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BACK IN THE 'RING

ADIDAS V PUMA: PITCH BATTLE

FORMULA UNA: EURO VISION

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STARTING LINE Another beautiful morning in the Eifel saw race fans flock to the circuit. The only black cloud was the one hanging over the BMW-Sauber garage of double-Nürburgring winner Jacques Villeneuve who had been docked his three fastest laps from the final stage of qualifying for upsetting Giancarlo Fisichella's attempts to qualify. It was little more than a slap on the wrists, moving Jacques back just one place. Up at the front Alonso had no-one in front, but two red Ferraris large in his mirrors. Only calamity, it seemed, could prevent Renault resuming business as usual, and Alonso stretching his lead in the championship…

THE GRID

1 F Alonso **Renault** 1:29.819
2 M Schumacher **Ferrari** 1:30.028
3 Massa **Ferrari** 1:30.407
4 Barrichello **Honda** 1:30.754
5 Raikkonen **McLaren-Mercedes** 1:30.933
6 Button **Honda** 1:30.940
7 Trulli **Toyota** 1:31.419
8 Montoya **McLaren-Mercedes** 1:31.880
9 Villeneuve **BMW-Sauber** 1:31.542
10 R Schumacher **Toyota** 1:30.944
11 Fisichella **Renault** 1:31.197
12 Coulthard **RBR-Ferrari** 1:31.227
13 Heidfeld **BMW-Sauber** 1:31.422
14 Liuzzi **STR-Cosworth** 1:31.728
15 Klien **RBR-Ferrari** 1:32.901
16 Albers **MF1-Toyota** 1:32.936
17 Speed **STR-Cosworth** 1:32.992
18 Monteiro **MF1-Toyota** 1:33.658
19 Sato **Super Aguri-Honda** 1:35.239
20 Webber **Williams-Cosworth** 1:33.405
21 Montagny **Super Aguri-Honda** 1:46.505
22 Rosberg **Williams-Cosworth** 1:31.194

THE FIGURES

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€2.10 BUYS YOU A BRATWURST

3 THE NUMBER OF VILLENEUVE'S QUALIFYING LAPS DISALLOWED

450,000 SPECTATORS ATTENDED THE NURBURGRING IN 1954

LAP RECORD 1:29.468 M SCHUMACHER 2004

6 LEFT TURNS

FASTEST TIMES FROM THE SESSIONS

QUALIFYING:	FERNANDO ALONSO	1:29.819
PRACTICE 3:	MICHAEL SCHUMACHER	1:30.788
PRACTICE 2:	ALEXANDER WURZ	1:25.043
PRACTICE 1:	ALEXANDER WURZ	1:24.751



Fisichella contemplates the adage that revenge is a dish best served cold

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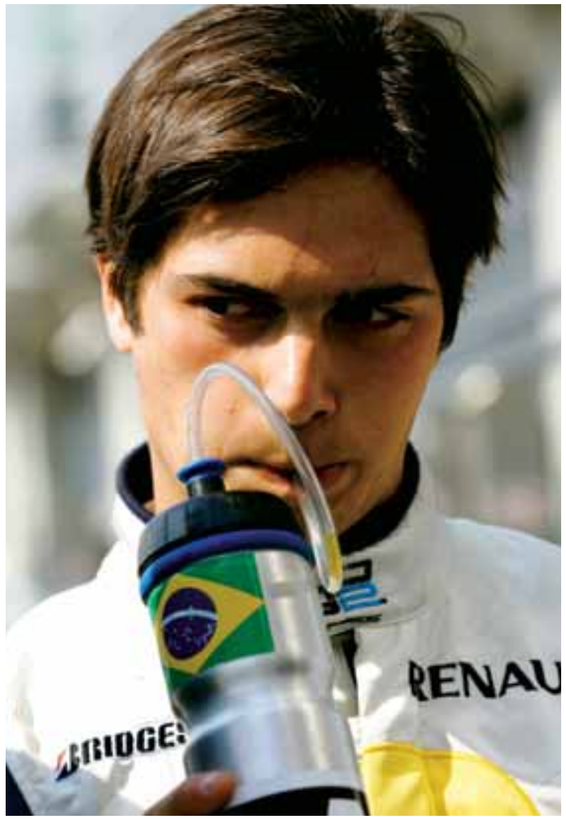
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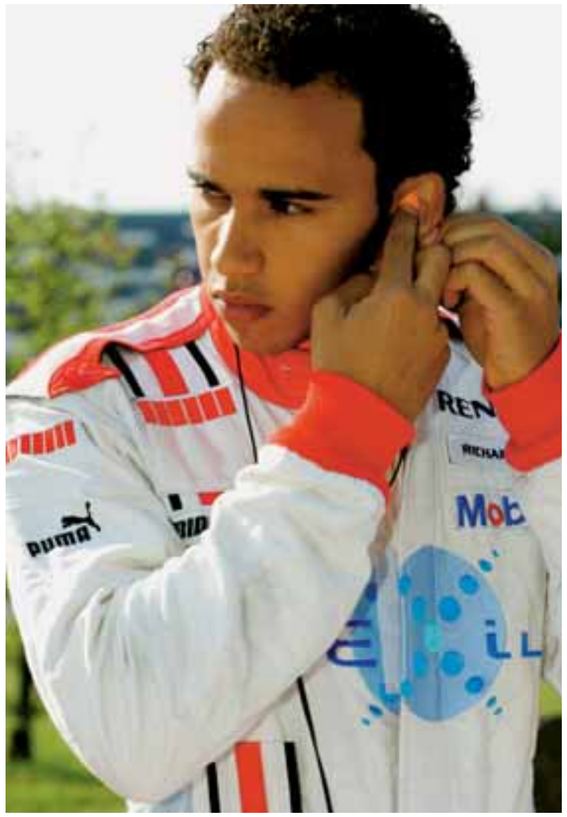






