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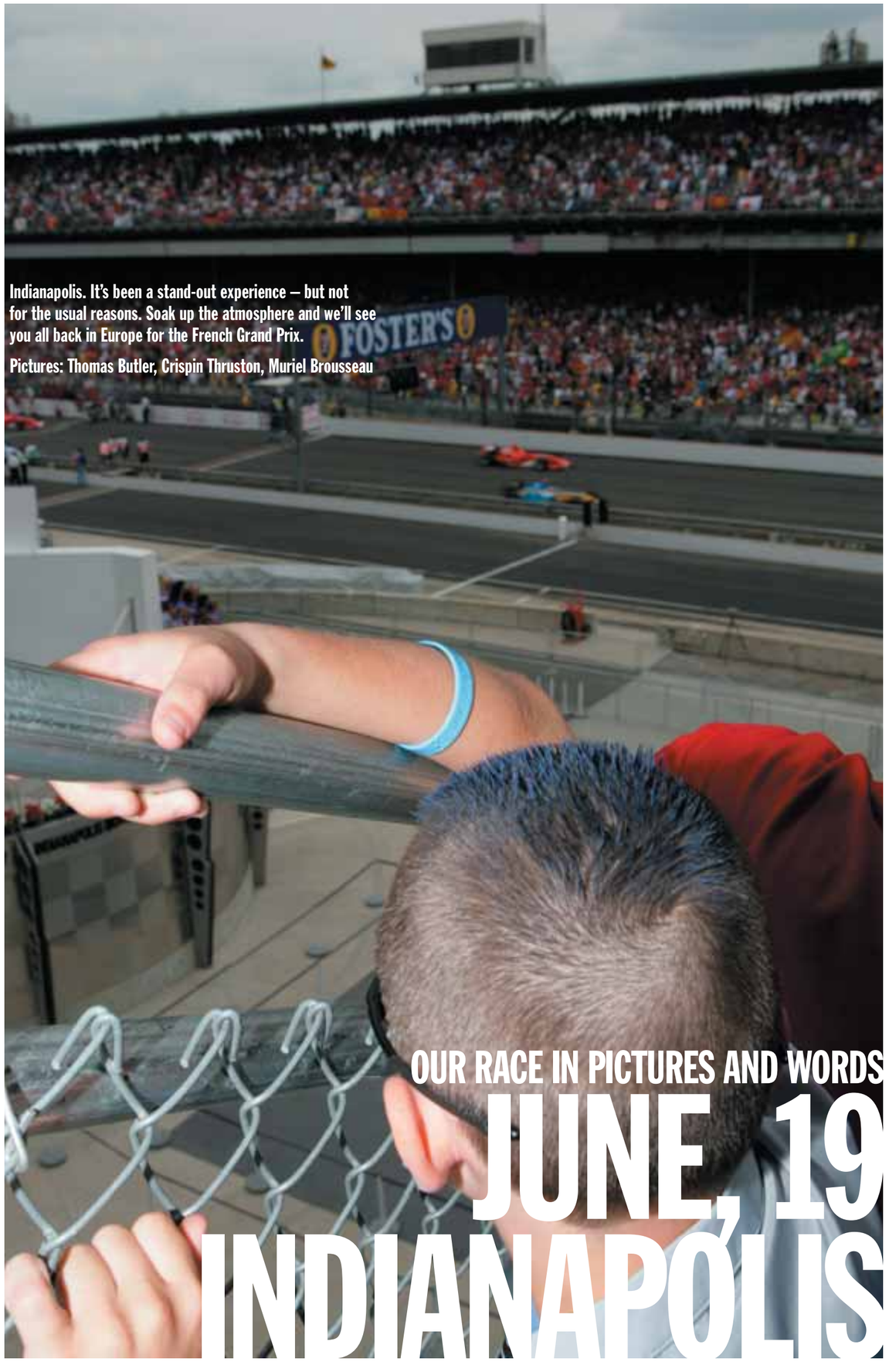
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Formula 1

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Indianapolis. It's been a stand-out experience – but not for the usual reasons. Soak up the atmosphere and we'll see you all back in Europe for the French Grand Prix.

