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PARADE LAPS
KIMI'S EASY WIN

Sharp focus
His steely gaze before the race reveals how committed Alonso is to getting Renault back to their winning ways.
Photography: Thomas Butler

SPAIN SUNDAY 27·04·08

The Spanish fans were out in force all weekend, and local hero Fernando Alonso didn't disappoint them. Kimi Raikkonen may have stolen pole position away from him yesterday, but he emerged today determined to remind everyone why he's a double world champion.

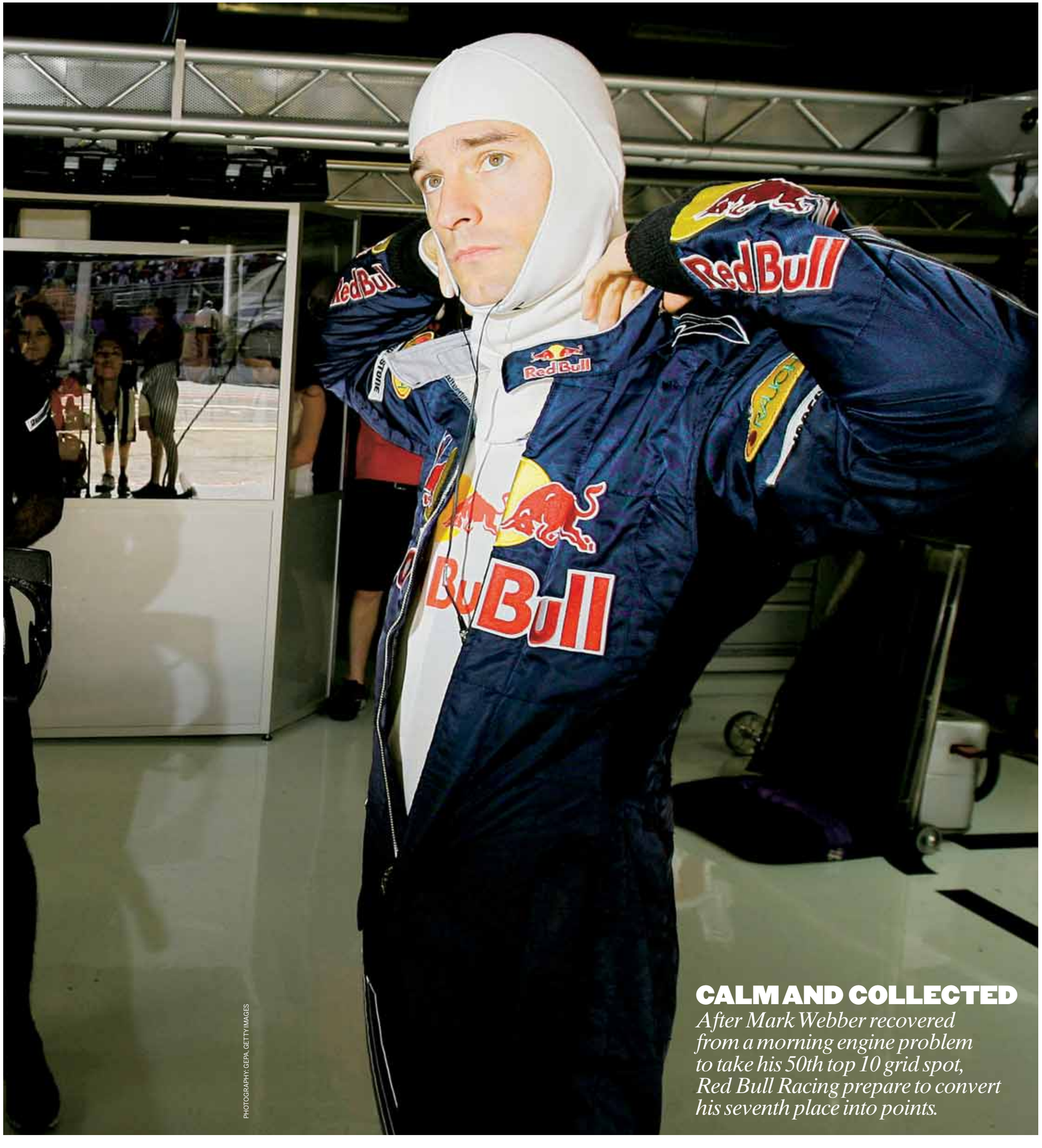
FLAG BEARERS
Alonso had the crowd on his side, as thousands of fans flocked to the track to cheer on their hero.

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CALM AND COLLECTED

After Mark Webber recovered from a morning engine problem to take his 50th top 10 grid spot, Red Bull Racing prepare to convert his seventh place into points.





















IN CONFERENCE

The team principals meet with Bernie Ecclestone for crucial discussions about F1's future.

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FIGHTING FOR POSITION
Fifth on the grid, Lewis Hamilton recovers well to hold station after a flying Robert Kubica made a great start. Threatening the Briton, he pushed Hamilton wide before the McLaren driver responded.

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SPECTACULAR SMASH
Track marshals desperately beckon for a forklift truck to help rescue Heikki Kovalainen after his McLaren flew off the track on lap 22 and became firmly wedged under the tyre barrier at turn nine.

