



JACK BRABHAM, whose brilliant feats in Formula One this year have taken him close to the World Championship—his third—shown in a pensive mood, with mechanic Roy Billington.



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JOHN HARVEY



SPENCER MARTIN

The Drivers . . .

JACK BRABHAM: Aged 40, Brabham is the world's biggest racing car constructor. He started racing on the Sydney speedway with a J.A.P. midge, graduated to hillclimbs in 1952, and then into road racing with a Cooper-Bristol. In 1955 he made his first trip overseas, and in 1959 and 1960 won the World Driver's Championship with Cooper-Climax. In 1963 he started racing his own cars, but this year had his first F1 win since 1960, when he won the French Grand Prix in his Brabham-Repco V8. He now leads the world championship with four straight Grand Prix wins in a row.

JACKIE STEWART: At 26, Stewart is the brightest star in GP racing. A former Olympic clay pigeon shooting champion, he started racing a private Jaguar and rocketed to stardom with B.R.M. He won the Tasman Cup this year driving the 2-litre B.R.M. which he is now running in F1. Had a bad smash in the wet at Spa, but recovered quickly. His first visit to Australia was in 1964 to drive a Lotus-Cortina in the Sandown Six-Hour.

DAVID PIPER: One of the most proficient British long-distance drivers, he is currently campaigning the 365 P2 Ferrari he will drive in the Rothmans 12-Hour. Driving Ferrari he won the Rand Nine Hours (South Africa) in 1962 and 1963.

RICHARD ATTWOOD: A versatile and experienced GP and sports car driver, Attwood substituted for Graham Hill in the B.R.M. team in three of the four New Zealand races in this year's Tasman Cup.

PAUL HAWKINS: A Tasmanian who has been overseas continually since 1959, Hawkins has acquired a tremendous reputation as a forceful operator, particularly in long-distance races. He drives mostly for private equipes, but has had many starts in Formula One racing. This is his first drive in his homeland since leaving as a relatively unknown youngster.

JACKIE EPSTEIN: Has been racing his Ferrari privately for several years, running in the Rand Nine Hours and other major long distance races. The car has been specially brought up to 1966 specifications for the Rothmans 12-Hour.

PETER SUTCLIFFE: A young but very experienced driver, again a specialist in sports car enduros. Has also raced Jaguar sedans in long-distance events.

FRANK MATICH: At 33, probably Australia's fastest driver. Married, he lives in the Sydney suburb of Carlingford with his wife and four children. Currently driving a 4.5 litre Traco-Oldsmobile sports car for Laurie O'Neil, and won this year's Australian Tourist Trophy. When driving a 2.5 Repco-Brabham he was the only Australian to out-drive the internationals in Tasman races. Has had only one serious accident—at Lakeside in 1965 when his throttle jammed in the Lotus 19 and he was burned by spilled petrol. Works as a sales executive for Peterbilt Australia.

KEVIN BARTLETT: Is 26, and lives in Manly (Sydney). Started in Morris Minors, graduated to a Lynx open-wheeler, and worked through a TVR-Granturta and Austin-Healey Sprite before joining Alec Mildren Racing. Now one of the white hopes of Australian racing and under former Australian Gold Star champion Mildren's guidance, has matured into an extremely fast but controlled driver. Married, with one child.

BRIAN FOLEY: Now 32, Foley is the perennial Peter Pan of Australian racing. A partner in his own motor dealership at Caringbah (Sydney) he raced two very fast Sprites before going into Mini-Coopers. Has been a long-time rival of Victorian Peter Manton, but is now beating him regularly. Has never had an accident, and is an invaluable driver in long-distance events.

JOHN FRENCH: A sales executive for Alec Mildren's Queensland branch, French is a good partner for Foley. He has never had a serious accident, although he has been racing for 12 years and is now 35. From Aspley (Brisbane), French started with an Appendix J Holden, went to the legendary Centaur-Waggott GT, and then into a Sprite and a series of Mini-Coopers. Another fast and utterly reliable endurance driver.

JIM PALMER: A 24-year-old motor dealer from Hamilton, N.Z., Palmer has been New Zealand Gold Star racing car champion for three years running. He was the most consistent of all drivers in the 1966 Tasman series, finishing all races. Has sold his ex-Clark Lotus 35B to Greg Cusack, will next be seen in an Australian-built Efin V8 sports car.

FEO STANTON: At 38, this Tauranga (N.Z.) company director managed Palmer in his last two Australian visits and previously promoted John Mansel and George Lawton. He took Denny Hulme to Europe in 1959. Had class wins with an Alfa and a Renault in the 1963 and 1964 Wills Six-Hour and has been racing his modified Honda coupe in New Zealand events.