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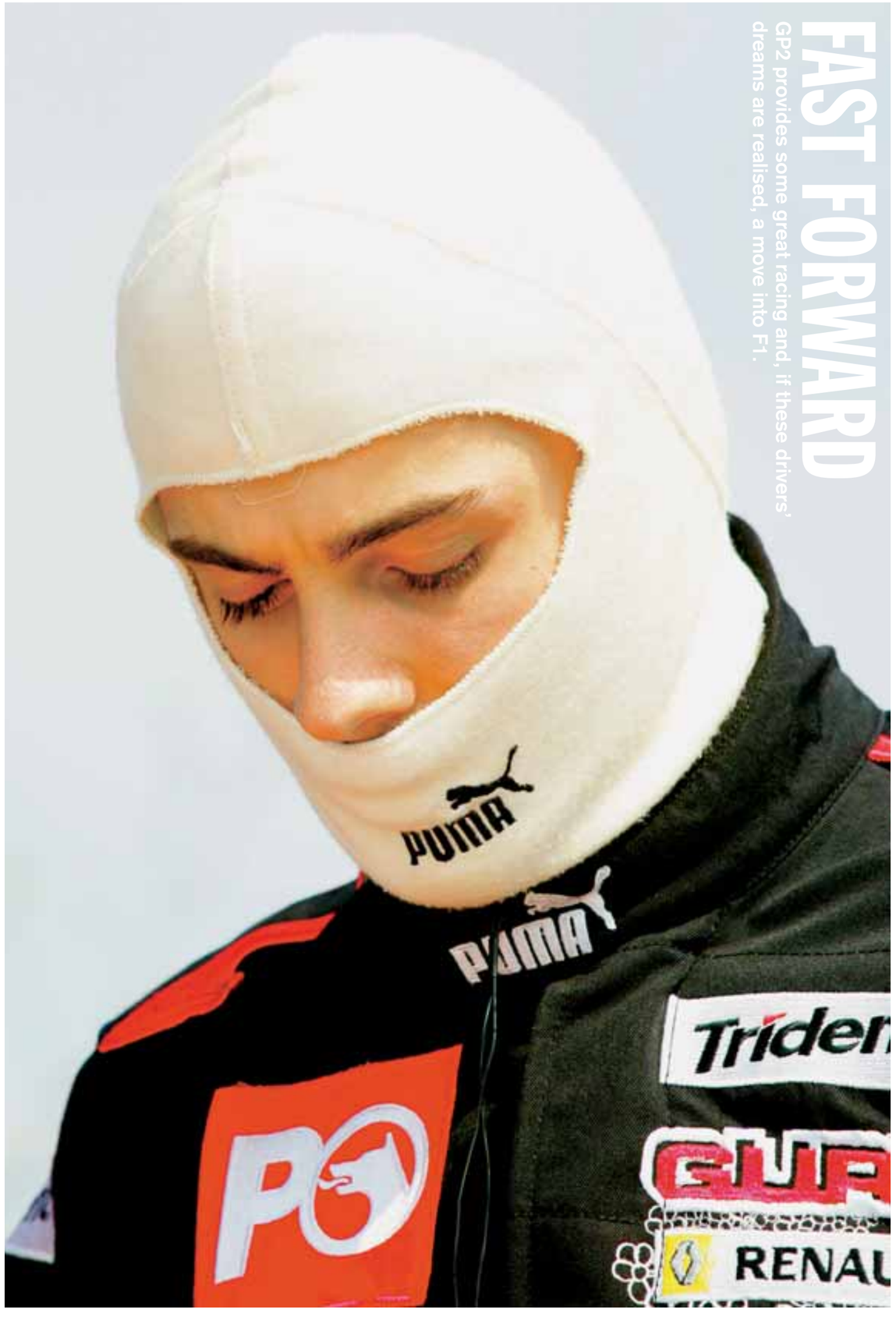






FAST FORWARD

GP2 provides some great racing and, if these drivers' dreams are realised, a move into F1.



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Giving the press their views of the weekend are clockwise from left: Trulli, Michael Schumacher, Button, Montagny, Briatore and Barrichello.

DEBRIEF











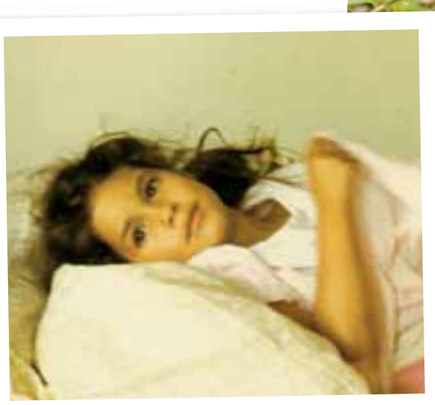
LA UNA EUROPE HELENA

The best part about the weekend for winning European Una Helena? “It was all really good. It was nice to meet the other girls and Red Bull took great care of us.” Her prize is a trip to the final GP of the season in Sao Paulo in October. “I’m looking forward to Brazil. Everyone says they have great parties there. I’m very, very excited about it.”









