

Karun @ British F3 Chandhok wins at Silverstone

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India's fastest teenager **Karun Chandhok** scored a crushing victory in the British Formula 3 championship (scholarship class) today around the Silverstone Grand Prix circuit.



The weekend started off well for the Madras born driver when he finished 3rd in the official test session on Friday. In the qualifying sessions held on Saturday, Chandhok fought off stiff competition from team-mate Steven Kane in the first session and then later from Ernesto Viso in the second session to **record two Pole Positions for the races** to be held across the bank holiday weekend. He was delighted with his days work.

“ I really need a good weekend here to put my championship aspirations back on track and there's no better way to start than with pole position. In the 2nd session we did two laps that were fast enough for pole, which I'm really pleased about. The car is working well and I really like the F1 circuit here. ”

The first race of the weekend held on Sunday afternoon, was eagerly anticipated by the teams and drivers. It's a rare opportunity for them to drive on what is arguably one of the best Formula 1 circuits in the world. Big names from the Motorsport world including 3 time Formula 1 World Champions Jackie Stewart and Nelson Piquet as well as Jaguar's current F1 star Mark Webber all were present on race day.

At the start of the race Chandhok got off to a flier and instantly pulled away from team-mate Kane. Lap after lap he consistently pulled away at about 3-4 tenths of a second so that by the end of the race he had extended his lead to an impressive 6.4 seconds. On the way he also recorded the fastest lap of the race (1:46.520s), earning himself another championship point. An overjoyed Chandhok talks us through his race



“The car was really good right through the race and I was able to do consistent times all through, which is what you need to do in order to run at the front. The non-finish at Knockhill was a disappointment and I really needed to bounce back with a good result. The team at T-Sport have worked really hard all weekend and my engineer Alan Woodhead worked out a super set-up which really made today possible. Silverstone is like my adopted home race. I live only five minutes down the road and am also an instructor at the racing school here which makes it more special to win here. ”

The second race of the day is to be held late on Monday afternoon. Karun who is supported primarily by JK Tyres in association with Kingfisher, Rolon, UCAL, Amaron and Parx now moves up into second place in the championship with still 15 races to go this year.

Results :

- 1) Karun Chandhok (Ind) 26:54.620s
- 2) Steven Kane (GB) + 6.43s
- 3) Christian England (GB) + 17.9s