

## FORMULA ONE

# Palmer has a Joly good chance of making F1



Palmer, right, and rival Mitch Evans battle wheel to wheel at Silverstone

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**JOLYON PALMER will ramp up his bid to become Britain's next Formula One ace at Hockenheim this weekend.**

The Sussex speedster, 23, is leading F1's feeder series GP2 after two wins, including the blue riband event at Monaco, and four podium results.

He will gun for glory in the two races supporting the German Grand Prix.

And if he goes on to clinch the title, he hopes to follow in his dad Jonathan's wheel tracks by making it into F1.

Jonathan started 83 Grands Prix for teams including Williams and Tyrrell before becoming boss of circuit owners MotorSport Vision.

Palmer Jnr heads to Hockenheim 38 points clear of his nearest rival, Brazilian hot-shot Felipe Nasr.

He extended his advantage last time out at Silverstone, where he finished second in GP2's feature race after a thrilling scrap with Kiwi Mitch Evans, and fourth in the sprint race held just before the British Grand Prix.

Palmer said: "After just missing out on the win at Silverstone I'm definitely aiming for the top step this weekend.

"There are a few overtaking opportunities at Hockenheim so the racing should be exciting.

"It's a short lap as well so I expect it to be really tight at the top, especially in qualifying."