This weekend the Formula Una ladies have been wearing clothes from PUMA, FORNARINA, LEYLA and LEVIS

PHOTO: THOMAS BILLER

BROTHERS IN ARMS

The World Cup will see the rekindling of a feud between two of the world's leading sportswear brands. Rudi and Adi Dassler, the founders of Puma and Adidas, fell out six decades ago. Their home town still bears the scars. By Ruth Elkin



PHOTO: REUTERS

What, exactly, are you looking for?" asks the nervy, middle-aged woman at Herzogenaurach's tourist information office. She is really very nervy. Probably because she knows that what most who come to this north Bavarian town are looking for is a fight. But not any old fight. There is only one feud in Herzogenaurach worthy of mention and it's between Adidas and Puma. Founded in the town by two warring brothers, Adolf and Rudolf Dassler, the international sportswear giants have been based here since the 1940s and their age-old rivalry is legendary. And, with just over a month to go until the World Cup in Germany, the battle is unparalleled in its intensity.

To kit out the winning World Cup team is the ultimate prize for any sports manufacturer. Companies spend billions each year sponsoring the top stars and the most popular teams at football tournaments all over the world in an attempt to raise their brand's profile.

Some believe the firm which wins the sponsorship battle on home turf will be crowned the outright winner in Herzogenaurach's decade-long sports shoe war. Others say, whatever happens, it will just make the one-upmanship worse. Adidas is kitting out six teams. Puma, long regarded as the underdog in the fraternal war, is quietly claiming that it has already won, since it has 12 teams on side.

"Some of the stories you hear are just mind-blowing," says Filip Trulsson, marketing manager of team sports at Puma. The Swedish-born 33-year-old has a Scandinavian sanguinity about him, and a detachment from local politics that has probably prevented him from going mad during the eight years he has spent working in this conservative countryside town. "Puma people not marrying Adidas people, Adidas and Puma gangs in the schools, pubs loyal to one firm refusing to serve workers from the other, it's all gone on here," he said, shaking his head. "But there is a lot more international people here nowadays. I think the locals take it all far more seriously than the foreigners do."

Herzogenaurach has been described as "the town of bent necks", as no local would start a conversation with another without first looking down to check which firm's shoes they were wearing. The town managed to spawn two local rival football teams with pitches not more than 100 metres from each other – RSV is sponsored by Adidas, FC Herzogenaurach by Puma.

Then Trulsson remembers something else. "Wait until you see the graves," he says. "Man, those brothers must have really hated each other." On the edge of town, in a small, sunny cemetery, the graves of Adolf and Rudolf Dassler could not be further apart from one another. Even in death, it seems, they couldn't bear to be together.

Born into a family of cobblers, Adolf and Rudolf Dassler were not always at odds. In the 1920s, Adi and Rudi, as they were more commonly known, worked happily side by side at the Gebrüder Dassler Schuhfabrik (Dassler Brothers Shoe Factory).

Adolf developed some studs, business boomed under the Nazis and by the 1936 Olympics Jesse Owens was running in Dassler spikes. But by the fall of the Third Reich the fraternal relationship was in tatters. "We will probably never know the real reason why Adi and Rudi fell out," sighs Ernst Dittrich, the head of Herzogenaurach's town archive. "It was like a marriage that goes terribly, terribly sour."

Elderly residents in this 13th century town still gossip that the brothers split because Adi slept with Rudi's wife, that the two wives hated each other, that Rudi fathered Adi's son and that Rudi – the less successful entrepreneur of the pair – had his hands in the petty-cash box.



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IF THE BOOT FITS
Adidas founder Adi Dassler (left, and above in one of his factories) is credited with winning the 1954 World Cup for Germany by supplying them with boots with removable studs.

The most likely snapping point came from a thoughtless comment made one night in 1943 as the two brothers and their wives slept in the family air raid shelter. "There come those pig dogs again!" raved Adi as his brother clambered down the steps. From that moment, no one could convince Rudi that Adi had been talking about the RAF bombers, not about him.

Rudi's bitterness increased as he was shipped off to an American prisoner-of-war camp and Adi carried on running the family business without him. In 1948, Rudi returned and set up his own factory on the other side of the river, now Puma, taking loyal staff with him.

There were varying successes on both sides as Herzogenaurach's two shoemaking companies grew. Although Puma still claims it invented the removable football boot stud, Adi Dassler and his Adidas company is credited with winning the 1954 World Cup for Germany by providing the team with them. But Rudi scored points against his brother when Pele won the 1962 World Cup for Brazil – in Puma boots.

The pair threw ludicrous amounts of money at absurd court battles. In 1958, Rudi Dassler and Puma took out an injunction to prevent Adi marketing Adidas stock as "the best sports shoes in the world". The court ruled in Rudi's favour but gave Adi a week to remove all advertising. In the seven days he had left, Adi convinced an Adidas-loyal fishmonger to paste the slogan on his van and park it outside Rudi's office window.

The tit-for-tat ethic continued through the generations. In the early 1980s, a young Boris Becker knocked on the door of Adidas with a Romanian manager, hoping for a sponsorship deal. When Adi's son Horst, by then the boss of the firm refused, his manager, Ion Tiriac, drove straight over the river to Puma and demanded a meeting.

