



Johnny Mowlem

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MOWLEM, LOTUS HEAD FOR 24 HOUR CHALLENGE AT DUBAI AUTODROME

It isn't often that sports car superstar Johnny Mowlem finds himself racing on a track for the first time. Mowlem, a winner of both the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring, has been just about everywhere that matters in the world of racing.

Until now.

Mowlem, along with four co-drivers, will attack the Dunlop 24H of Dubai next weekend, driving a factory Lotus Evora, at the Dubai Autodrome. It will be Mowlem's first race at the super-modern, 5.39 kilometer facility.

"I'm looking forward to finally seeing the place after reading so much about it," Mowlem said. "And I'm really looking forward to driving the Lotus Evora on this new track, especially as we have an updated engine from Cosworth and the car will be in full GT "Endurance" specification in terms of brakes, weight etc., unlike the car we raced at the Vallelunga 6 hours."

The twice-around-the-clock race will be Mowlem's third race for Lotus since becoming the official test and development driver for the Lotus sports car program.

"The program is going at full speed," Mowlem said. "It is all very exciting and a wonderful job to have and a tremendous group to

work with. The professionalism at Lotus is everything you would expect to be."

Still, someone has to drive the car and Mowlem said he is working with a terrific group.

"I'm very pleased with my co-drivers for Dubai" Mowlem grinned. "It is a shame that my normal "wingman" James Rossiter can't make it, as he is busy with the Lotus 125 project, but the Mansell boys, Leo and Greg, Gianni Giudici and WTCC driver Stefano D'Aste will be driving with me. The Mansells are Nigel's sons and great talents. Gianni and I obviously won together before at Vallelunga, and although I don't know Stefano personally, he also has a very good reputation from World Touring Cars."

The event organizers have announced a massive 90-car entry list, the capacity for the venue. Mowlem's 4000 cc Lotus Evora will be in the SP3 class.

Mowlem said. "It's a crowded grid, true enough. We'll want to qualify near the front, and obviously our aim is to make it two wins from three races, and prove yet again the pedigree of the Lotus Evora."

More information about Johnny Mowlem is available at www.johnnymowlem.com.