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OUR RACE IN PICTURES AND WORDS

JUNE, 19
INDIANAPOLIS

+++ **08:00** One of Michelin's engineers is asked what the state of play is. He replies: "Well, they've arrived," and shrugs... "So, is there a 9 O'clock meeeting?" "I think you might know more than me."+++ **08:01** Up at the swipe gate a horde of team personnel begins to arrive, including Toyota general manager Richard Cregan, BAR PR manager Tracey Novak, team boss Nick Fry and Jacques Villeneuve's right–hand man Jock Clear +++

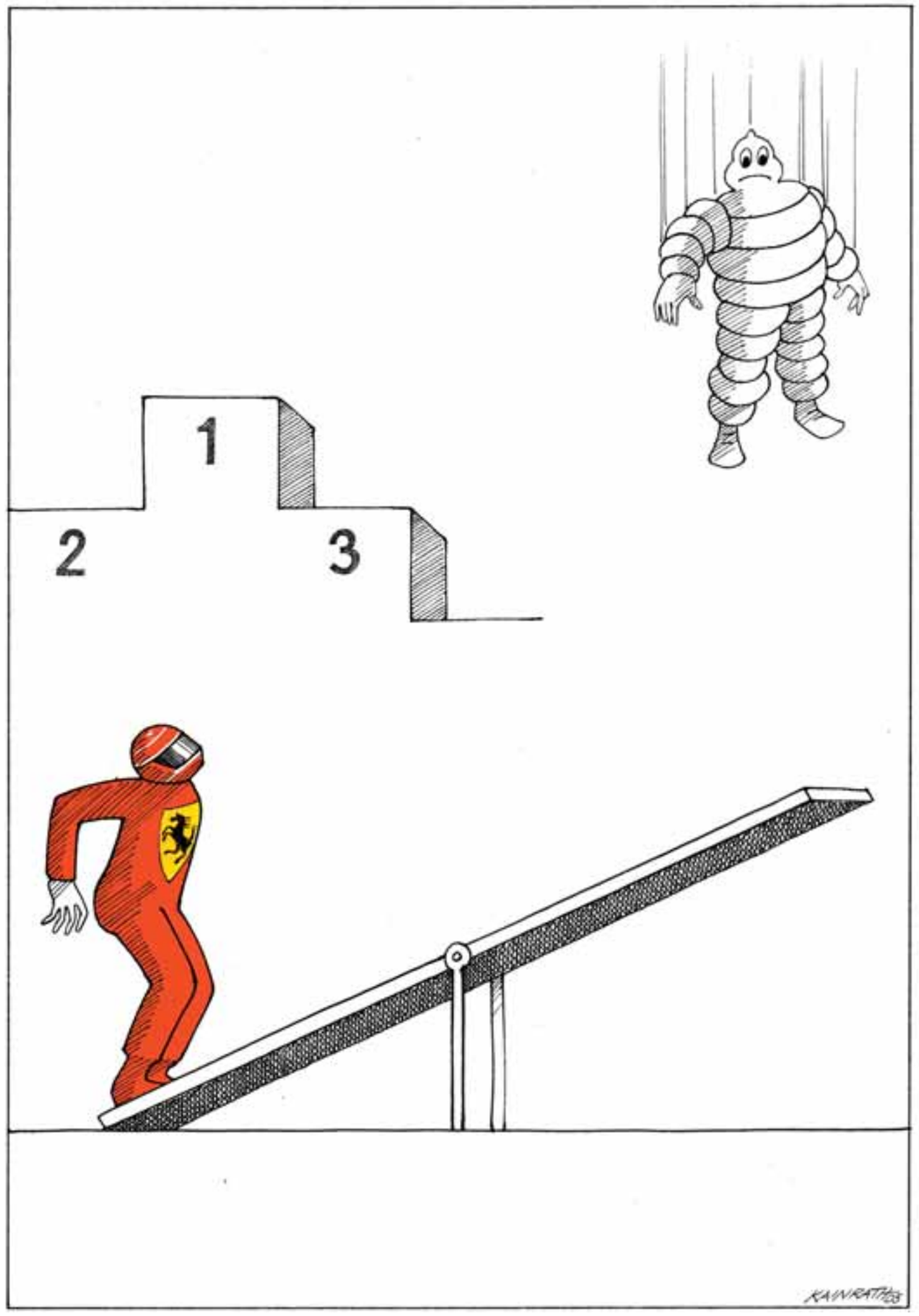
"If wearing a Ronald McDonald uniform made the drivers go quicker, I'd be the first one into it"