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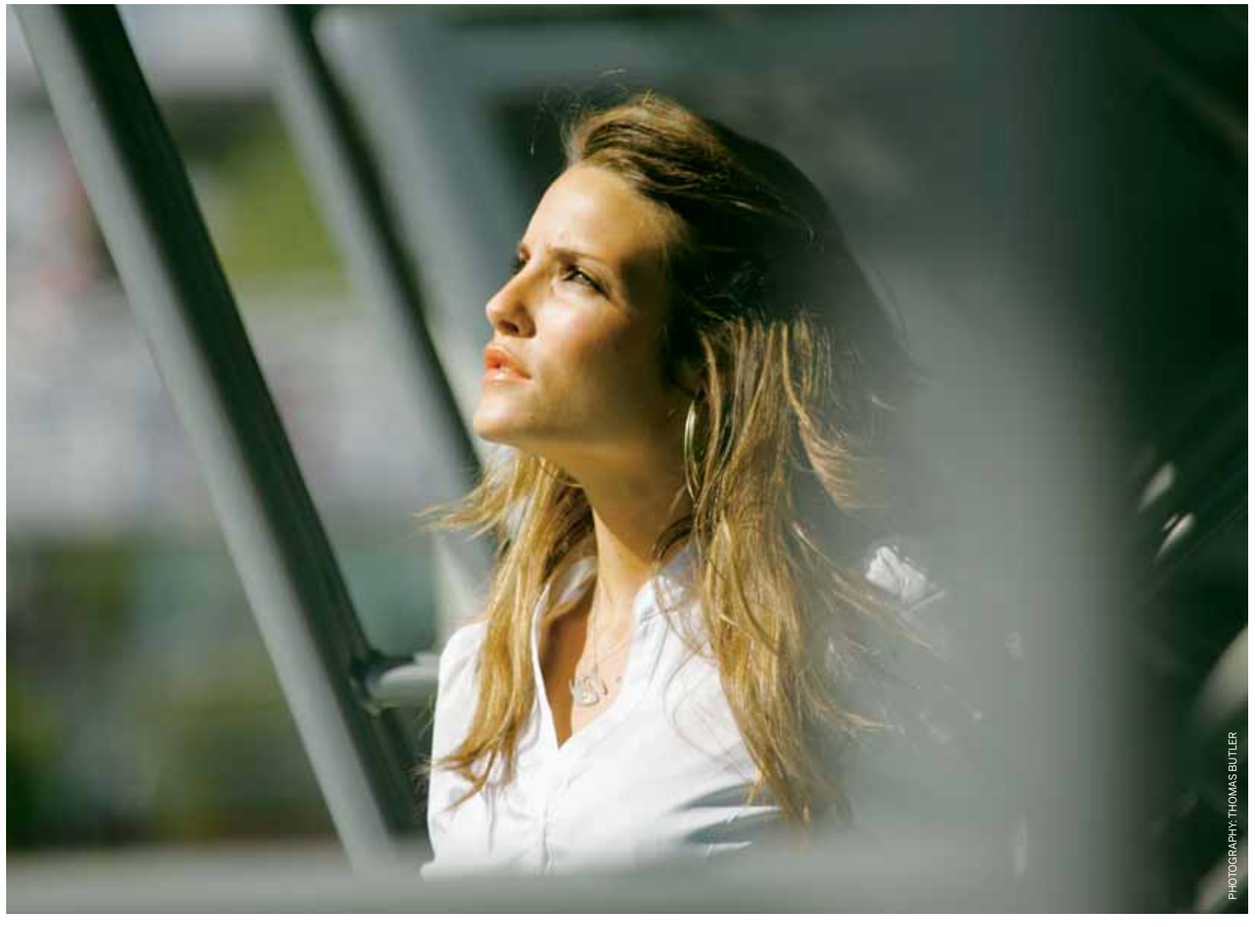
Ana Bermúdez is the lucky lady who'll be jetting off to Brazil for the season finale.

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THE PASSION OF PEDROSA

At only 22, he's finished on the podium in his last five MotoGP races and is jointly leading the championship. Dani Pedrosa, Spain's other motorsport superstar, talks about what drives him. By Gemma Briggs

At the age of four, most kids are taking their first wobbly runs on a pushbike. But that wasn't the case for Dani Pedrosa. Back in the very late '80s, he was already riding a motorbike, spurred on by his father. Just a handful of years later, he was competing on track, and now – at the grand old age of 22 – he is at the top of the MotoGP standings.

"At the very beginning... well, I was very young," says the Red Bull-supported rider. "My father was riding motorbikes – not professionally, just on Sundays – so from when I was a child I loved to play with bikes. I was about four when I started to ride them, and then when I was eight I started racing, although just in little things."

Little things or not, that early start has helped his career. Pedrosa is the most successful Spanish rider of his generation – and that's saying a lot for a country that's crazy about two-wheel racing. He came up through the academy of Spaniard Alberto Puig, the boisterous ex-rider who is now his manager. By winning the 125cc title and two 250cc championships, Pedrosa became, at 20, the youngest rider to win three world titles (beating Valentino Rossi, who did it aged 22).

The purpose of our chat with Pedrosa isn't just that MotoGP is really cool, it's because he reminds us of that other record-breaking young Spanish champion, Fernando Alonso. Specifically, and perhaps a bit cheekily, we're eager to find out what effect the 'Fernando factor' has had on bike racing in Spain.

