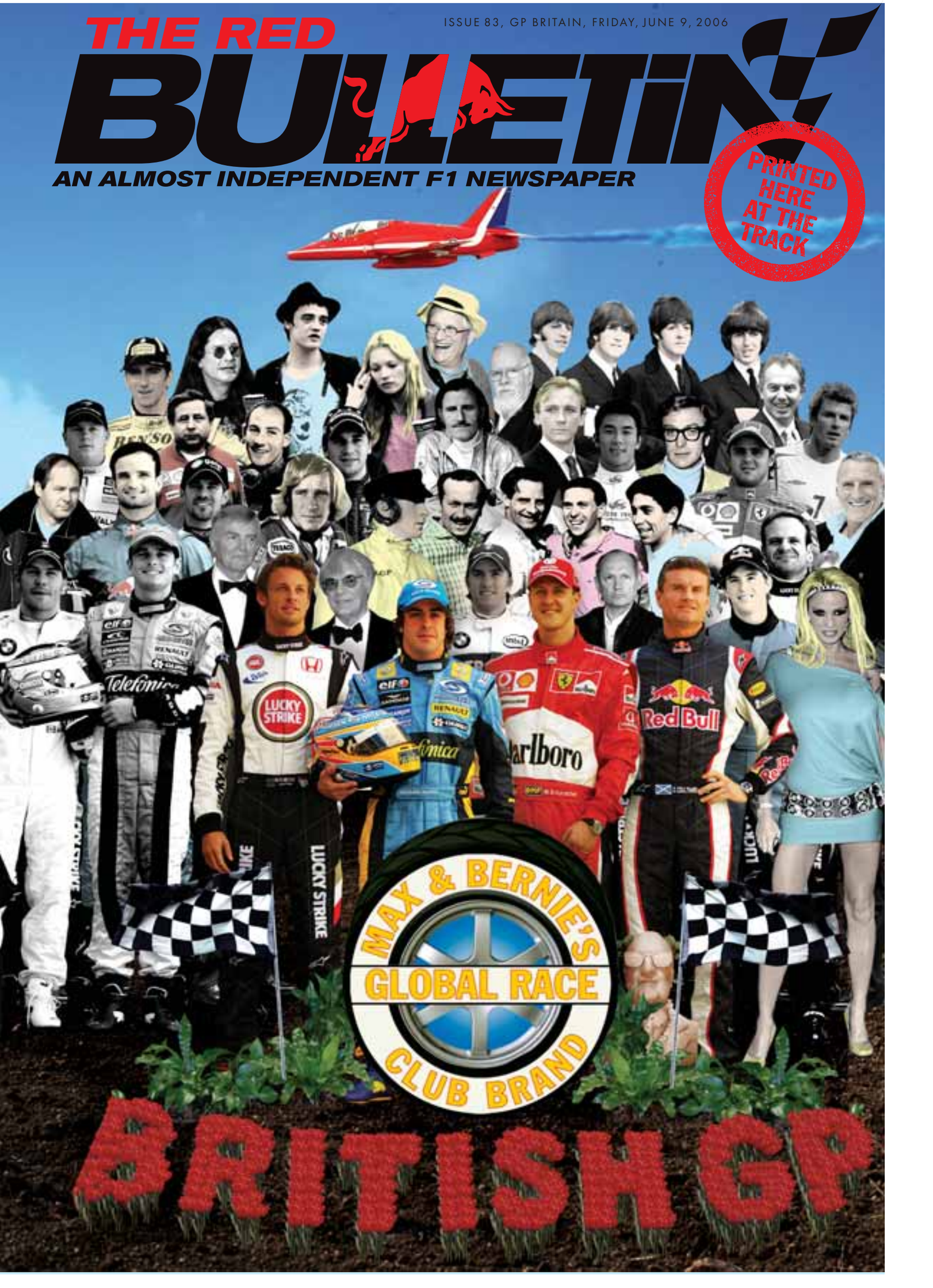
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PACESETTER



FIFTEEN GRAND PRIX CARS took to the cobbled streets of Paris last Sunday to mark the centenary of our sport. Modern F1 technology vied for the racing line down the Champs-Elysées with some more seasoned machinery, including a Darracq which competed in the very first grand prix, held at Le Mans in 1906 and Pink Floyd's Nick Mason at the helm of a handsome 1935 Bugatti. Police had enforced a strict 50kph limit for the parade, but try telling that to Rene Arnoux driving a 1977 Renault. While the event was scheduled to last 30 minutes, the whole field had lapped the course within 10 minutes and Arnoux was clocked by a gendarme tearing along the banks of the Seine at 180kph.