"Go on," he taunted Rudi's son, Armin Dassler, who was the Puma chief. "Take on Boris. That will really make your cousin mad." It was all Armin needed to hear to sign the then unknown Becker under a £100,000 advertising contract.

In the Café Rommelt, a group hunched over their beers are all wearing Adidas; workers at both companies enjoy large discounts on the newest gear, and most of Herzogenaurach's 25,000 burghers amble among the ancient wood-beamed houses and cobbled streets in tracksuits.

But the younger generation hanging around the town's pedestrian precinct don't appear to choose their friends according to the shoes they wear any more. One teenager, licking an ice-cream, wears Puma. His friend, who is kicking a bench, has got a pair of Adidas on, and the third, clearly a town rebel, wears Nike.

Secrets are no longer swapped at the bus stop by the unfaithful, but designers who move between Puma and Adidas are all forced to take extended leave before ➜



TOP CAT
Rudolf Dassler (top) started his own footwear company, now Puma, in 1948 in direct competition with his brother, Adolf. The factory was in the same town, on the opposite side of the river, and so began the war between the two companies that carries on to this day.





TRACK RECORD

While Adidas has decided not to get into bed with F1, Puma has become a loyal partner. Its motorsport's promotions manager Bruno Vaglienti spoke to Adam Hay-Nicholls.

"At the end of the '90s the company was in serious trouble," explained Vaglienti, "but a new management team turned our fortunes around with a new strategy, new approach and new philosophy. Motorsport helped re-establish the brand."

And entering Formula One was a masterstroke. The field was wide open as none of Puma's main competitors was involved in F1 on a large scale. The move reinvigorated the brand and helped the firm find a new market in motorsports fans eager to buy the same kit used in the paddock.

"Our motorsport-inspired range is very popular because it's legitimate," Vaglienti said. "The shoes in the shops are the same concept and design as the shoes worn by F1 drivers. The more teams we supply the more legitimate we become. F1 gives our message credibility."

Puma's client base now includes an enviable list of F1 teams: Ferrari, Renault, Williams and BMW Sauber. It also supplies the FIA, Bridgestone and Michelin as well as several GP2 outifts.

"There's a lot of money involved in supplying these teams and organisations, but no money changes hands between Puma and the client," Vaglienti said.

These days, Puma's F1 kit deals go far beyond footwear as it also provides team wear and accessories such as luggage.

And being in F1 raises Puma's profile so much that it hardly needs to advertise. Vaglienti said: "We don't do much advertising as we think this platform has sufficient visibility. The only advertising we do is linked to our Ferrari merchandise."

TWO GIANTS STANDING TOE TO TOE

ADIDAS

Founded: 1949
HQ: Herzogenaurach, Germany
Employees: 17,023 (2004 figure)
Pre-tax profits in 2005: €768m (£531m)
Sales in 2005: €6.9bn (£4.8bn)
2006 World Cup teams sponsored by Adidas: Germany, France, Spain, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina

PUMA

Founded: 1948
HQ: Herzogenaurach, Germany
Employees: 3,910 (2004)
Pre-tax profits in 2005: €286m (£197m)
Sales in 2005: €2.4bn (£1.7bn)
2006 World Cup teams sponsored by Puma: Saudi Arabia, Ghana, Iran, Czech Republic, Poland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Paraguay, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, Angola



REAL DEAL
Puma's F1-inspired range is a runaway hit

starting their new jobs to prevent them taking any corporate secrets with them. At managerial levels, the atmosphere has also relaxed. "One of Rudi's grandsons now works as a legal consultant for Adidas," says Trulsson. "Something like that, even only a few years back, would have been unimaginable. It would have been like… er, like one of George Bush's grandsons working for Saddam Hussein."

Puma has certainly scored points against Adidas in Germany's World Cup year. The Adidas stripes may be adorning the official World Cup balls, and Adidas is an official Fifa partner, but Puma's shares have rocketed, with sales expected to top €2.3bn (£1.6bn) this year due to an increase in the purchase of soccer goods. Puma is the smaller company, with about 4,000 employees worldwide compared with Adidas' 17,000, and its sales fall far short of those of its competitor, but Puma's profit margins are better. Investors at Adidas have raised concerns about the company's future, after its recent acquisition of Reebok.

Back in Herzogenaurach, the locals certainly know how to exploit the battle of the brands. "Some painters who were commissioned to paint the outside of the Puma building rolled up to put up the scaffolding all wearing Adidas shoes," recalls Dittrich, the town archivist. "Within minutes, the boss had them all inside and gave them the latest Puma trainers to put on instead. It worked so well that they went and turned up at Adidas the next month wearing Puma."

It's just a pity, says Dittrich, that Herzogenaurach will probably never get a much-wished-for joint shoe museum. "I doubt the two companies would ever be able to agree on a common history," he sighs.

Fifa says the World Cup is "arguably the biggest media event on the planet" and Adidas clearly wants to win. "Adidas has long been the world market leader in football," said a spokeswoman, Kristin Koopmann, with more than a hint of schadenfreude. "We might be only kitting out six teams, but as you can see, they are the teams with the best chances." As well as Germany, the company is also sponsoring Argentina, France, Japan, Spain and Trinidad and Tobago. Yet Puma may still

'ADIDAS HAS LONG BEEN THE WORLD MARKET LEADER IN FOOTBALL. WE MIGHT ONLY BE KITTING OUT SIX TEAMS, BUT THEY ARE THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST CHANCES'

have the last laugh. The last World Cup final was watched by a billion people and a similarly huge audience is expected when this year's tournament concludes in Berlin in July.

