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Silverstone: Erik Janis preview  
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## Erik Janis at Treshold of New Era

Erik Janis is about to enter the FIA GT3 European Championship, starting a new chapter of his successful career. Janis, who was go-kart European Champion two years ago, will race Austrian s-berg's Lamborghini Gallardo. He will alternate with Jaromir Jirik. The championships debuted last year and also this season it will accompany selected FIA Grand Turismo events. Including the one in Brno.

The 19-year-old racer had his first appearance in the 520-HP Lambo last weekend during the Brno Spring Prix and was doing quite well. He was setting top times with both vehicles the team raced at the Brno circuit. He finished 10th in the three-hour race together with his copilots Milan Urban and Jan Urban.

Janis is about to meet tough competition in Silverstone and the other four races - some fifty vehicles of Ascari KZ1R, Aston Martin DBRS9, Corvette Z06, Dodge Viper Competition Coupe, Ferrari 430 Challenge GT3, Ford GT, Ford Mustang FR500 GT, Jaguar XKR GT3, Lamborghini Gallardo, Morgan Aero 8 and Porsche 997 GT3 Cup.

Each weekend has two one-hour races. In the middle, the drivers swap. Other two Czech youngsters, Jiri Skula and Martin Matzke, will show up on the grid. They will drive for the German Martini Callaway Racing, a team that - like s-berg racing - cooperates with manager Antonin Charouz.

Erik Janis: *"I was quick to get the handle on the Lambo. The competition in England is unbelievable, but I think that I and Jaromir Jirik do have chances for top positions. I feel great and can't wait to be on track."*

Antonin Charouz: *"Erik showed in Brno how fast he can be with such a powerful car. Now he has the chance to prove himself internationally and I believe he's going to do great. After the English event, he will race the Gallardo next weekend in Most."*

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