BMW



CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUES AND Johanna Villeneuve who tied the knot last week. The ceremony was so discreet that very few people in the paddock, outside of JV's immediate circle of friends, were aware of when and where it was happening. As guests departed they were presented with a very special edition 'Wed' Bulletin. Keep your eyes peeled for copies on eBay – they could be worth a fortune!

GOSHCC

London's Duchess Palace hosted a glittering party in aid of the Great Ormond Street Children's Charity on Wednesday. Bernie Ecclestone, a patron of the charity, brought along Flav, Fisi and most of the Red Bull and Toro Rosso drivers to mingle with British celebs, take part in a Scalextric race and support an auction to raise funds for the hospital. Fifty young patients will be attending the grand prix, courtesy of Mr E.



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FERRARI

WHATEVER THE REASON MICHAEL stopped on the last lap of qualifying in Monte Carlo, we now know his diet wasn't to blame. Just three days after he was sent to the back of the grid in Monaco he was praised by a British motoring organisation. The RAC Foundation's executive director, Edmund King, told Britain's Metro newspaper that Schumi "set a shining example of what drivers should be eating before they undertake a long journey". Mr King said: "He starts race day by drinking tea sweetened with honey and eating home-made muesli with yoghurt. That is followed by a small pasta or noodle meal with a green salad drizzled in oil. There's no way he would tuck into a leg of lamb or a joint of beef." So unless he had a roast lunch before the session, we can probably rule out falling asleep at the wheel then.





TOYOTA

SOME OF THE PADDOCK'S most mature personnel are sporting new and improved suntans this week following three days of relaxation with Toyota. The members of Club 300 – journalists and photographers who have attended more than 300 grands prix – were invited to take time out at a luxury resort on the French Riviera, chilling out with Ralf (pictured above with photographer Antti Puskala) and Jarno, and showing off their skills at golf and sailing. It was a bit like a senior citizens' holiday, but with grand prix drivers chucked in to make these particular old-timers feel at home.



WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR Sam Michael has apologised to Mark Webber following the Australian's frustrating exit from the last race due to exhaust failure. It was the third technical issue to cost Webber a potential podium this season and our sources tell us that a furious Mark is preparing to sign a contract with Renault. It would make sense, given that his manager is Flavio Briatore. Williams' Toyota customer deal, though it hasn't been announced yet, sounds like it's been sealed. Gazing into our crystal ball, we would put money on it being branded Lexus, partly to limit the Japanese corporation's embarrassment if Williams beats their works team. MF1 have paid around $16 million for 45 Toyota V8s, while word has it that Sir Frank is negotiating a free supply of 80 engines in return for marketing support and, possibly, Nico Rosberg. Therefore, don't be surprised to see Alex Wurz in a race seat as of next year, and Direxiv – which already sponsors Wurz and is desperate to buy a stake in an F1 team – to become Williams' title sponsor.

CLUB 500



MIKE DOODSON

"Although Nigel Mansell could drive a bit, his talent for man-management was less apparent. As a result, he went through a period of hiring several disastrously unsuitable 'personal managers' whom he fired within weeks. In July 1987, one of these worthies decided to sue. Freelancing for a disreputable tabloid, I got wind of the arrival of a writ-server in the Silverstone paddock. The back page headline on Saturday morning – MANSELL SUED FOR A MILLION – made me deeply unpopular with the Fleet Street regulars. (Sorry, guys. It's called a scoop.) But the report left out the full story, so here it is. We had staked out a photographer near the Williams motorhome where he overheard the following: Peter Windsor (Williams TM): "Now, Nigel, do you know what to do when this man arrives?" Mansell: "Yes, I deck him." PW: "No, no, you invite him into the motorhome without making a fuss." Mansell: "Then can I deck him?" Eventually, in court, it was poor Nigel's wallet which took the beating..."

FOUR COMMENTARIES

FEELING THE HEAT

SUMMERTIME BLUES
BY JUSTIN HYNES

1 Oh, to be in England in the summertime. It's a quote I've heard – most noticeably on an Art of Noise song called Moments in Love – but so obscure is it that the source of the phrase couldn't be found despite, oh, at least eight minutes of wandering around Google.

But, here we are, England, and there's actually a summer. It isn't raining and people are smiling – albeit out of peeling, crimson faces. What strange sacrificial rituals must have been undertaken in the copses of Copse by the BRDC to have guaranteed such a fine climate for Silverstone this weekend.

When the calendar was announced, positioning this race a month earlier than usual, the keening could surely have been heard all the way to Paris. Moving the British Grand Prix a nanosecond away from a July date is dicing with ecological ruin, the prospect of plunging drivers, hangers-on and fans into a nuclear winter dangerously at hand.

