

INFORMATION

KEMPSTON MICRO RACES INTO SOFTWARE

Kempston Micro Electronics, renowned for its range of Joysticks and Interfaces, is launching into the Software market with a series of exciting games.

The first to be completed is the game 'CHICANE'. It has been designed to reproduce as closely as possible the thrill and excitement of Formula Ford 2000 Motor Racing. Written by software house Orpheus it was compiled with the full guidance of the Kempston Micro Racing Team, both mechanics and drivers. To this end all of the features in the game have been kept as close as possible to real life action.

The game, initially written for the BBC model B with editions for the other popular micros being available in the very near future, has some interesting and unique features:

- * Actual replica of FF2000 car cockpit
- * 4 speed gearbox with realistic gearing ratios
- * Fully functional rear view mirrors
- * Accurate representation of car dynamics including spinning and skidding
- * Choice of six actual Grand Prix circuits
- * Keyboard or Joystick control

The game itself involves choosing a circuit and entering into a qualifying lap, which are incidentally set at the actual qualifying times of the real Grand Prix circuits. So your driving has got to match the real pro drivers.

Once qualified the object is obviously to win the race. But that's not as easy as it sounds. You will need to keep an eye on engine temperature, oil pressure, engine revs, just as you need to in a real race. You will also see cars approaching from behind in the rear view mirrors, very helpful if you want to stay in the front right up to the finishing line. Watch out for the tight bends at Monaco, its very easy to spin off.

Mr Pandaal, Managing Director of Kempston Micro and a keen racing driver himself said of the game:

'You get all the thrills of motor racing without having to pay for all the crashes to the cars, something that fortunately hasn't happened too often in the Kempston Micro Racing Team.'

Overall Kempston feel the game is exciting, challenging and different and it should prove a firm favourite with games players. Should you require any further information contact Kevin Parsons at Kempston Micro on Kempston (0234) 856633.

Picture Caption: Ab Pandaal goes over a real racing car with Orpheus Director Paul Kaufman.