

REPORT: SILVERSTONE

HSCC's International Trophy delivers fabulous spectacle

Tremendous grids of spectacular historic racing cars ensured a memorable weekend at the Historic Sports Car Club's Silverstone International Trophy meeting on the Grand Prix circuit (22/23 May).

With bumper grids for most races and spectators admitted to Silverstone for the first time since the end of 2019, it was a very special race meeting as Historic Formula 2, Thundersports and the Dunlop Saloon Car Cup ran alongside the Club's other series for single-seaters, sports and touring cars. Although the British spring weather was unpredictable, there was some great racing across a full two days.

Wrapping up Saturday's racing was a round of the Classic Formula 3 and Classic Formula Ford 2000 championship and once again it was Andrew Smith in his March 783 who set a searing pace. Benn Tilley gave valiant chase in his earlier March but could not rival Smith. In third, Tony Hancock (Lola T670) completed the podium, while David Thorburn narrowly pipped Keith White for fourth and Murray Shepherd was best of the Formula Ford 2000s. The second race followed a similar pattern as rain threatened and Smith wrapped up his weekend with another win over Tilley. Hancock was third, while Shepherd was impressive once more as he topped the FF2000 division.