Then again, they do have George Harrison lookalike Damon Hill as their new president and everyone knows George was responsible for Here Comes the Sun.

All that way for a single poor punchline but the weather leads to that kind of soporific progress, which is exactly what seems to be happening in the endless Schumacher, the great Satan row.

But it's now time to grasp the nettle of reality. Even if Michael did suffer a moment of gentle gamesmanship, does it deserve the opprobrium still being heaped upon him? It was, after all, not that long ago that Ayrton Senna was driving Alain Prost off-circuit in an attempt to win. The crushing will to succeed is a quality normally prized in a driver. Like ambergris it's a rare and mysterious ingredient and when found carries with it the odour of success. Yes, Schumacher might have been intoxicated by that perfume, but to be vilified for possessing the right ingredient, well, it just smells a bit.

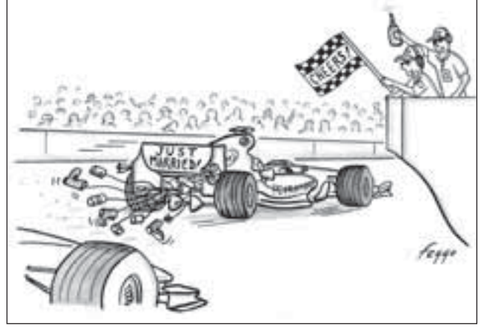
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Finding that special something has proved a tall order for Super Aguri. Yuji Ide has been shown the door for not possessing the F1 gland, Franck Montagny has been given a shot and will, likely, continue to shoot for the next three races, but his place is already under threat from another Japanese, Sakon Yamamoto, like Ide another Formula Nippon runner.

Yamamoto was yesterday installed as third driver for the next three races, but the heavy betting is he'll get Montagny's race seat for the French Grand Prix. Which seems a strange choice. Montagny is the only French driver on the grid. To give up, in his native country, the publicity he would generate seems somewhat premature. He has now got to the grips with an intractable car, why dislodge him? Surely better to give Yamamoto another weekend of Friday action and then do the deed at Hockenheim.

Yes, for most of us, being in England in the summertime has its charms, for the Franck though, it must smell, like ambergris, rather strongly of the perfidious in Albion.

F1 FUNNIES



PIT BITCH
BY HELEN PARADYCE

2 Shocking news! Why didn't anyone tell me, as I might have found a room near the circuit, rather than travel up from home. Why on earth does the race start at midday? Isn't it illegal to make someone get out of bed before 0-Dark Hundred Hours on Sunday? And all, I am told, because of something called the World Cup. There's football on every week of the year, so do we have to make all these allowances for one little tournament. I could understand if it was something important like the Henley Rowing Regatta or a polo match at Windsor, but not kickball please.

Football is supposed to be the sport of the people, but not of PLU (that's People Like Us by the way.) While some of the players are cute, most of them cannot read without moving their lips and if an intelligent one comes along, he is immediately branded a homosexual, by the less than intelligent fans, poor love. Surely those shaven-headed yobs who chant 'Inggarland' are not interested in our sport, with all its delicate intricacies, subtleties and nuances, so why change our plans to suit.

On the subject of delicate intricacies, getting to Silverstone is easier than in the past, but the game of hunt the media car park is still there to add 20 minutes to your journey. And why do I always get the security man who's on day release from a mental institution? Actually, it was not as bad as my encounter with La Securite in Monaco just after the race. Leaving the floating palace of excess (aka the Energy Station) to return to the media centre, long after the pass swipe gates were down, a French security man tried to stop me on the grounds that my pass was fake. He would not be deterred until I pointed at my breasts and said, "listen mon ami, les titties sont fake, but le pass est real." In the end, I was rescued by Richard Woods of the FIA who dismissed the idiot with an imperial wave of the hand.

It looks like we're in for good weather this weekend and I can't help getting a bit nostalgic for the days when the Silverstone motorhome paddock was located on an immaculately mown field behind the current facility. Teams were allowed extra space on the lawn, all marked out with white picket fences, Pimms was served, women wore hats and sometimes even gloves. It wasn't easy walking on grass in high heels, nor for that matter was it easy to walk in high heels on grass (think about it.) Luckily, I could cope as my parents had made many sacrifices to educate me… they were Satanists.

Come Sunday, post-race, the motorhome paddock began to look like one of the Queen's garden parties on acid, with all sorts of weird events, including a concert.

This still goes on today, but it's all gone rather corporate, but back in the day it was a bit more fun. It once featured the finger-pickin' talents of a racing driver on guitar. This young man had an advantage over the likes of Johnny Herbert who would come on for a spot of tambourine bashing, in that he had been part of a punk band called Sex Hitler and The Hormones. I'm referring to Damon Hill who is now a pillar of respectability and president of the BRDC. Sorry Major, did I make you spill your pink gin?