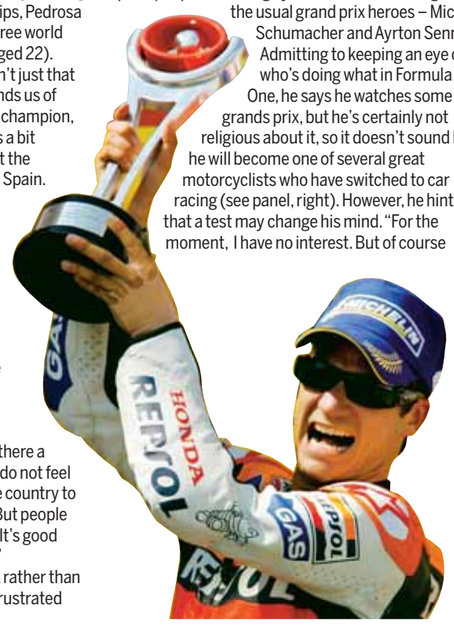
So, firstly, how big is MotoGP in your country? "Absolutely huge!" exclaims Pedrosa. "It's unbelievable. When it was 500, not the MotoGP, we had many riders in this country going well. So, from a long time ago, we had many fans following the sport. But now you can see that MotoGP is so much bigger."

Before Alonso came along, Formula One wasn't that popular in Spain. Now they can barely squeeze another spectator into the Circuit de Catalunya, and a second race, in Valencia, has appeared on the calendar. Is there a rivalry growing between the two sports? "I do not feel one," says Pedrosa. "I think it's great for the country to have even more fans following that sport. But people are not just following the cars or the bikes. It's good that they support the riders or the drivers."

But the fans' obsession with individuals, rather than the sports themselves, has a downside. A frustrated Alonso has spoken out over being mobbed, but Pedrosa's advice is more pragmatic than sympathetic. "It's not so easy in Spain," he agrees. "I felt it – but, of course, not like him – when I came to MotoGP. It meant lots of fans, and they were a little bit... crazy, sometimes. But it's the way it is. You have to manage."

Pedrosa reveals, however, that he now spends less time in Spain. He comes from a village close to the Catalan city of Sabadell, 20km from Barcelona and also hometown to Marc Gene. Growing up in such close proximity to a grand prix track (opened when he was six years old), it's no surprise that he was inspired to choose a career in motorsport. Did he ever consider racing on four wheels? "No. Definitely motorcycles. I don't know why," he says. "I just like motorbikes. Any kind – road-racing, off-road, trial... I've competed only in road racing, but I practise all the others."

He may be bike-mad, but after years of idolising riders, he started to draw inspiration from other sportspeople, including cyclist Lance Armstrong and the usual grand prix heroes – Michael Schumacher and Ayrton Senna. Admitting to keeping an eye on who's doing what in Formula One, he says he watches some grands prix, but he's certainly not religious about it, so it doesn't sound like he will become one of several great motorcyclists who have switched to car racing (see panel, right). However, he hints that a test may change his mind. "For the moment, I have no interest. But of course I would like to drive a car once, for the experience. Maybe that day [will change my feelings], but until then I just want to ride."



He's now in his third season of MotoGP with the Repsol Honda team. An impressive fifth-placed finish in his rookie year (he won his fourth-ever race) was followed by the runner-up spot last season, and now... well, we already know that three races into this year's campaign he's joint top of the table. Pedrosa has stood on the podium in every one of the last five grands prix, including winning the 2007 season finale at Valencia, and triumphing again this year in the Spanish GP.

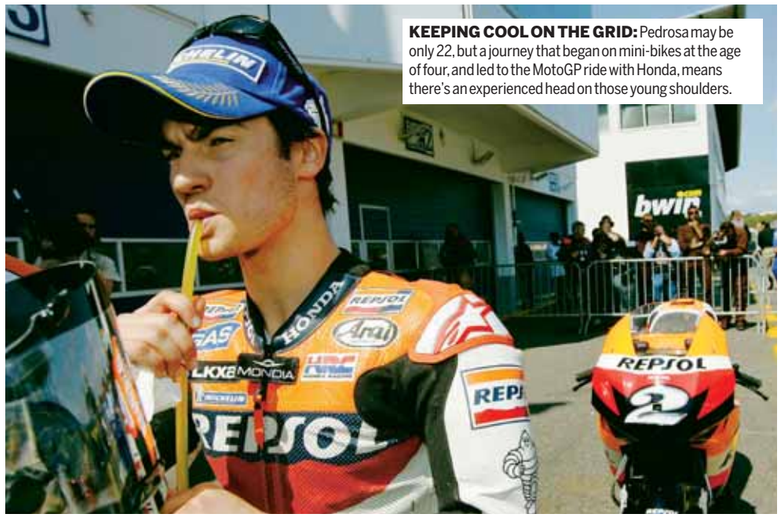
If he sounds like a model of consistency, don't be fooled – his off-season was cruelly interrupted. During testing at Sepang in January, he crashed twice, the second incident leaving his bike on fire and his right hand broken. The injury – a fractured second metacarpal – ruled him out of testing the new RC212V. It was just five days before the first race that he eventually climbed back on the bike, later revealing that he'd struggled to brake as his hand was shaking.

"I had to have an operation... they put in screws and a big plate," he explains. "So then I was fixed for the first round, but still the pain was there at the end. I could not test, so I did not know the tyres and the bike was completely new. It was a big challenge."

