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· BRANDS HATCH '89 ·

In an act of superb enterprise and intuitive opportunism, Middlebridge acquired the manufacturing rights and all tooling, in June, 1987, for the famous Scimitar GTE and GTC sports cars.

In late 1987, the Middlebridge Scimitar plant was established at Beeston in Nottinghamshire.

The GTE was re-launched in 1988 at the Birmingham NEC Motor Show to rapturous applause since which time one of the first cars has been delivered to the Princess Royal.

The Scimitars were never destined to date with time but over 450 design and product updates have ensured that this innovative design has a long future ahead of it, supported by a new dealer network.

The car now has the 2.9 Ford Scorpio engine with a choice of 5-speed, manual or 4-speed automatic transmissions.

Dennis Nursey is Executive Director, and in charge of the marketing direction.

Under the direction of Stewart Bird, production will reach five cars per week in 1989.

The team of Director's extensive motor industry experience and long standing dedication to the success of the Scimitar project will ensure a prosperous future for this illustrious marque now back in the British motor industry, where it belongs.

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MIDDLEBRIDGE DRIVER MARK BLUNDELL TAKES YOU ON A LAP OF BRANDS HATCH ...

1. PADDOCK BEND

Thundering past the pits on the inside at 165 mph I cross the track to the outside as I climb the hill. Brake hard, snatch 4th and turn in adding power all the way through.

2. DRUIDS BEND

Briefly into 5th then I brake hard and go down through the box to second for this straight forward hair pin.

3. BOTTOM BEND

Accelerating into 4th gear I turn in late for this very fast descending turn.

4. After briefly dabbing the brakes and down changing to 3rd I feed in the power gently, ensuring a smooth exit for the important straight.

9. STIRLINGS

A short burst takes me to the banked left hander where I'm careful not to run wide over the rumble strips on the exit.

10. CLEARWAYS

Clearways is a long difficult up down and up sweep that tends to throw the car out to the outside of the circuit after the first of 2 apexes.

6. HAWTHORN BEND

A very fast sweeping bend that starts off banked and then levels out on exit.

7. WESTFIELD

The car plunges down hill towards a blind right hand kink.

8. DINGLE DELL

This is followed by the new and controversial chicane. The quickest route is over the middle kerbing which requires considerable judgement and bravery.

11. BRABHAM STRAIGHT

Blasting past your hospitality box, I won't have time to wave as I concentrate on starting my next lap.

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