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The beauty of this JPS-inspired Harley goes more than paint-deep

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Both lifelong motorsport enthusiasts, the Del Prado brothers of DP Customs have often taken visual inspiration from the most iconic racing liveries. With Gulf and McLaren-Marlboro both ticked off the list, next up is JPS Lotus...

We've looked at the [motor-racing-inspired bikes of Arizona-based DP Customs](#) before – but the latest build by the family-owned company is certainly worthy of closer inspection. Inspired by the black-and-gold John Player Special scheme worn by Mario Andretti's Lotus 79, the Harley-Davidson Sportster-based creation goes by the name of 'The Player'.

The golden touch



Starting with a 1997 1200cc Sportster, the brothers hand-fashioned the oil tank, petrol tank and tail section from sheet steel. "Mario Andretti is our favourite driver of all time," says Jarrod Del Prado, "so we went for the lightweight and angular look from the side view of his Lotus 79." The custom-design wheels were CNC'd, then shod with Pirelli Sport Demons, while the exhaust is a DP Customs Box Pipe. Before being sent to Walkers Way for its eye-catching paintwork, The Player was fitted with Brembo calipers, ISR master cylinders and adjustable hand controls, plus a Stack tachometer. We feel Mr Chapman would approve.

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