THE DAY I GOT CARRIED AWAY
BY KEKE ROSBERG

3 There are moments in your life when you lack discipline and lose your self-control. Silverstone on July 20, 1985, when I took pole for the British Grand Prix at an average speed of nearly 260 km/h was one of those occasions, getting carried away and being excited about being fast, knowing you can go even faster.

I had already done a lap that was good enough for pole and this was just a demo run to show the other guys they had no hope of a result in the race. We all know that, even now, Patrick and Frank are real racers. So they asked the obvious question; should I go out again and I replied: "Yes, of course."

I took a last drag on the cigarette, stubbed it out in pitlane and got back in the car. We had a new set of qualifying tyres left so off I went. It got interesting as I blistered a tyre and then it started raining towards the end of the lap.

It was a bit exciting coming around Woodcote in the rain, with a tyre going flat and around 1200 horsepower under my right foot. It was fabulously exciting and the last corner was quite something. I was just running on pure adrenaline and I'm guessing that's probably what it's like when you're high, although I wouldn't know about that.

Afterwards, I said to myself: "What a silly boy you are. Why did you have to do that?" Then I thought: "Yeah, but it was fun!"

Anyway, the next day the turbo blew up while I was leading so the pole didn't produce anything. It was sad because we should have won. There were quite a few that year we should have won but didn't.

'I was always regarded as a hooligan, but as far as I was concerned I had myself under control'

When I set the fastest lap time (1:05.591s) there was no sense that what I had done was in any way historic. When Roland and Ayrton died at Imola, it changed the nature of the tracks forever so the fast-flowing circuits like Silverstone and Austria had gone, making laps like that pretty much a thing of the past.

When Montoya beat my record for the fastest-ever lap at Monza in 2002, it didn't bother me. In fact, I think his record will stand for a long time, if not forever. Racing has changed so much that I believe Montoya's run was the last time it was possible to set a fastest lap.

Even if I were to lose the record for the fastest lap this weekend, it doesn't matter to me because I will never forget that day. We were especially quick and I was already on pole by about half a second. I guess it was a bit stupid and some might say it showed a lack of self discipline. I was always regarded as a hooligan but as far as I was concerned, I always had myself well under control and didn't shunt in races and had very few offs.

But back in 1985, that was the day I got carried away. Every driver has those days when he thinks he can walk on water and that's when you have to really watch your step.

What's changed since that day? I don't smoke anymore and the drivers here at Silverstone this weekend don't have 1200 horsepower to play with.

BEHIND THE MASK

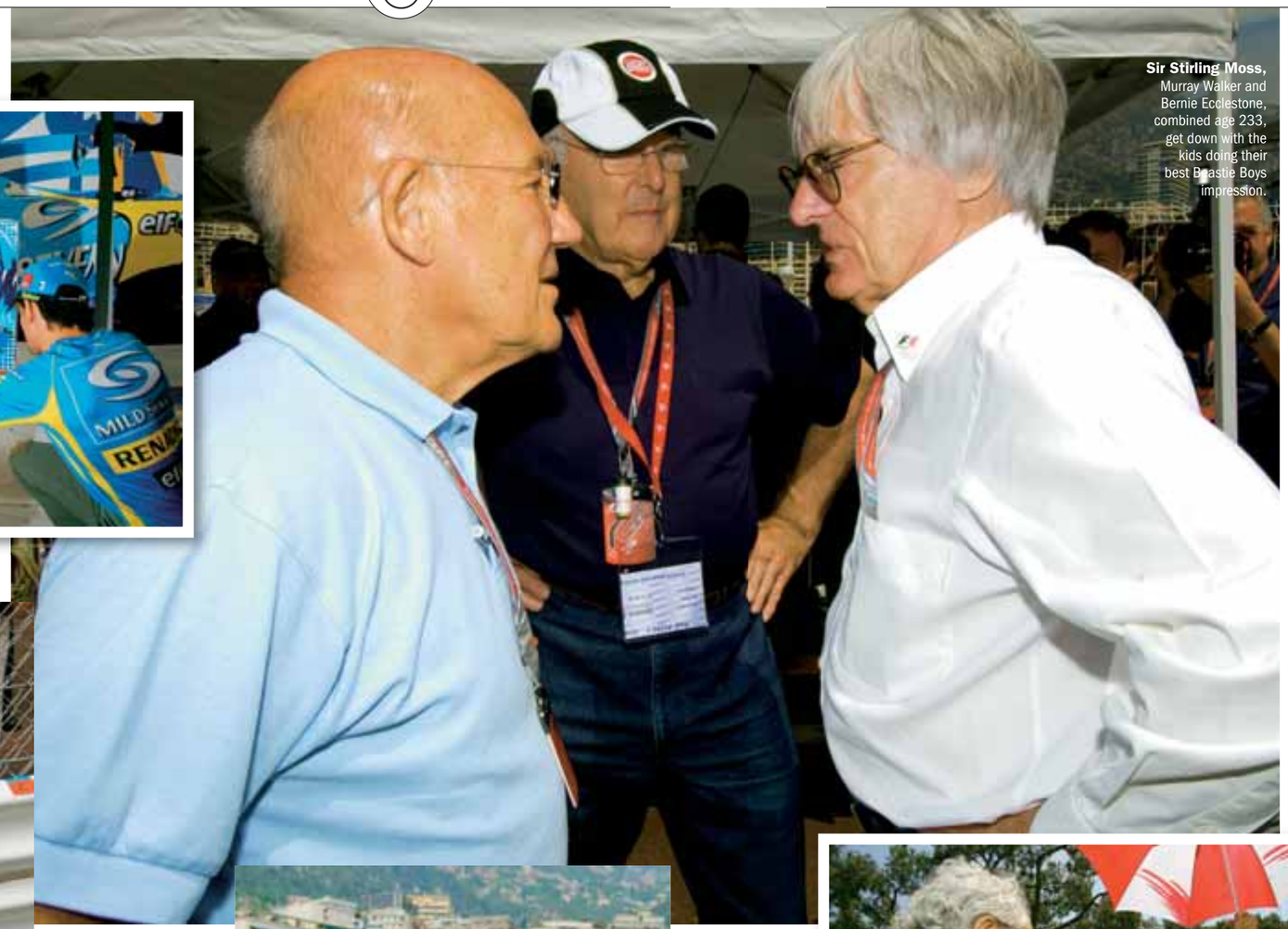
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CAUGHT ON CAMERA