Perhaps Germany will win and Adidas will claim victory. But Puma has already moved on, taking the competition out of Herzogenaurach, out of Germany and out of Europe to a different continent. It is investing heavily in African football and supplies kit to eight African football associations. The next World Cup will be held in South Africa in 2010.

Payback time? The Puma people flash quietly confident smiles. The company's long-term aim is to become the "most desirable sports-lifestyle company on the market".

High above Herzogenaurach, a young woman is heaving large bags of purchases out of the Adidas factory outlet. "I don't know what the fuss is about," she says. "At the end of the day, shoes are just shoes aren't they?" And football? "Well that's just a game isn't it?"



Bert Trautmann, famed for winning an FA Cup final playing with a broken neck, was decorated by the Queen and became an ambassador for the sport.

CROSSING THE LINE

A footballing legend celebrates his 80th birthday and talks to **Heinz Prüller** about a career that saw him only rarely play on home soil.

Every time Germany and England close in on a potential World Cup showdown, his name invariably crops up: the giant German goalkeeper who made his name in England. Bernd, alias Bert, Trautmann, former prisoner of war, penalty-stopper and hero to half of Manchester after his performance in the 1956 FA Cup Final, the last 15 minutes of which he played with a broken neck. Manchester City won the cup, Trautmann became a legend… in England at least.

I called Bert on his 80th birthday. From his home in Spain, he told me the story of his life. During the second world war he volunteered, at 17, to join the paratroopers, not wanting to be called-up and put in the infantry. "I jumped in Russia and stayed there three years. Luckily I failed to make it to Stalingrad. However, I went through the hell of Crete."

While champion boxer Max Schmeling broke his ankle on landing, young Bernd only received a few shell splinters. He survived the invasion, was later captured and spent some of 1945 imprisoned in a Rheinwiesenlager transit camp, before being shipped to Manchester, England, as a prisoner. The British allowed him to play soccer.

Bert, as he had now become, began to catch the eye with his effortless handling and command of the penalty area. Fast forward to 1949 and he's standing in front of a packed Maine Road, home of the mighty Manchester City, 50 years before English football caught the internationalist bug. He was a sensation from his first appearance, his shot-stopping was phenomenal. To this day, everyone over a certain age in England remembers his heroics in his first season. "I managed to stop a Danny Blanchflower penalty, which cost Tottenham the title."

In fact, records suggest his ability to save penalties bordered on the supernatural. In 1950, Bert saved four in one match against Sunderland.

The English loved Trautmann. To this day he remains very moved by what happened when he left on his first visit home. He was leaving an England which was still suffering from shortages and rationing. He said: "A group of football fans, workers from a coal mine who earned maybe £5 a month collected about £150 for me. They said: 'It's for you and your parents – we are aware that Germans are suffering right now'.

"They possessed almost nothing but still they gave me a big bag full of butter, sugar and flour as well." The gesture proved to Bert how sport can transcend national barriers and he later became an international ambassador for the game.

'IN THE 1956 FA CUP FINAL, TRAUTMANN PLAYED THE LAST 15 MINUTES OF THE MATCH WITH A BROKEN NECK'

Trautmann went home, but only to visit. "Nobody asked me to stay and play for a German team – but even if they had, I'm pretty sure I would not have accepted. The British had always been fair with me, even when I was a prisoner." He remained, however, a patriotic German, and for that reason never naturalised and played for England, despite obvious temptations.

Fast forward to 1966. Trautmann was the 'German ambassador' for the World Cup in England and, of course, a witness to the infamous third goal, scored by Geoff Hurst. The goal was as much a subject of discussion between the players as it was between the fans. "Goalkeeper Hans Tilkowski swore (the ball) 'vor der Linie aufgesprungen'. The English striker Roger Hunt replied: 'The ball was behind you, you couldn't even see it.'"

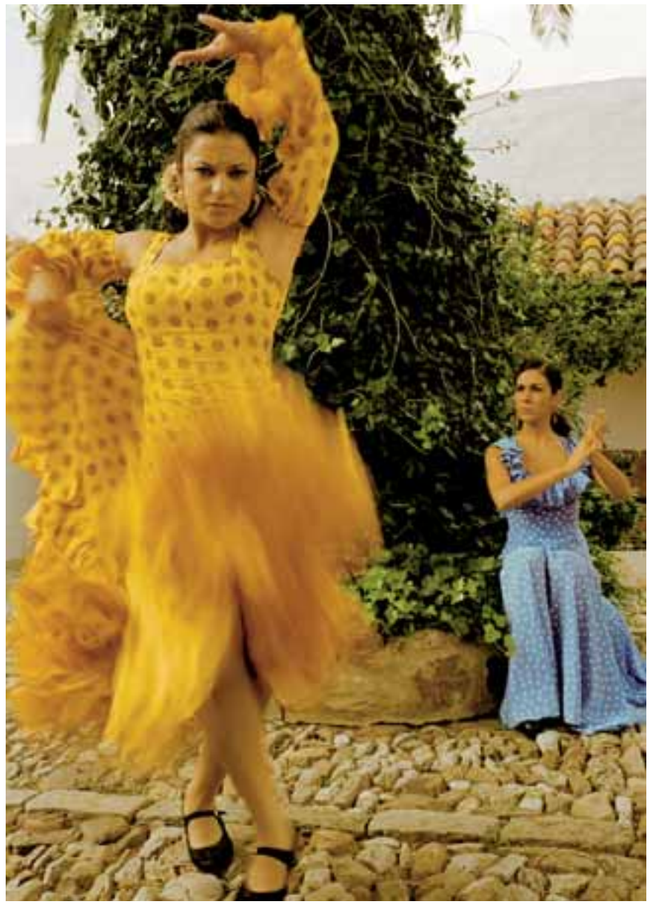
In Trautmann's view: "I was sitting in the middle and couldn't see." Later on, strolling with former team coach Sepp Herberger, he calmed excited German fans. "I told them that we had to be fair, and let the English enjoy their victory. I said it was a fantastic match, and that we had to accept the result – though it was very hard to accept."