RON DENNIS

+++ **08:10** The Red Bull media girls, Sophia, Britta, and Katie make their first appearance of the day, followed by the bulk of the Toyota team +++ **08:11** They are followed in short order by Toyota's Ove Andersson +++ **08:14** The Renault team begin to swipe in, followed by Pat Symonds and then the first of the Minardi crew +++ **08:15** Graham Jones breezes past, followed by Renault's Bradley Lord who wishes Bulletin sampling girl Trisha a good morning as he picks up his copy +++



+++ **08:15** A young Ferrari engineer on his way in, experiences what its like to be a driver as he is hijacked for photo calls and autographs by over-enthusiastic fans at the gate +++ **08:16** The main body of Ferrari engineers walk to their garage, still looking by far the most stylish team with their saddle leather tan pilot briefcases +++ +++ **08:18** Adrian Newey and Martin Whitmarsh sneak in through the side gate, avoiding the crowd outside the main paddock entrance +++ **08:20** Paul Edwards, obviously here since the crack of dawn, heads back into the paddock +++



All change

+++ **08:21** Paul Stoddart and the remainder of Minardi make their entrance, anticipating a profitable day ahead +++ **08:22** RTL are already doing pieces to camera outside Mr E's office, the paddock is buzzing and everyone is talking tyres +++ **08:24** Mercedes' Norbert Haug arrives +++ **08:25** The yellow and black-shirted Jordan crew waspishly swarm into the paddock, they are sensing this could their day at last +++

5 QUESTIONS: ENRICO ZANARINI

RB: Enrico, we like your style. What's your favourite item of clothing? EZ: Long sleeve t-shirt. **How many pairs of black sunglasses do you own?** Eight. **What's Giancarlo's most annoying habit?** He has no annoying habits, and that's really annoying! **Favourite meal?** Tuna steak. **What's your greatest passion away from the track?** My new born son, Rocco.



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+++ **08:27** Accompanied by some of his team-mates, Ferrari team manager Stefano Domenicali heads towards the pit lane +++ **08:28** McLaren's engineers, led by Tyler Alexander, head in to find out the fate of their Michelins +++**08:29** Journalist Tom Clarkson, dragging an old-fashioned Samsonite case, rushes in, still combing hair damp from the shower +++ **08:30** Annouck Heinrichs, Jordan's PR woman, strolls in, looking very relaxed – they're on Bridgestones after all – followed by Toyota's Fernanda Villas-Boas, who might have a few more questions from the media this morning +++





+++**08:33** Italian journalist Pino Allievi and Ivan Capelli of RAI TV discuss the finer points of rubber +++ **08:36** Ferrari press supremo Luca Colajanni joins Pino's group and reads out the FIA release, everybody has a strong opinion +++ **08:44** Flavio Briatore deals smartly with a TV crew who aggressively point a lens at him, asking his opinions of tyres: "it's raining, it's raining," he says shaking water from a bottle at them +++ **08:46** Flavio then talks to journalists and tells them jokingly: "Let me talk to Colajanni, he will tell me what to do" +++













+++ **08:57** Asked what Michelin were up to, Flavio tells the press: “I think they have been massaging the rubber all night, I think the heart is beating now.” He is then summoned by Mr E into the day’s most crucial meeting +++ **08:55** Bernie sneaks in a quick interview with RAI TV +++ **08:57** F1 snapper Crispin Thruston takes a photograph of Juan Pablo Montoya’s father who is sitting in the McLaren hospitality area +++ **08:58** Toyota’s replacement driver Ricardo Zonta turns up for his big day +++

09:00 A smiling Mr E welcomes team bosses into his office. Ron Dennis and Martin Whitmarsh both walk in talking on their mobiles +++ **09:05** Takuma Sato strides into the paddock accompanied by an assistant who appears to be carrying Taku’s dry cleaning... +++ **09:07** Immaculately turned out as usual, Allsport’s Isabelle Kaufmann glides through the paddock accompanied by the FIA’s Jacques Tropenat +++



“When we change something, Formula One gets more expensive and not cheaper”

PETER SAUBER

“I want to win a world championship”

SCOTT SPEED

“Obviously Ralf is disappointed that he cannot race this weekend”

TSUTOMU TOMITA

“I love Formula One because of the sport, not because of the financial aspects. It’s too demanding on your time and your life for it just to be a way of making money”

RON DENNIS

“If you want to field 10 independent, 30-man teams, would F1 still be F1 and would it still have the world’s third largest sporting TV global footprint?”

SIR FRANK WILLIAMS
(ON 2008 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES)

‘I have a very good life as a driver. I wouldn’t want to swap with Jean Todt, who puts in more than 100 per cent all the time.’