The Bull's Eye never rests – it's always on the lookout for people in compromising positions. In Monaco, as always, the paddock inhabitants were happy to help...



Sir Stirling Moss, Murray Walker and Bernie Ecclestone, combined age 233, get down with the kids doing their best Beastie Boys impression.



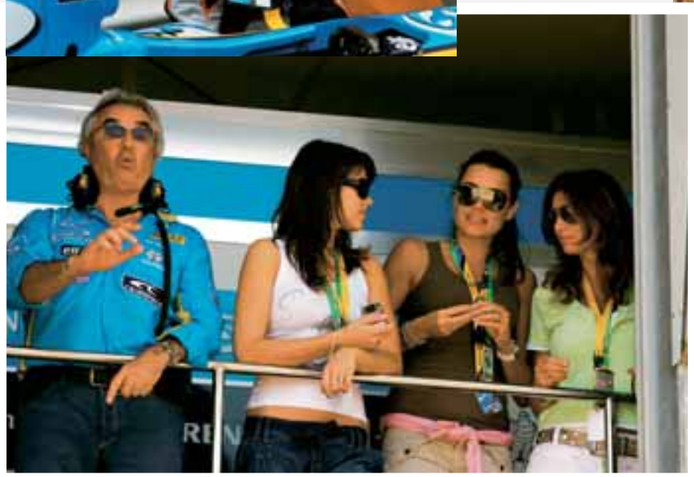
Renault's Young Driver Programme really does cover every aspect of a child's development.



How embarrassing. DC's first podium in ages and he goes and gets all tangled up in the royal red carpet.



Who says F1 is only for an elite few? Look at this nice old couple spotted strolling through the Monaco paddock on their way back from the supermarket.



Uh-oh! Now he was in trouble. Flav had just spotted his girlfriend. "No, honestly darling, I turned round and there were the three of them on my balcony."

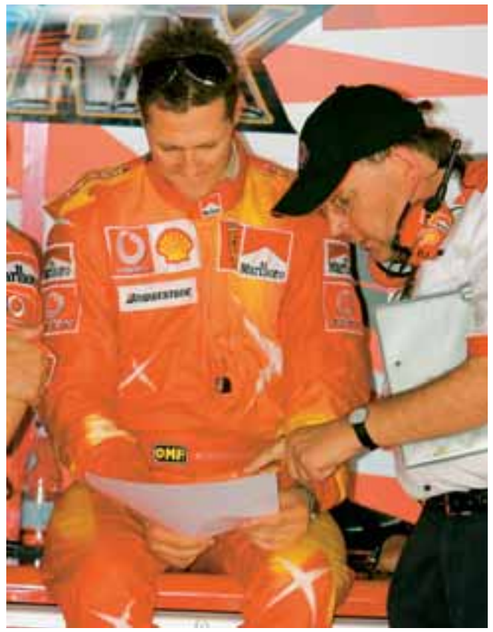
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Trulli was only telling Flav how many times he'd won the Monaco Grand Prix...