If third place in the Qatar night race season-opener was a surprise (especially after qualifying down in eighth), to then win the second event, at Jerez, was stunning – especially when you consider that his team-mate, 2006 champion Nicky Hayden, had the advantage of testing the new bike before the season started, and yet is only 10th in the standings after a difficult opening few rounds. "It's the best start [to a season] of my career," says Pedrosa. "I'm very happy, as things did not work well pre-season. It's complicated to test things in a race weekend, so, really, it's a great situation."

Even better is the calibre of rider he is beating. Multiple-champion Rossi is 14 points shy in third, while defending title-holder Casey Stoner is 21 points behind in fourth. Still, Pedrosa is keeping his eye on them both. "Rossi is not having a very good time at the moment," he says, "but I will never make the mistake of not considering him. Stoner is very, very strong, and Rossi. It is quite tight and you can't relax."

There's one name he hasn't mentioned yet – and it's the one that's next to his at the head of the championship standings. Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo is a fellow Spaniard, a few weeks away from his 21st birthday and, like Dani, a double 250cc champion. He's also just had surgery on his arm, suggesting the pair have a lot to bond over. But it turns out they're not exactly friends. Pedrosa has so far been affable and succinct... and then I mention Lorenzo. At this point his voice hardens – only slightly – and he further pares his responses.



KEEPING COOL ON THE GRID: Pedrosa may be only 22, but a journey that began on mini-bikes at the age of four, and led to the MotoGP ride with Honda, means there's an experienced head on those young shoulders.

'I will never make the mistake of not considering Rossi... and Stoner is very strong. It is tight and you can't relax'
Jochen Mass

Lorenzo took his first grand prix win at Estoril – are you big rivals? "Yes. We're rivals from many years ago." Are you friends away from the track? "No." Does it help to motivate you, having someone like that to beat? "Yes. It forces you to go one step further." Does Lorenzo have more support from the fans than you? "I don't know how many fans he has. But... I look at what I do, and my own style. I love to race and to win."

Lorenzo's mantra is apparently 'por fuera' (around the outside) and he has a reputation for wild victory-lap stunts, including dressing up as a gladiator. Pedrosa comes across as more conservative, both in his attitude and his approach on the track. "My riding style is very smooth," he says. "I'm not so aggressive, but I carry some speed and that's good. Of course, I try to save the tyres, but it's not easy."

Right now, Pedrosa is impatiently waiting for a new pneumatic-valve engine, explaining that they've reached the limit on the current spring-valve unit. He wants to push for that first MotoGP title, ignoring his youth and the many competitive years he has ahead. "To be young like I am now, and be in this position, I have to feel very proud," he says. "I believe I had luck in life to be here, not only because I worked hard."

He also considers, somewhat less seriously, that it's lucky he's Spanish, since they have three MotoGP races in the country. Apparently all those crazy fans give him a huge boost – providing, you'd guess, that they're cheering for him and not for Lorenzo.



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FINDING A NEW SET OF WHEELS

There's a rich history linking bike and car racers.

I will not stop motorcycle [racing] because I just love it too much," says Michael Schumacher about the amateur motorcycle races he's been appearing in lately. He also tested a Ducati MotoGP bike (again) at Mugello earlier this month, and although he's adamant he won't be turning his hand to that, you'd hope he might have a change of heart. But when it comes to

'Rossi has never gone beyond testing for Ferrari – yet...'

switching between bikes and grand prix cars, the flow of champions usually goes the other way. Motorcycle racers have been turning their attention to Formula One for almost a century... with varying degrees of success. John Surtees won the 1964 F1 championship, and remains the only person to claim world titles on both two and four wheels. The bikes came first for Surtees, whose father was a motorcycle dealer, as was Mike 'The Bike' Hailwood's. Hailwood's tally of 14 Isle of Man TT races and nine world championships is mind-boggling. He made 50 F1 starts and took two podiums, but is perhaps most admired for dragging Clay Regazzoni from his burning car in the 1973 South African GP, an act of bravery for which he was awarded the George medal. Bernie Ecclestone's brief racing career started on bikes, while Damon Hill's late racing debut took place on two wheels when he was 23. The fantastically-named South African wildcard and bike ace Paddy Driver entered two home GPs – with a gap of 11 years between them! Johnny Cecotto made a better go of it with 18 starts. Before him, Jean-Pierre Beltoise's F1 career stretched to 86 starts for Matra and BRM. Great bikers whose switch to cars never stuck include Barry Sheene driving a Toyota Supra in the 1985 British Touring Car Championship, while Mick Doohan tested a Williams F1 car in 1998, here at the Circuit de Catalunya. Valentino Rossi, as we know, has never gone beyond testing for Ferrari – yet...



TESTING TIME

You might not have the agony of a long-haul flight home, just a short hop, but travelling's still a drag so here's a little something to keep you occupied…

1. In 2007, Forbes drew up a list of the 10 most dangerous places in the world. Where were they?
• *One point for each correct answer. Bonus point if you live in any of them.*

2. At least two people give birth in Austria every day. According to national statistics, what were the 10 most popular names for boys and the 10 most popular names for girls in 2004?
• *One point for each correct answer. Bonus point if you guess the most popular name of either sex.*

3. Who are the five members of the Jackson 5? Clue: there are five of them, and their last names are all Jackson.
• *One point a pop.*

4. According to Forbes.com, which were the world's 10 richest soccer teams in 2007?
• *One point for each.*

5. According to a list published last year, who are the 13 top-earning dead celebrities? Together, they made a whopping US$232 million in the 12 months prior to October 2007.
• *One point for each correct answer.*

6. What cheese is made backwards?

7. Name the films.


(a)


(b)


(c)


(d)


(e)

PHOTOGRAPHY: REX, REUTERS

8. It's the Spanish Grand Prix 2007. Believe it or not, you are Rubens Barrichello. You've finished the race in 10th, but who has finished above you?
• *One point for each correct answer. But no extra points for getting them in order, sorry.*

9. Enrolling your kids in a local Scout group is a good way of encouraging them not to steal cars or mug old people. When you're in the Scouts you win badges for achievements in subjects you never knew you wanted to learn about. Here are six Scout badges (right) from the UK – what is each one for?

