

A MINUTE WITH... DAVID SHEPHERD

How did you begin racing?

I did an 'experience' day and found I did quite well. My Dad raced Minis so I had a go and got on the podium in my second race.

How is it racing your dad?

You're always in competition with your team-mate, it just happens we're family. But he's happy when I do well.

Aim for the season?

Both myself and the Amery team are still learning but we want some top-10s.



DAVID SHEPHERD:

His dad, Jonathan, beat him in their first race against each other but David's had the upper hand since a podium in race two. "I thought 'I might as well stick with this!'"

Away from the track?

Two weeks ago I finished a degree in animation so I'm currently unemployed!

Favoured career?

Working in movies but on the computer generated effects side. I'd like to be involved with blue screen effects, explosions and things like that.

FREE TICKET REQUESTS SOAR PAST SIX-FIGURES

More than 160,000 free tickets have already been requested for the World Series by Renault meeting at Donington Park on September 8th/9th. Tickets for the UK leg of the seven-event series became available online on Monday, 21st May, with fans flocking to the official website to place their order.

Early demand suggests last year's attendance of more than 92,000 over the weekend could be exceeded in 2007.

Supplementing high-quality racing are demonstrations by the double World Champion ING Renault F1 Team. Test driver Jonathan Cochet will pilot the victorious R26 in two exhibition runs on



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: The title-winning R26 will be piloted by Jonathan Cochet for exhibition runs at Donington Park

Saturday and two on Sunday, giving fans the chance to see last year's F1 title-winning car at close quarters.

Headlining the racing action is World Series by Renault, featuring 425hp Formula Renault 3.5 single-seater racing cars, reaching speeds of up to 180mph. Completing the World

Series by Renault package are Eurocup Formula Renault 2.0 and Mégane Trophy. Formula Renault UK and ELF Renault Clio Cup support the International action.

Historic Renault parades, Formula One simulators and the F1 pit-stop challenge cater for all interests.

■ **PLANS** are being formulated for a 2007 Clio Cup Winter Series. Scheduled to take place across the first two weekends in November, the races may take an alternative format to previous seasons. The series will run alongside Formula Renault UK.

■ **ACTION** from round two at Rockingham will be shown on Motorsport UK next Sunday, 1st July. The show, which is broadcast at midnight, includes a feature on racing father-and-sons. Clio Cup racers Jamie Cleland, Jim Edwards Jnr and Andrew Jordan all contribute.

■ **ONLINE** coverage of the Clio Cup has had a successful launch. Race footage from ITV Sport is uploaded onto www.renaultsport.co.uk and can be viewed after joining the Renaultsport community. The action is free to watch and benefits from its 24-hour availability.



SPA SHINE... MICHAEL Doyle clinched a sensational victory in the Italian Clio Cup last Sunday at Belgium's Spa circuit. After being taken out in the first race, the Robertshaw Racing man led most of the second race to win by 2.547s. He said: "To stand on the top step of the podium at Spa was an unbelievable feeling."