...but the fiery Italian team boss thought he was being given an obscene finger gesture and instantly tried to throttle Jarno.



Michael had worked with the Bridgestone man since his karting days, but no matter how long he stared at the data, he knew the hardest part of the meeting would be saying thank you to Kees Van De Grint without messing up his name again.



After a painful boating-cum-clubbing accident around a year ago, Kimi's insurers now insist he always wears a helmet when attending nautical cocktail parties.

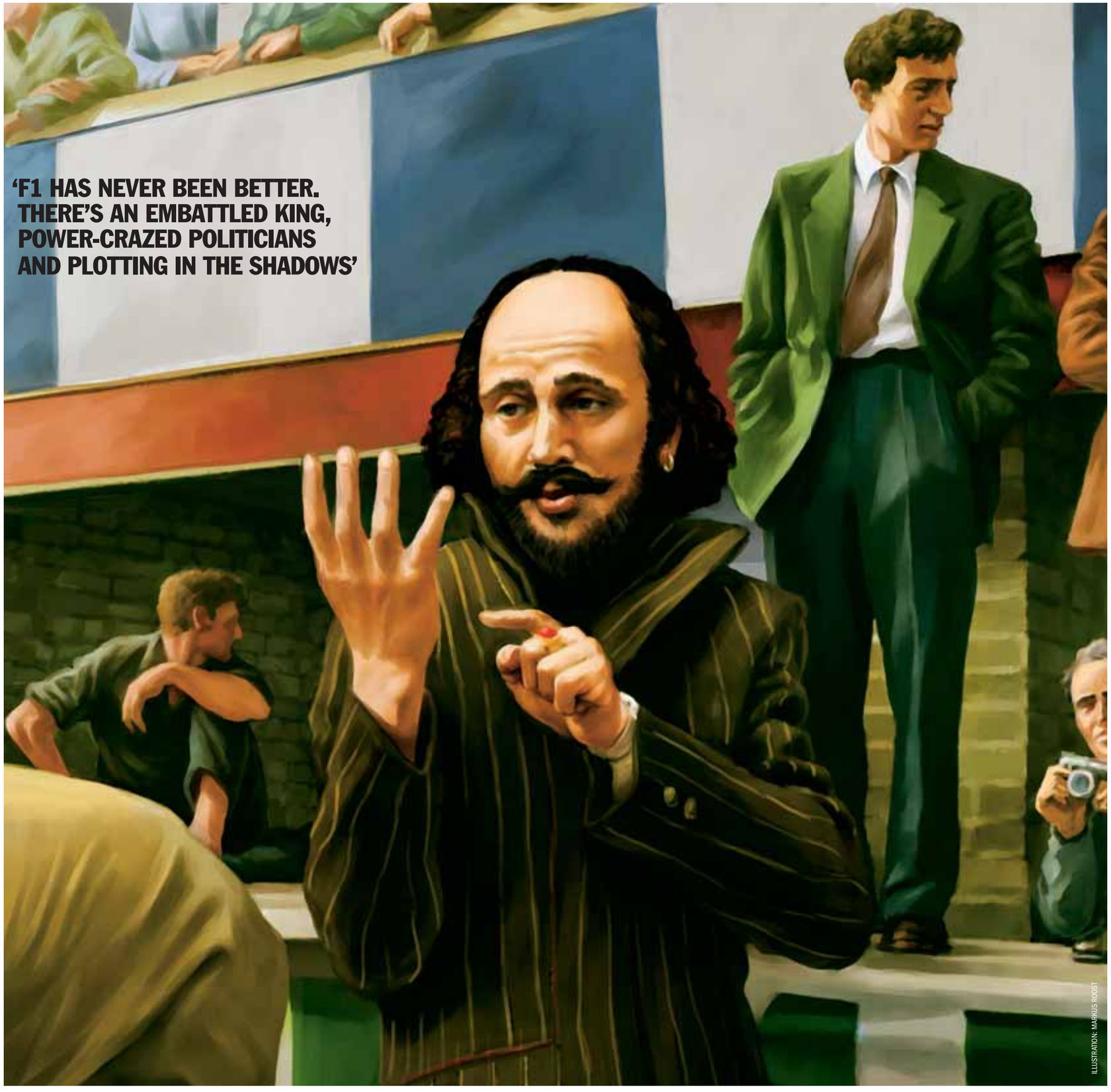


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SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR WELL-EARNED REST MR SHAKESPEARE, BUT...