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

“I think we have a very strong race car. Hopefully we can run a little bit longer than the other guys”

KIMI RAIKKONEN

“If we would have had the speed of Imola here, we would probably lap everybody”

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

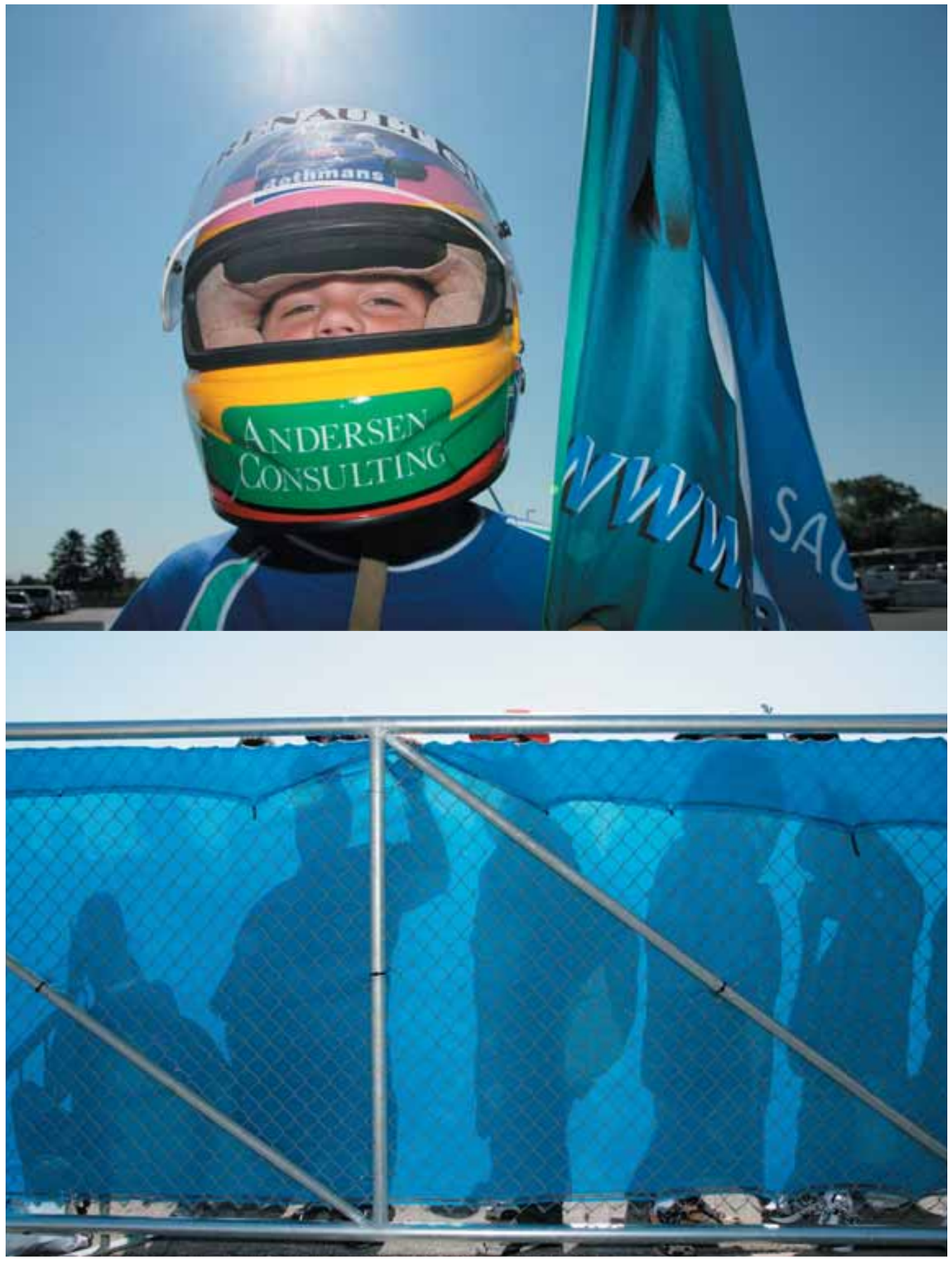
“We have electronic toys and gadgets, but when you switch them off, that’s the result”

DC (ON FRIDAY’S SPIN)

