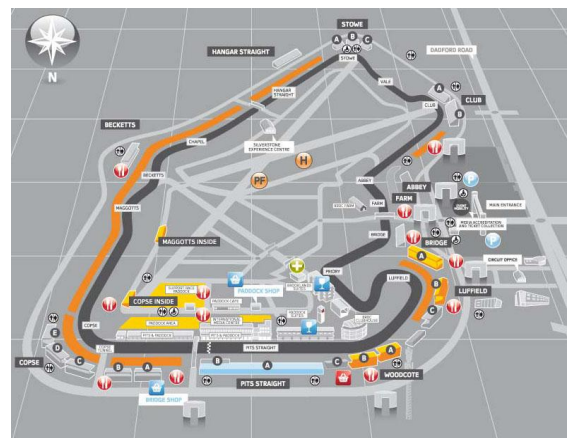
The Formula One World Champion **knows the Silverstone circuit very well** and invites you to come with him for a tracklap on this very technical circuit.

“ Silverstone is one of the most fantastic circuits in the world, even with all the changes, and it is the home of motor-racing. If you drive between 95 and 98% of your abilities, you set the pole and if you are able to drive at 100%, you take the pole by one second. 1992 was the last time I have been on pole at Silverstone in Formula 1 for almost two seconds.



The start-finish line leads down to **Copse**, the first 90-degree right hander, which is off-camber at the exit. It is a very important corner because you need to carry as much speed as possible for the next straight. Moreover, there is a very good opportunity **for overtaking before that corner**. A short burst of power takes you to the most fantastic complex in the world, Maggots-Becketts-Chapel S bends. It is very important to take the right and left flicks flat out, **to carry as much speed as you can**. If you have a very good pace, and the car has a very good balance, **you should do a quick lap**

Hanger straight is **the first time you can breathe!** This straight leads to Stowe, a right-hander, and its blind entry, due to the late nature of the apex. You can climb on the kerb at the exit, so you can **accelerate from second gear**. You have to change gear **very quickly** while rolling down on Vale. This straight takes you to Club, a long right-hander. This corner is very tricky because **if you drive perfectly** in the corner, your lap time won't be good and you have to accelerate through the corner. Then you go down the short straight to the left of **Abbey corner with its quite hard braking**.



There is a **very short straight before a flick right**, and you then go up and over the hill into Bridge corner, which is taken flat-out if the car is well-balanced. A very short burst of acceleration and you are in Priors, a left-hander **where you have to stay on the left side** of the track to take the corner properly. **You accelerate briefly** and hard on the brake for the next left-hander of Brooklands and then the right-hander Luffield. **You can only expect not too much of oversteer in that corner**. The sweeping right of Woodcote is the final corner, which takes you back onto the pit straight to start another lap.

SOME KEY NUMBERS ABOUT THE IMPRESSIVE CAREER OF NIGEL MANSELL:

- **187** FORMULA 1 GRANDS PRIX
- **482** POINTS
- **31** VICTORIES
- **32** POLE POSITIONS
- **ONE FORMULA ONE CHAMPION TITLE (1992)**

SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTOSPORT 1000 KM OF SILVERSTONE

DATE : 11/12/13 SEPTEMBER 2009

PLACE : SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT (UK)

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE MEETING (UK TIME) :

FRIDAY 11

à 1.15PM/2.15PM : FREE PRACTICE 1

à 5.00PM/6.00 PM: FREE PRACTICE 2

SATURDAY 12

à 10.00AM/11.00AM : FREE PRACTICE 3

à 1.45PM/2.30PM : QUALIFYING

SUNDAY 13

à 09.00AM/09.15AM : WARM UP

à **11.35AM : START**

**FIFTH AND LAST ROUND OF THE SEASON, THIS 1000 KM RACE WILL LEAD TO
THE 2009 SEASON CLASSIFICATIONS.**

**LET'S REMEMBER THE THE TWO WINNERS OF EACH CATEGORY (LMP1, LMP2, LMGT1, LMGT2),
WIN A DIRECT SELECTION FOR THE 2010 24 HOURS OF LE MANS.**

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