As the crowds descend on Silverstone, it’s great to meet up with local boy William Shakespeare, prince among playwrights, who’s taking time out to teach the paddock journalists a thing or two

Hello Mr Shakespeare, it’s an honour to talk to you, we’re great admirers of your work.
Why, thou deboshed fish, thou, was there ever man a coward that hath drunk so much sack as I today? Wilt thou tell a monstrous lie, being but half a fish and half a monster?

Excuse us?
Sorry, I had to get that out of my system. So The Bulletin staff are fans? Presumably you’ve seen Pericles Prince of Tyre, Troilus and Cressida, Cymbeline, and Coriolanus? No? Didn’t think so, just the plays that are easy to pronounce. Honestly, I don’t know why I bothered; the modern world is filled with people who think erudite is a sort of glue.

Moving on. Willy, you’re from these parts. What was Silverstone like in the 16th century?
I remember when all this was fields… sorry, that’s not very helpful is it? It’s still all fields. To be honest the only real difference between now and the 16th century is that back then the grandstands, pits and toilets were new. Mind you, we had better drainage then, too…

Do you think Formula One has lost its sparkle?
Are you kidding? It’s never been better. There’s an embattled king; power-crazed politicians plotting in the shadows; young, naïve princes; ambitious wives; a couple of knights, and Kimi’s dog. They’re playing my greatest hits. If an interfering priest turns up I’m suing for copyright infringement.

What are your plans for the future?
I haven’t been at my most prolific recently, having been dead for nearly 400 years, but I’m looking at a couple of projects. I’m in talks with Quentin Tarantino to produce Titus Andronicus, The Opera, and I’m chairing the FIA technical committee looking at the feasibility of a centreline downwash generating wing.

That sounds like a bit of leap from sonnets.
They wanted someone who could produce a document full of ambiguity, double meanings and implausible circumstances. I did a fairly good job with the last Concorde Agreement, so I was a natural for this task. Plus, everyone forgets I invented computational fluid dynamics.

You’ve lost us there, Billy.
Remember The Tempest? Prospero mumbles something about “melting into thin air”. I’m quite proud of that piece of imagery. Of course, when I wrote it I knew your lab rats would be writing in, complaining that thin air is a subjective term and air density is a function of air pressure. Lord, they’re duller than Francis Bacon.

Let’s move on. Tell us, why did you leave Stratford and move to London?
Let me explain. I married young and found living in a cottage in the Midlands pretty dull. If you thought the Spanish Grand Prix was the most boring two hours of your life, then take the tour of my wife Anne Hathaway’s cottage and you’ll begin to properly understand tedium. Given a choice of living in London as the world’s greatest writer or being a 16th-century nobody with delusions of grandeur, what would you do?

So, you think you’re the world’s greatest author?
I think Tamburlaine, Bartholomew Fair and Faust speak for themselves.

But didn’t Christopher Marlowe, Ben Johnson and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe write them?
Of course not, that was just for public consumption. Haven’t you heard the rumour that I wrote everybody else’s plays? It’s true. I was prolific. I’m responsible for more works of fiction than Tom Rubython.

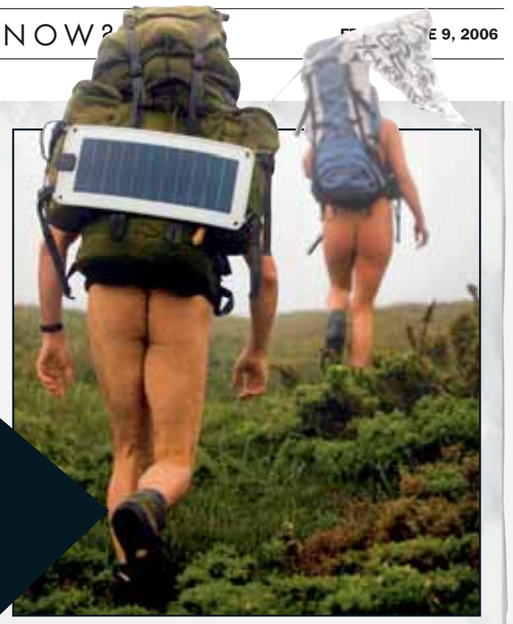
Critics say you avoided multiple storylines wherever you could.
No, that’s not true, I just didn’t like multi-storey car parks. I often used to lose my Alfa in them and once spent hours wandering around crying Romeo, Romeo where’s my Guilietta? Still, with a bit of creative polish that came in handy later.