+++ **09:10** ITV broadcasters Louise Goodman and Ted Kravitz hurry through the paddock, another cool pair of Cowgirl boots today for Louise +++ **09:15** Jenson Button arrives +++ **09:20** Remy from Michelin's hospitality unit staggers from the hospitality area to the garage laden with bottles of water. It's going to be a warm day for the boys from Clermont-Ferrand +++ **09:19** Jenson's glamorous manager Jules Kulpinski turns up on her own +++



+++ **09:20** Nick Heidfeld struts in to the paddock carrying his copy of Red Bulletin, wearing very new-looking trainers +++ **09:21** A smiling Alonso shows up +++ **09:22** JPM's fun-loving contingent of Colombian fans are gathering outside the paddock gates +++ **09:23** PR manager Jane Chapman refreshes with a bottle of water as she bolts from the BAR garage +++ **09:24** Jad Sherif, ace photographer, pays FOM a visit +++ **09:25** Maurice Hamilton, carrying a Jaguar Racing briefcase, grabs Adrian Newey to get the gossip from McLaren +++



+++ **09:25** Bernie, Charlie Whiting and Tony George emerge from the FOM administration office and scuttle back to Bernie's. The shuttle diplomacy continues apace +++ **09:25** Fernando Alonso gets collared by Kai Ebel who asks if running slow through Turn 13 would be a problem. "Yes. A big problem," is Alonso's curt reply +++ **09:26** BMW-Williams' guests file into the Paddock Club suite +++ **09:27** Britta Roeske and Bradley Lord share press tips +++



+++ **09:28** Feeding time at the zoo. The crowd outside Bernie's office grows. There are now a large TV contingent all poised to pounce should there be any sign of movement. Meanwhile, McLaren's Adrian Newey reveals that the FIA have turned down Michelin's suggestion of a chicane. At the moment he says it looks like there will be no race +++ **09:29** Christian Pfaffenthaler, Toyota security, is keeping watch

5 QUESTIONS: ITV'S JAMES ALLEN

RB: You've got an empty track at your disposal. Do you take the Ferrari or the Ducati? JA: Ducati. Ideally Donington on a crisp day. **Favourite driver ever?** Tough call between Senna and Gilles Villeneuve.



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Favourite foreign phrase? Ciao bella. **First job you ever had?** Working in a bottle recycling factory, where a glass fragment went through my foot! **What's the most important item in your briefcase?** Photo of my wife and two sons.

+++ **09:30** Minardi's Fabiana Valenti looks animated as she smokes a cigarette with the team's mechanics +++ **09:31** Steven Tee is looking for the perfect shot, he's loitering outside Red Bull +++ **09:33** How many cigars has Roger Beniot smoked this morning? He's got one on the go already +++ **09:33** Giancarlo Fisichella and manager Enrico Zanarini walk through the paddock towards Renault's hospitality area. Typical, Fisi is ahead of Alonso and it's all going wrong already... +++



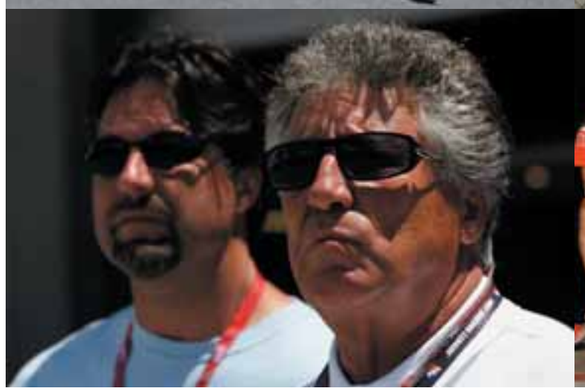














+++ **09:36** Mark Webber arrives, not looking confident. He's upset that a chicane hasn't magically appeared overnight +++ **09:38** Pablo Montoya, JPM's dad, has a coffee with his son's manager Julian Jackobi +++ **09:39** Webber has his fruit salad. Looks healthy. As does his breakfast +++ **09:40** Minardi's Graham Jones has a natter with Bulletin contributor Tom Clarkson



+++ **09:44** What's happening? A crowd of photographers and reporters gather outside of Bernie's door +++ +++ **09:45** It appears Mr E is meeting with Michelin's top brass – this crisis isn't doing F1's US reputation much good +++ **09:49** Scuderia sponsorship exec Massimo Cusimano finds that the Gents' is locked. He looks less than amused. Is there another pressure crisis brewing? +++ **09:50** ITV commentator James Allen is scoping out the back door of Bernie's office – does he know something the other's don't? +++

"I don't want to speculate about ifs and buts. We're just working to get the cars on the grid"

LUCA COLAJANNI

"At one o'clock we have to be on the grid, otherwise it is the end of F1 in the US"

DAVID COULTHARD

"For the sake of the American people, championship or not, we will be racing this afternoon"

PAUL STODDART

"If the solution is putting in a chicane, then that's what we must do"

SIR JACKIE STEWART

"We have had the same trouble with different tyre pressures and different tyre types. It is not set-up."

