

Palmer pushing for a place among elite

JOLYON PALMER is aiming for a home win to boost his F1 chances today after becoming the first British driver since Lewis Hamilton to arrive at Silverstone leading the GP2 championship series.

Palmer, inset, is the son of former F1 racer Jonathan, and was second in practice yesterday. In superb form this season, the 23-year-old leads the GP2 standings by 31 points for his DAMS team.

He has so far had two race wins and two poles and said: "I'm giving everything I can to win the series this year. That includes more work, no social life, strict diet – no girlfriend. A lot of

money goes into this, I am aware of that, but it is not a pressure, it is an incentive to do better.

"This season is going well and I would love to win in front of the British fans.

"Apart from anything else, it is a great showcase and I want to be in F1.

"I am confident in my ability and I know I could do well in F1 if the opportunity comes up – but you have to earn it and that is what I am trying to do."

Essex youngster Alex Lynn, 20, is leading the GP3 series and is another charger with his sights set on making it into grand prix racing.

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LEADING THE WAY: Palmer is setting the pace in the GP2 series this season