He has professed to be happy with the result, but I can't resist asking him again. Honestly, Bert: Would you prefer that the Germans and not the English won the 1966 World Cup? "I don't believe so…"

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WE'RE OFF TO...

BARCELONA

Our first European back-to-back means you haven't got a load of time to spare between here and Spain, so here's how to make the most of it.

SPORT

Football

Barcelona is home to two great football teams and their rivalry goes far beyond sport – it's deeply political. Barcelona are the pro-Catalan side and their kit replicates the region's flag, while Espanyol are the pro-Spanish side. Race day is the last day of the football season and while Barcelona have sewn up the title (and are playing away anyway), Espanyol still have to secure their top-flight status for another season and face a potentially tricky tie at home to Real Sociedad. The game is scheduled for 4pm but the Spanish often move kick-offs at short notice. Buy tickets from www.rcdespanyol.eatb.es or call +34 902 19 62 59. Prices start at about €15.

If you can't get tickets, then catch the game on television in an Irish pub – that's where the Spanish will be going anyway. The Black Horse Pub (16 Allada Vermell) is slightly out of the way, meaning fewer tourists and more locals. They also have more beer on tap than your typical Spanish tavern.

AND ANOTHER THING...

THE WORD 'TAPAS' MEANS 'LIDS', AND COMES FROM WHEN TAPAS WAS A SLICE OF CHEESE OR HAM PUT ON YOUR BEER TO KEEP FLIES OFF.

SNOWFLAKE, THE FAMOUS ALBINO GORILLA, DIED IN BARCELONA IN 2003. ➜

The old Montjuïc F1 circuit

The Spanish GP was held on the Montjuïc street circuit every other year from '69 to '75 on the Montjuïc hill. The final race was marred by Rolf Stommelen's accident which killed five spectators. The Spanish government marked out the route in 2004, so you can see the track Emerson Fittipaldi thought too dangerous to race on; provoking his retired in protest at the first corner of the 1975 grand prix. The lap record is 1:23.8, set by the late Ronnie Peterson in a Lotus in 1973.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE GOT...

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VISIT BARCELONA FC AND MUSEUM

Daily tours of the Camp Nou cost €9.90 from 10am-4.30pm (2pm weekends). Find out about the history of the Catalan giants, including famous past players Cruyff (below), Maradona and Romario. Call +34 93 496 36 08 or museu@fcbarcelona.com for details or visit www.fcbarcelona.com



Kings of the Castles

Castells is a traditional Catalan sport in which teams compete to erect the biggest human tower possible. Teams from all round Catalonia meet for the regional equivalent of a Sunday morning kick about. The Castellers de Barcelona invite spectators to their training sessions at 33 Carrer Rosend Nobas. Call +34 932 654 888 or see www.castellersdebarcelona.org for more details

MUSIC

Flamenco

Flamenco may come from Andalucia, but there's a thriving scene in Barcelona. Tablao Flamenco Cordobes (35 Las Ramblas, 08002) is a well-established flamenco club in the centre of Barcelona and offers a gourmet Spanish dinner and a world class show for €60 per person. Visit www.tablaocordobes.com for more information.

Rock and Pop

Britain's bright young things, Arctic Monkeys (pictured, right), play the Sala Razzmatazz (88 Carrer Pamplona, Barcelona) on Tuesday, May 16, (two days after the race) hot on the heels of their appearance in Cologne. To see what the fuss is about or just to see what the Spanish make of English teenagers singing about underage drinking, get your tickets at www.ticktackticket.com (priced €18-20) or call +34 933 040 750.

Alternatively, Seattle-based rockers The Presidents of the United States of America are in town on Monday, May 15, playing at Sala Bikini (105 c/Deu i Mata, +34 93 322 08 00, tickets €20 in advance, €23 on the door). They were the ones responsible for Lump and Peaches in the mid-'90s.

And that's it. Well… Ricky Martin is playing on Tuesday, May 9, at Palau Badalona. If you want to catch him Livin' La Vida Loca tickets start from €36 from www.telentrada.com



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THE WORD 'BIKINI' MEANS 'TOASTED HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH' IN THE LOCAL LINGO. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHY.







