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F2 features at The Classic, Silverstone

Two major grids from the Historic Sports Car Club were part of the stellar race line-up at The Classic, Silverstone (30 July-1 August).

The biggest historic racing festival returned after an enforced absence in 2020 and marked the 30th edition of the event. From the HSCC portfolio, Historic Formula 2 and Thundersports were in action and were joined by two non-championship races for Historic Formula Junior from the FJHRA.

In addition to providing two impressive grids the HSCC was also responsible for organising the on-track element of the event, which spanned three full days and included 21 races. Variable weather added a further challenge across the weekend but the programme was successfully completed in front of a large and enthusiastic audience.

HSCC CEO Andy Dee-Crowne said: "We are fortunate to have a very professional and experienced team of volunteer officials and marshals. We send sincere thanks to each and every one of them for the part they played at Silverstone."

Matt Wrigley (March 782) and Andrew Smith (March 742) shared the Historic Formula 2 wins as plumes of spray made conditions particularly challenging on Sunday. Smith chased Wrigley home on Saturday but was able to tiger ahead on Sunday to make it one-apiece. "When Andrew went past I realised he was using completely different lines in the wet," said Wrigley.

Miles Griffiths (Ralt RT1) and Matthew Watts (March 782) led the chase on Saturday as Martin Stretton (March 712) and Tim De Silva (Chevron B35) completed the top six. Class wins went to Callum Grant (March 79B), Marc Mercer (March 73B) and Chris Lillingston-Price (Tecno T70).

It was a lot wetter on Sunday as Griffiths again led the chase of the two leaders. Watts dropped back a little as De Silva headed Stretton to take fourth. Up into a fine sixth came Grant to head the Formula Atlantic cars, with Mercer making it two wins from the earlier Atlantic class. In the earlier F2 cars, Nick Pancisi (March 712) came through for class success.