10. It's 1998 and you're being forced to go to all of the F1 races. Which countries will you visit? (Clue: there are 16)

11. Sebastian Vettel was born on the July 3, 1987 (yes, really). Two days later there was a French GP. Name the top five finishers for one point each.
• *Bonus point if you can name the winner.*

12. According to the CIA World Fact Book 2007, name the top 10 countries with the longest road networks.
• *One point for each country in the top 10, and a bonus point for knowing the top road-building nation.*


(a)


(b)


(c)


(d)


(e)


(f)

13. Do you like cars? We do too. They're good aren't they? Well, it would seem that some cars are more popular than others. Can you list the world's top 10 best-selling cars in November 2007?
• *One point for make, one point for model, one bonus point for knowing the top car.*

14. Now, not many of us would admit to being fans of Andrew Lloyd Webber, but can you name his musicals (not plays) that have made it to Broadway (that's in Amercia.)
• *One point for each and one bonus point for getting all 12.*

15. What is so delicate, when you say its name it's broken?

16. In the NBA how many men are on the basketball court for each team?

17. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in second place, what place would you be in now?

18. Most of us like cheese, but how much of the stuff do we eat. Can you name the world's top eight cheese-consuming nations?
• *One point for each and a bonus point for knowing which country is most cheesey.*

19. Hamsters are for losers! If you're down with the kids, snakes are where it's at. According to Euromonitor, which 10 countries have the largest reptile populations in the world?
• *One point for each correct answer, and a bonus point for knowing which country is home to most reptiles. Another bonus point for having a pet snake. Minus 10 points if it eats your kids.*

20. You're almost home again. Back to the wife – unless you've got a face like Carlos Tevez. However, there are places where even he and you could get lucky. Name the top 10 countries in which women outnumber men.
• *One point for each, and a bonus point for knowing the top answer. Two bonus points for moving there now.*

21. If you're always at races and don't have time to row with your wife, let alone do worse, why not send her to America and get someone else to do it? According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 2005, what are the top 10 circumstances for murder in the USA?
• *One point for each correct answer, and a bonus point for knowing the number-one way to kill! Minus 10 points if you've actually murdered someone – bad boy.*

22. We've taken five famous Spanish faces and one American actor who played a Spaniard and rolled them all together to create a super Spaniard! Can you tell whose features we've used?
• *One point for each correct answer.*



23. Name the album covers below.
• *One point for each artist, and one for each album name.*


(a)


(b)


(c)


(d)


(e)


(f)


(g)


(h)

24. Based on the average attendance of the last full season, what where the top 10 most watched sports leagues in the world in 2007?
• *One point for each correct answer and a bonus for knowing number one.*

25. Excluding today's race, there have been nine winners of the Spanish Grand Prix here at the Catalunya race track. Who were they?
• *One point for each and one point for naming the first winner way back in 1991.*

26. You're sitting in The Red Bulletin office in London, gazing out the window. It's 3:20pm, but what's the time in the following cities? Melbourne, Abu Dhabi, Mecca, Denver, Edinburgh, Reykjavík, Zagreb, Guam, Wellington and Cape Town.
• *One point per correct answer.*

27. Who wants to live forever? One point for the correct answer… No, that isn't the real question. Here it is: according to the US Census Bureau International Data Base, if you were born this year, what are the top 10 countries with the longest life expectancy?
• *One point for each correct answer and a bonus point for knowing number one. Minus a point for living in one of them, you health freak.*

28. Not done well, so far? Well here's your chance to notch up a few more points on the scorecard. The summer Olympics comes to China this year, and 28 sports will be contested. What are they?
• *One point for each correct answer, and a bonus point if you can guess all 28.*

29. So, can you score even more points and name seven sports in the Winter Olympics?
• *One point for each correct answer, and a bonus point for getting all seven If you managed to get all the summer and winter games correct get five bonus points and well done you.*

30. Behold, eight flags. Which country is each one from?


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(b)


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(Answers)

1. Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Pakistan, Burundi, Sri Lanka, Haiti, Chad, Lebanon, Liberia, Sudan.

2. BOYS: Lukas, Florian, Tobias, David, Fabian, Julian, Simon, Alexander, Michael, Sebastian. GIRLS: Anna, Sarah, Leonie, Julia, Lena, Laura, Hannah, Katharina, Lisa, Sophie.

3. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon, Michael and Randy.

4. Manchester United, Real Madrid, Arsenal, Bayern Munich, AC Milan, Juventus, Internazionale Milan, Chelsea, Barcelona, Shalke 04.

5. Elvis Presley, John Lennon, Charles Schulz, George Harrison, Albert Einstein, Andy Warhol, Dr Seuss (Theodor Geisel), Tupac Shakur, Marilyn Monroe, Steve McQueen, James Brown, Bob Marley, James Dean.

