

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.

Opening the racing on Saturday, Cam Jackson added yet another Historic Formula Ford 1600 win with a commanding drive in his Winkelmann. After heading qualifying on a damp and slippery track, he got the jump on the pack in the race and was able to edge decisively clear as a mighty contest raged for second place. Callum Grant worked hard to move up and grab second from Horatio Fitz-Simon and Linton Stutely.

Jackson doubled up in style on Sunday, while those behind him battled furiously. The fierce competition behind was split up a little when Stutely retired after another car spun in front of him and Sam Harrison was also delayed. Eventually it came down to a fine battle between Ben Mitchell and Fitz-Simon, and they ran neck and neck all the way to the flag where Mitchell got the verdict by less than a hundredth of a second. Similarly, in fourth, another great battle raged between and Dominic Jackson, making his debut in the Lotus 59 from the Wrigley stable, and Grant. Somehow, Jackson got the place by a thousandth of a second.