WHERE TO GO IF YOU'VE GOT... ONE DAY

Hiking in the picturesque Montseny Region

One hour to the north of Barcelona is the Plana de Vic, a vast plain surrounded by mountains, which offers great hiking country. You can go by train to El Figaró or by car on the E15 and then the C-17 and pick your spot. You can go hot air ballooning at Vol-Adventura (call +34 93 884 06 84 or visit www.volaventura.es)

THREE DAYS

The Volcanic town of Olot and the Pyrenees

Olot is a picturesque town two hours to the north of Barcelona and home to loads of volcanoes. There are 30 in total, the most magnificent being the Santa Margarida (which has a church in its crater) and the Croscat, which, at 160m high, is the tallest volcano on the Iberian Peninsula.

You can stay at the four-star Hotel Riu in Olot, (call +34 972 26 94 44 or email hotel.olot@riu.com). Trips can be organised by Giroguies (call +34 972 303 886, or email info@giroguies.com). Or, visit the Volcanoes Information Centre in Avenida Santa Coloma, Olot, or call +34 972 26 62 02. To get to Olot, take the E-15 to Girona and the N-260.

FIVE DAYS

The other side of Ibiza

If you're not into the hardcore nightlife and pool-side games Ibiza is famous for then head to the opposite coast. Paragliding and microlight flying are popular and there are two karting tracks. The Ibiza Wakeboard Camp in San Antonio Bay does five-day courses with four hours on the water each morning for €500, including seven days accommodation. The karting tracks are in San Antonio, call +34 971 34 38 05, and Santa Eulalia, call +34 971 31 77 44 or email gostaeulalia@terra.es



€100

JUMP OFF A CLIFF If you've ever stood at the edge of a cliff and wanted to jump off, you'll be pleased to know you aren't alone – there's a whole sport dedicated to the activity. It's called canyoning and it's very popular around Barcelona. Spanish Trails can organise the trip for you and provide all the equipment needed to jump, climb and abseil your way down cliffs before plunging into crystal-clear pools. It costs €110. Call +34 93 317 41 60 or email info@spanish-trails.com



€1,000

RENT A POWERBOAT The Rodman 56 Cruiser is a luxury powerboat with all mod cons, including three double cabins with flatscreen TVs and two solariums. With a cruising speed of 27 knots (50kph), it moves fast, too. A day's use costs €1,600. They can arrange to pick you up in Barcelona and drop you in Palma in Majorca. Visit www.gotlandcharter.com for more details or call +34 932 240 140.

NIGHTLIFE

The most impossibly cool nightclub in Barcelona – and we're not talking about champagne and supermodels – is Razzmattazz (see above) a superclub that dares to be different with genuine variety – it features house and guitar music – both live and in the mix – so there's something for everyone.

A similar venue is Sidecar Factory Club (Plaça Reial), a former US Army singles bar now to home to a fashionable nightclub and venue. The club caters to some obscure music – underground riot and world rhythms laboratory – but Fridays and Saturdays is indie, pop and rock.

For a more glamorous setting, La Terrazza in Poble Espanyol (Avenida Marquès de Comillas, Barcelona, entry is €15 with drink included) has an outdoor area next to a forest and plenty of go-go dancers, so whatever your idea of a nice view, you'll find it here.

The Baja Beach Club has solved the problem that has perplexed clubbers for year – where to put your change – by microchipping its VIPs. They can then enter a reserved part of the bar and pay for their drinks without the need for inconveniences like cash or cards. And as if the thought of hi-tech payment weren't enough to tempt you, all the bar staff (ladies as well as the gents) serve drinks in their swimwear.

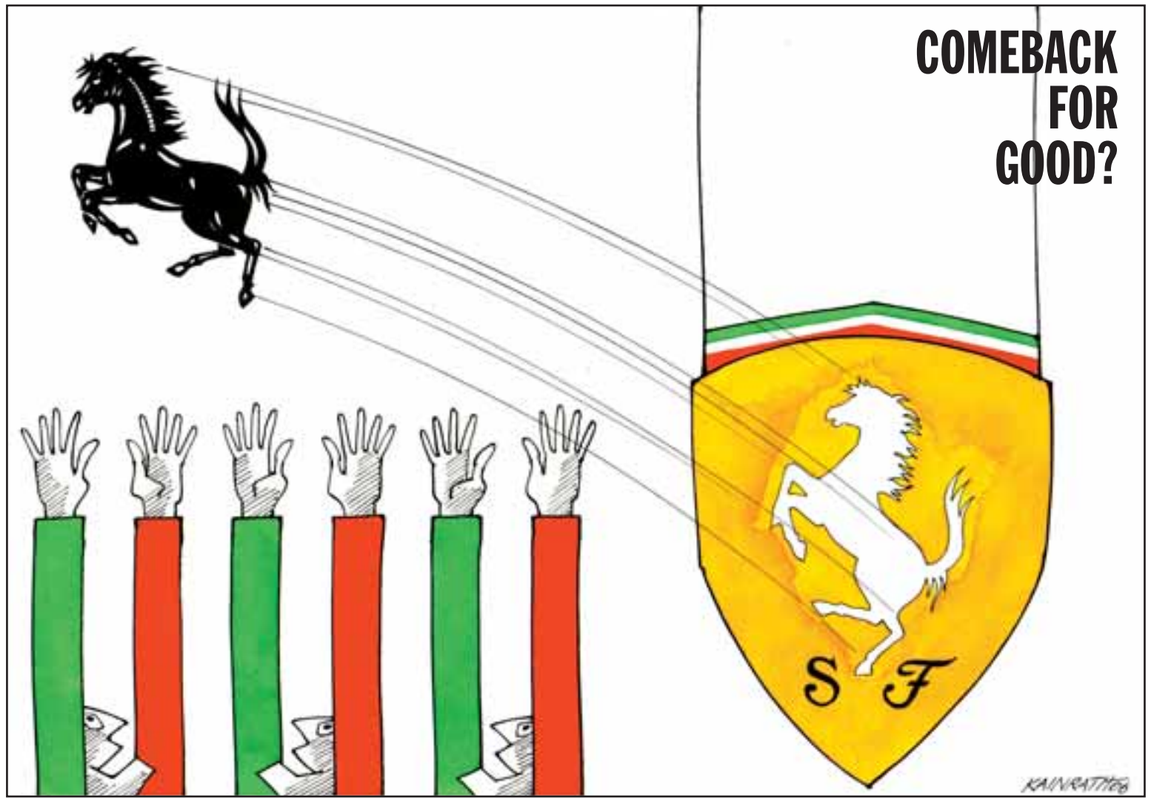
A note on Spanish nightclub culture: arrive late. Very late. The Spanish often don't eat until 11pm, then they'll go to a bar before hitting the clubs a couple of hours later. An empty nightclub at 2.30am could be packed at 4.30am and most continue until 7am. And even when they do kick you out, there will be someone outside with flyers for an after-hours club that could be open until midday.