JARNO TRULLI

+++ **09:52** James' colleague, ex-driver Mark Blundell, is wearing a chevron-patterned pink shirt. Nice +++ **09:54** The media crews suddenly surge towards the office door as they spot some movement inside the office. But nobody emerges. Almost unnoticed Rubens Barrichello glides towards the Ferrari garage on his scooter +++ **09:55** Michelin's Nick Shorrock, the team's director of F1 activity and the man who will replace Pierre Dupasquier at the end of the season, pushes through the media scrum and enters the office. Are we looking at the first race to be cancelled since Spa 1985? +++





+++ **10:31** Soccer star Freddy Ljungberg, enjoys an Orangina on the Ferrari terrace +++ **10:55** Dave Ryan leads the three McLaren drivers into the briefing, as if is a normal race morning +++ **11:05** All the drivers exit tight-lipped from the briefing +++ **11:09** Ron Dennis and Bernie emerge from the office and make their way towards the media centre, not answering questions. Speed Channel's Irish commentator and former F1 star Derek Daly reckons the news will not be good +++



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The bulls in the china shop

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THE RACE RESULTS

BRICKYARD AND BRICKBATS

Perhaps the strangest Formula One race ever run, in front of a crowd that was possible the least forgiving of such strangeness. As the formation lap ended 14 of the 20 cars filtered into pit lane and were parked in their garages. The lights went out and the race of the Bridgestones, or rather, the race of the Ferraris and then of the Minardis and Jordans began.

All the shuttle diplomacy had failed. The negotiations, compromises, pleas and bargains had evaporated. Michelin, adamant they could not guarantee the safety of drivers using their tyres, had called for a chicane to be installed at Turn 13, where Ralf Schumacher had suffered a bad accident on Friday. The request was denied. The Michelin teams held firm. They would take the formation lap and then retire.

And so it went. As the lights went out to signal the start of the race, so too did the lights dim of F1's future. As Schumacher and his five cohorts raced away, the fans turned down their thumbs in disgust.

If there exists a tale to tell of the event itself, it lay in the moment Michael Schumacher exited the pits after his second stop on lap 51. As he exited the pit lane Rubens Barrichello attempted to hold the lead he had assumed during the pair's first stops. He was pushed wide by the champion and lost the lead. Further back the fast-starting Minardis were eclipsed by the Jordans who were heavier loaded.

The final result? Schumacher's first victory of the year, Barichello behind him, followed onto the podium by Tiago Monteiro. The last two finishers were Narain Karthikeyan and Patrick Friesacher.

RACE

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Michael Schumacher**	Ferrari	73	1.29:43.181	10
2	**Rubens Barrichello**	Ferrari	73	+1.5 secs	8
3	**Tiago Monteiro**	Jordan-Toyota	72	+1 lap	6
4	**Narain Karthikeyan**	Jordan-Toyota	72	+1 lap	5
5	**Christijan Albers**	Minardi-Cosworth	71	+2 laps	4
6	**Patrick Friesacher**	Minardi-Cosworth	71	+2 laps	3

Fastest Lap: M Schumacher 1:11.497

DRIVERS-CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**F Alonso**	59
2	**K Raikkonen**	37
3	**M Schumacher**	34
4	**R Barrichello**	29
5	**J Trulli**	27
6	**N Heidfeld**	25
7	**M Webber**	22
8	**R Schumacher**	20
9	**G Fisichella**	17
	D Coulthard	17

CONSTRUCTORS-CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**Renault**	76
2	**McLaren-Mercedes**	63
	Ferrari	63
4	**Williams-BMW**	47
	Toyota	47
6	**Red Bull Racing-Cosworth**	22
7	**Sauber-Petronas**	12
8	**Jordan-Toyota**	11
9	**Minardi-Cosworth**	7
10	**BAR-Honda**	0

BULLETIN WINNER

MICHAEL'S FIRST WIN of the year and correctly predicting victory and the closest to the champ's margin of victory was: Michael Stauble of Swiss/German TV, who wins US$720, although a few minutes into the race his television station abandoned its coverage!!!