6. Edam.

7. a) Carlito's Way b) Commando c) Emmanuelle d) Poltergeist e) The Untouchables.

8. Felipe Massa, Lewis Hamilton, Fernando Alonso, Robert Kubica, David Coulthard, Nico Rosberg, Heikki Kovalainen, Takuma Sato, Giancarlo Fisichella.

9. a) Circus skills b) Dragon boating c) Photography d) Fire safety e) Meteorology f) Pulling.

10. Australia, Brazil, Argentina, San Marino, Spain, Monaco, Canada, France, Britain, Austria, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, Japan.

11. Nigel Mansell, Nelson Piquet, Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna, Teo Fabi.

12. 1. USA: 3,995,643 miles. 2. India: 2,102,312. 3. China: 1,162,374. 4. Brazil: 1,088,560. 5. Japan: 735,982. 6. Canada: 647,655. 7. France: 594,219. 8. Russia: 541,214. 9. Australia: 503,708. 10. Spain: 414,014.

13. 1. Toyota-Corolla 32,000,000+. 2. Ford f-series 30,000,000+. 3. Volkswagen Golf, 4. Volkswagen Beetle, 5. Ford Escort. 6. Honda Civic. 7. Ford Model T. 8. Volkswagen Passat. 9. Chevrolet Impala. 10. Ford Fiesta.

14. The Woman in White, Bombay Dreams, By Jeeves, Jesus Christ Superstar, Sunset Boulevard, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Aspects of Love, The Phantom of the Opera, Starlight Express, Song and Dance, Cats, Evita.

15. Silence.

16. Five.

17. Second.

18. Greece (average 27.3kg consumed per person, per year), France 24kg, Italy 22.9kg, Switzerland 20.6kg, Germany 20.2kg, Netherlands 19.9kg, Austria 19.5kg, Sweden 17.9kg.

19. 1. USA: 18,371,000. 2. China: 4,682,100 (before lunch). 3. UK: 4,682,100. 4. France: 1,500,000. 5. Italy: 1,400,000. 6. Russia: 600,000. 7. Spain: 234,000. 8. Australia: 215,000. 9. Canada: 196,000. 10. Thailand: 195,000 (after lunch).

20. 1. Estonia (118 women to 100 men) 2. Ukraine 3. Russia 4. Latvia 5. Belarus 6. Lithuania 7. Armenia 8. Hungary 9. Georgia 10. Moldova = Monaco.

21. 1. Argument (3,692) 2. Robbery (921) 3. Juvenile gang killing (754) 4. Contravention of narcotic drug laws (589) 5. Argument over money or property (211) 6. Brawl due to influence of alcohol (120) 7. Romantic triangle (117) 8. Brawl due to influence of narcotics (97) 9. Gangland killings (96) 10. Burglary (88).

22. Severiano Ballesteros, Raúl, Penélope Cruz, Plácido Domingo and Salvador Dali. Charlton Heston is the non-Spanish actor who played El Cid in the 1961 film.

23. a) Arctic Monkeys – Favourite Worst Nightmare b) Oasis – (What's the Story) Morning Glory? c) Feist – The Reminder d) Elton John – Elton John e) Don McLean – American Pie f) KISS – Rock and Roll Over g) Fleetwood Mac – Greatest Hits h) Jarvis Cocker – Jarvis

24. 1. NFL, American football, USA: 67,738 (average attendance). 2. Bundesliga, football, Germany: 40,775. 3. AFL, Australian football, Australia: 35,250. 4. FA Premier League, football, England: 33,875. 5. MLB, Major League Baseball, USA: 31,423. 6. CFL, Canadian Football League, Canada: 29,943. 7. La Liga, football, Spain: 29,029. 8. Mexican Footbal League, Mexico: 24,970. 9. NPB, Nippon Professional Baseball, Japan: 23,552. 10. Serie A, football, Italy: 21, 968.

25. '91, '92: Nigel Mansell. '93: Alan Prost. '94: Damon Hill. '95, '96, '01, '02, '03, '04: Michael Schumacher. '97: Jacques Villeneuve. '98, '99, '00: Mika Hakkinen. '05, Kimi Raikkonen. '06: Fernando Alonso. '07: Felipe Massa.

26. Melbourne 12:20am, Abu Dhabi 6:20pm, Mecca 5:20pm, Denver 8:20am, Edinburgh 3:20pm, Reykjavik 2:20pm, Zagreb 4:20pm, Guam 12:20am, Wellington 2:20am, Cape Town 4:20pm. By the way, using that in-flight magazine was cheating.

27. 1. Andorra (83.53) 2. Singapore (81.89) 3. San Marino (81.88) 4. Japan (81.44) 5. Sweden = Switzerland (both 80.74) 7. Australia (80.73) 8. Iceland (80.55) 9. Canada (80.46) 10. Italy (80.07). The world average is 66.10.

28. Aquatics, Archery, Athlectics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing/Kayak, Cycling, Equestrian, Fencing, Football/Scoccer, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Modern Pentathalon, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Softball, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting and last but by no means the least Wrestling.

29. Biathlon, Bobsleigh, Curling, Ice Hockey, Luge, Skating and Sking.

30. a) Norway b) Israel c) Andorra d) Dominican Republic e) Wales f) Scotland g) South Korea h) Suriname

GP SPAIN QUOTES

The first race of the European season and the paddock got back into its stride with more gossip, rumours and the occasional threat. Normal service has resumed...