MONACO MOVIE MADNESS

The Cannes Film Festival is on from Wednesday, 17 May, until 28 May (race day), so if looking for Brangelina on the French Riviera tickles your fancy, it's the place to go. On the judging panel this year are Quentin Tarantino and Samuel L Jackson. The big openers are The Da Vinci Code, starring Tom Hanks and Audrey Tatou, and X-Men: The Last Stand, the third part of the superhero saga based of the comic books. It stars the usual suspects: Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry (right) and Ian McKellen, for a final showdown.





THE GIORGIO PIOLA CHALLENGE

WE HAVE A WINNER...













ILLUSTRATIONS: GIORGIO PIOLA, KAINRATH

It took him two weeks, a load of research on the internet and some help from his colleagues, but the eventual winner of this race's Piola Challenge was Domenic Centauro a tyre controller from Bridgestone. His prize? A limited edition bottle of Ballantine's Scotch. He's suddenly a very, very popular man…

1 **At which race did Red Bull introduce this aerodynamic profile on their rear suspension?**
MONACO 2005

2 **When did Toyota run these three winglets?**
BUDAPEST 2005

3 **Last season Sauber introduced this Ferrari-style front wing, but at which race?**
SILVERSTONE 2005

4 **Whose engine is this and in which year did it run?**
FERRARI 2004

5 **When last year did McLaren run without horns?**
MONZA

6 **Whose steering wheel is this?**
MCLAREN

THE RACE RESULTS

1 M SCHUMACHER FERRARI

2 ALONSO RENAULT

3 MASSA FERRARI











RESULTS IN FULL

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Michael Schumacher**	Ferrari	60	1hr 35:58.765	10
2	**Fernando Alonso**	Renault	60	+3.7 secs	8
3	**Felipe Massa**	Ferrari	60	+4.4 secs	6
4	**Kimi Raikkonen**	McLaren-Mercedes	60	+4.8 secs	5
5	**Rubens Barrichello**	Honda	60	+72.5 secs	4
6	**Giancarlo Fisichella**	Renault	60	+74.1 secs	3
7	**Nico Rosberg**	Williams-Cosworth	60	+74.5 secs	2
8	**Jacques Villeneuve**	BMW-Sauber	60	+89.3 secs	1
9	**Jarno Trulli**	Toyota	59	+1 Lap	
10	**Nick Heidfeld**	BMW-Sauber	59	+1 Lap	
11	**Scott Speed**	STR-Cosworth	59	+1 Lap	
12	**Tiago Monteiro**	MF1-Toyota	59	+1 Lap	
13	**Christijan Albers**	MF1-Toyota	59	+1 Lap	
Ret	**Ralf Schumacher**	Toyota	52	+8 laps	
Ret	**Juan Pablo Montoya**	McLaren-Mercedes	52	+8 laps	
Ret	**Takuma Sato**	Super Aguri-Honda	45	+15 laps	
Ret	**Franck Montagny**	Super Aguri-Honda	29	+31 laps	
Ret	**Jenson Button**	Honda	28	+32 laps	
Ret	**Christian Klien**	RBR-Ferrari	28	+32 laps	
Ret	**Mark Webber**	Williams-Cosworth	12	+48 laps	
Ret	**David Coulthard**	RBR-Ferrari	2	+58 laps	
Ret	**Vitantonio Liuzzi**	STR-Cosworth	–	–	

Fastest Lap: Michael Schumacher 1:32.099

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**F Alonso**	44
2	**M Schumacher**	31
3	**K Raikkonen**	23
4	**G Fisichella**	18
5 =	**JP Montoya**	15
5 =	**F Massa**	15
7	**J Button**	13
8	**R Schumacher**	7
9 =	**M Webber**	6
9 =	**J Villeneuve**	6

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PTS
1	**Renault**	62
2	**Ferrari**	46
3	**McLaren-Mercedes**	38
4	**Honda**	19
5	**BMW-Sauber**	11
6	**Williams-Cosworth**	10
7	**Toyota**	7
8	**RBR-Ferrari**	2

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