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Four Ginetta-Zyteks Contest Silverstone 1000km Mansells return to Britain after first Le Mans Series win

Four Ginetta-Zyteks will contest this Sunday's 1,000km of Silverstone, the final race in the 2010 Le Mans Series. Included will be the LMP1 class victors from the previous round in Hungary, the Beechdean Mansell entered 4.5-litre Ginetta-Zytek 09SB in which former world champion, Nigel Mansell will rejoin sons, Greg and Leo. Also on the grid will be the reigning LMS LMP2 champions, Olivier Pla and Miguel Amaral in their 3.4-litre 09SB.

For the first time this year, two LMP1 class Ginetta-Zytek 09SBs will be in the line up. Twelve months ago Nigel made his Le Mans Series debut at Silverstone in the Team LNT Ginetta-Zytek and it is this car that will be making its first race appearance of the season. The drivers will be a trio of experienced men from the American Le Mans Series. One of these is to be Britain's Johnny Mowlem, whose exploits at the wheel of Zytek machinery include being one of the drivers of the first hybrid-engined prototype ever to win a podium place at an ALMS race. He is to be joined in LNT's conventionally engined Ginetta-Zytek by Tony Burgess and Chris McMurry from Canada and the USA respectively. Greg Mansell also drove this car last year but this weekend he will share Beechdean Mansell's identical 09SB with his father and elder brother. Nigel will be joining his sons for the first time since the Le Mans 24-hours, returning to the scene of three of his Grand Prix victories

In the LMP2 class the Ginetta-Zytek entries will be the same as for the 1,000 of the Hungaroring. Once again Olivier and Miguel will be in the championship winning Quifel-ASM Team car with which they came a tenacious second overall on August 22. Karim Ojeh, Tim Greaves and Thor-Christian Ebbesvik will again drive the Team Bruichladdich 09SB in which they came fifth overall in the same race.

The Autosport 1,000km of Silverstone is one of the longest running races in the LMS calendar, having been contested first in 1976. This year it will also be the inaugural event in the new Le Mans Intercontinental Cup, which includes races in Europe, North America and Asia. Track activity commences on Friday with two free practice sessions for the LMS cars starting at 13:25 and 17:00 respectively. Sunday sees a third practice session at 09:00 with the 20 minutes qualifying session for the LMP1 and LMP2 prototypes beginning at 13:40. The race itself, which will take place over 170 laps of the famed Northamptonshire circuit, commences with a rolling start at 11.55 on Sunday.

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