"WE ARE HERE TO RACE, THE CARS ARE OUT THERE"

A SUPER AGURI SPOKESMAN SUMS UP THE TEAM'S ATTITUDE AS THEY ARRIVED IN BARCELONA.

"I'VE BEEN CHASING POLE FOR A WHILE NOW. FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER IT ALWAYS ESCAPED ME, BUT TODAY I GOT IT"

KIMI RAIKKONEN SECURES HIS FIRST OF THE SEASON.

"WHEN I CROSSED THE LINE I KNEW THAT IT WAS THE FIRST ROW IN THE WORST CASE. THAT IS SOMETHING FOR SURE WE DIDN'T EXPECT AT ALL FOR THIS RACE – MAYBE EVEN THE WHOLE SEASON. I CANNOT BE HAPPIER THAN I AM NOW"

FERNANDO ALONSO MAKES THE MOST OF HIS LOW-FUEL QUALIFYING RUN.

"I'M SHOCKED AND STUNNED"

LEWIS HAMILTON MOANS ABOUT HIS 'LOWLY' FIFTH SPOT ON THE GRID.

"I ALWAYS REGARDED BRUCE WILLIS AS A MIRROR IMAGE OF MYSELF, DON'T YOU KNOW. A MUCH YOUNGER VERSION, THOUGH"

FORMER BRITISH TV COMMENTATOR MURRAY WALKER REACTS TO NEWS THAT THE DIE HARD STAR IS BEING TIPPED TO PLAY HIM IN A FILM ABOUT MICHAEL SCHUMACHER.

"JUAN'S GOOD LOOKS HAVE ALREADY EARNED HIM A SPOT IN THE MOST RECENT JUICY FRUIT AND BIG RED COMMERCIALS, SO HE SHOULD BE USED TO THE ATTENTION"

A SPOKESMAN FOR JUAN PABLO MONTOYA'S TEAM SPONSOR RESPONDS TO JPM BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF PEOPLE EN ESPAÑOL MAGAZINE'S 50 MOST BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE OF 2008.

"WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ANYONE WHO PUBLISHES PICTURES OR ARTICLES"

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER FUMES OVER PRESS PICTURES OF HIS SON RACING KARTS.

"IN THE IRL I DO NOT SEE ANYTHING – NO BRAKES, NO CORNERS, NO NOTHING"

NELSON PIQUET SENIOR QUESTIONS THE TALENTS OF DANICA PATRICK AFTER SHE TOOK HER FIRST SERIES WIN IN JAPAN.

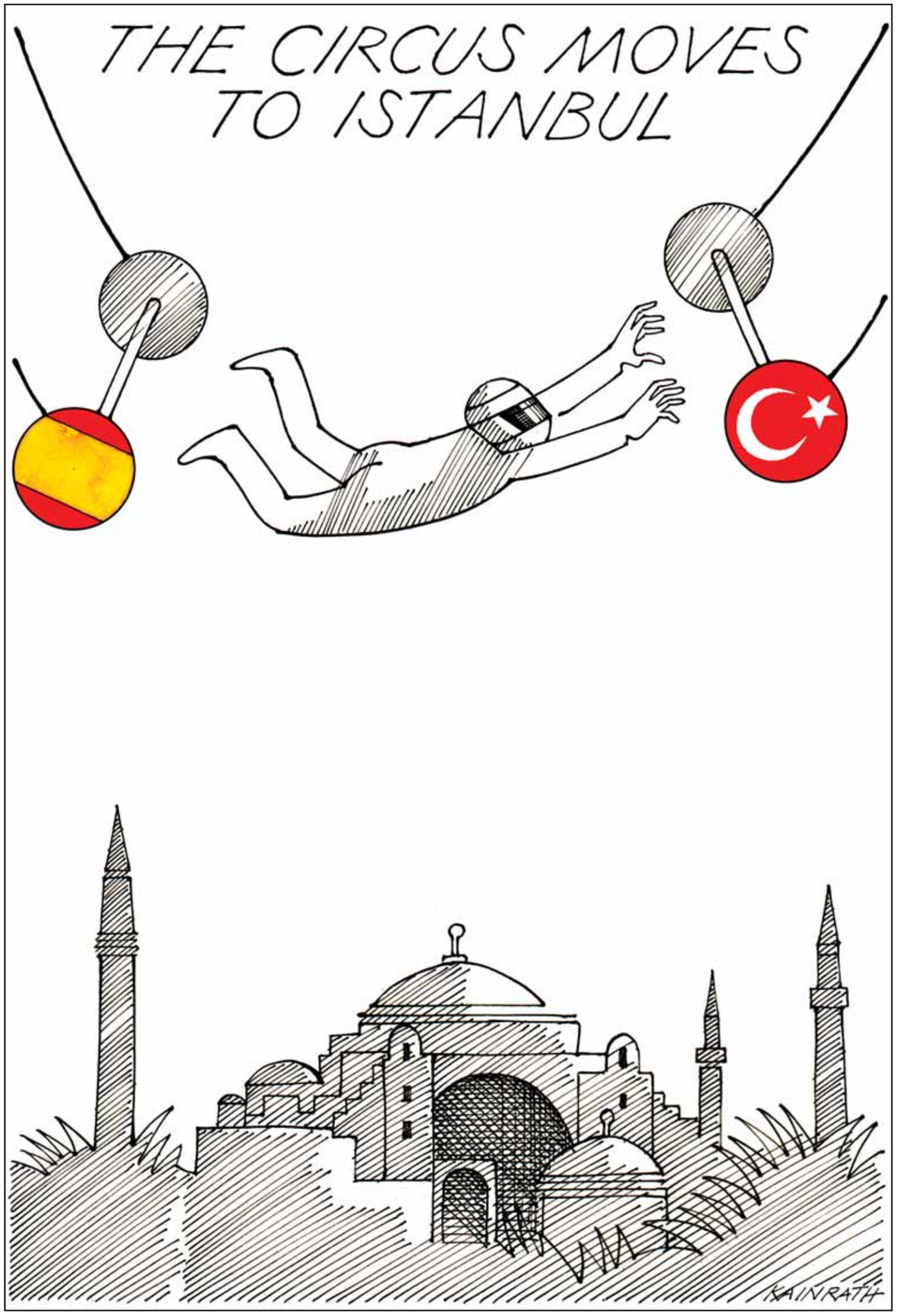


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SPN'08 RACE RESULTS

2 F MASSA FERRARI
1 K RAIKKONEN FERRARI
3 L HAMILTON MCLAREN-MERCEDES

RESULTS IN FULL

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Kimi Raikkonen**	Ferrari	66	1hr 38:19.051	10
2	**Felipe Massa**	Ferrari	66	+3.2 secs	8
3	**Lewis Hamilton**	McLaren	66	+4.1 secs	6
4	**Robert Kubica**	BMW-Sauber	66	+5.6 secs	5
5	**Mark Webber**	RBR-Renault	66	+35.9 secs	4
6	**Jenson Button**	Honda	66	+53 secs	3
7	**Kazuki Nakajima**	Williams	66	+58.2 secs	2
8	**Jarno Trulli**	Toyota	66	+59.4 secs	1
9	**Nick Heidfeld**	BMW-Sauber	66	+63 secs	
10	**Giancarlo Fisichella**	Force India	66	+1 lap	
11	**Timo Glock**	Toyota	66	+1 lap	
12	**David Coulthard**	RBR-Renault	66	+1 lap	
13	**Takuma Sato**	Super Aguri	66	+1 lap	
Ret	**Nico Rosberg**	Williams	41	+25 laps	
Ret	**Fernando Alonso**	Renault	34	+32 laps	
Ret	**Rubens Barrichello**	Honda	34	+32 laps	
Ret	**Heikki Kovalainen**	McLaren	21	+45 laps	
Ret	**Anthony Davidson**	Super-Aguri	8	+58 laps	
Ret	**Sébastien Bourdais**	STR-Ferrari	7	+59 laps	
Ret	**Nelson Piquet**	Renault	6	+60 laps	
Ret	**Sebastian Vettel**	STR-Ferrari	0	+66 laps	
Ret	**Adrian Sutil**	Force India	0	+66 laps	

FASTEST LAP: KIMI RAIKKONEN 1:21.670

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**K Raikkonen**	**29**
2	**L Hamilton**	**20**
3	**R Kubica**	**19**
4	**F Massa**	**18**
5	**N Heidfeld**	**16**
6	**H Kovalainen**	**14**
7	**J Trulli**	**9**
8	**M Webber**	**8**
9	**N Rosberg**	**7**
10	**F Alonso**	**6**

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PTS
1	**Ferrari**	**47**
2	**BMW-Sauber**	**35**
3	**McLaren- Mercedes**	**34**
4	**Williams-Toyota**	**12**
5	**Toyota**	**9**
6	**Red Bull Racing-Renault**	**8**
7	**Renault**	**6**
8	**Honda**	**3**
9	**Toro Rosso-Ferrari**	**2**
10	**Force India-Ferrari**	**0**

KIMI KEEPS COOL

The Spanish Grand Prix tends to be decided in the first corner, so Raikkonen leading and Massa passing Alonso before the first turn reduced the race to a simple fuel equation. Behind them, Kubica's gloomy prediction of a poor getaway proved correct as he lost out to Hamilton. A Glock spin ended the afternoons of Vettel and Sutil and bought out the safety car, after which things got worse for Toro Rosso, when Bourdais joined his team-mate back in the garage.

Alonso pitted on lap 17, only three laps lighter than the rest of the field. Kovalainen led briefly, before a mechanical failure ended his race in the tyre barrier. The race entered a long period behind the safety car.



Heidfeld was unfortunate. Leading and running on empty, he was forced to make a fuel stop while the pitlane was closed, incurring a penalty that eventually relegated him to the back. Nick gained from something similar in Australia. Some you win, some you lose. Meanwhile Rubens Barrichello lost his front wing in the pits.

Kovalainen was eventually removed from the scene, waving to the crowd from the stretcher. He was later airlifted to hospital. Racing resumed after an eight-lap hiatus, with Raikkonen back in front from Massa, Hamilton and Kubica.



A collective groan went around Montmeló when Alonso retired on lap 33. Rosberg soon followed. Hamilton was lapping on the pace of the leaders but never challenged. The next round of stops maintained the order, the front four covered by eight seconds. Kimi went serenely on to another victory, with Massa in tow. Hamilton did the best he could reasonably have expected in third. Kubica and Webber added to their tally, while Button scored three points, Honda's first of the season. Nakajima had a tidy race to finish seventh, with Trulli close behind in eighth. The season moves on to Turkey with Ferrari in a dominant mood after their third straight victory.



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