And finally, what do you think is going to happen this season?
Bernie retires, and splits his kingdom between Ron, Flav and Jean Todt, but exiles Ron for not being very good at riddles. Flav and Jean cancel Bernie’s paddock pass and cast him out with only Charlie Whiting for company. Bernie goes mad, turns into a donkey, fakes his own death, gets marooned on a desert island, invades France, talks to fairies, dresses up as a woman, loses his memory, conquers Rome and builds a big wooden horse outside the gates of Troy before riding off into the sunset with Slavica. Then everything gets sorted out, and Ron comes back from the dead to win the World Championship!

THE RACE

IT'S FRIDAY, SO WE MUST BE IN...

Silverstone, Friday, June 9, 2006 £1



NUDE HIKER GETS A BUM RAP

BRITAIN'S 'naked rambler,' who has had numerous brushes with the law for nudity on land, was arrested after taking his clothes off on a plane.

Stephen Gough, 47, was flying to Edinburgh to appear in court over previous bouts of going starkers.

At the Court of Appeal, the judge told Gough he was "doing himself no good" by continuing to go naked.

And not much good for those on-lookers either!

WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY ON?

PATRIOTIC staff at the Northampton Borough Council have been banned from flying the flag and cheering on Becks and Co during the World Cup.

Killjoy council chiefs ordered workers to take down England flags they had attached to council vehicles in the run-up to the World Cup.

Council chiefs claimed the flags were a potential health and safety hazard. But The Race reckons the council bigwigs shouldn't be such spoilsports.

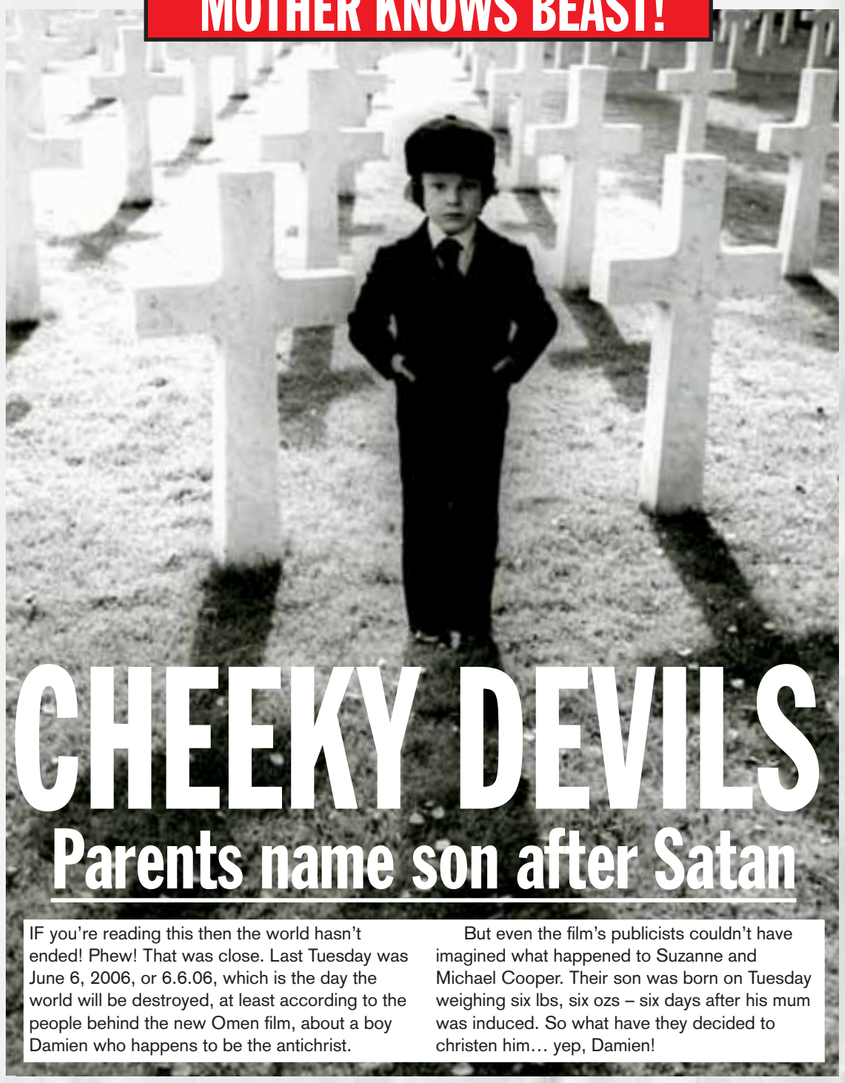


Blooming proud

TEA-M SPIRIT

THE English are mad about two things – football and tea. So tea-makers PG Tips have cleverly combined the nation's two favourite obsessions in the football teabag. The bags, in the shape of a football kit, will help the nation get behind the team. But will it be the only cup they lift this year?

MOTHER KNOWS BEAST!



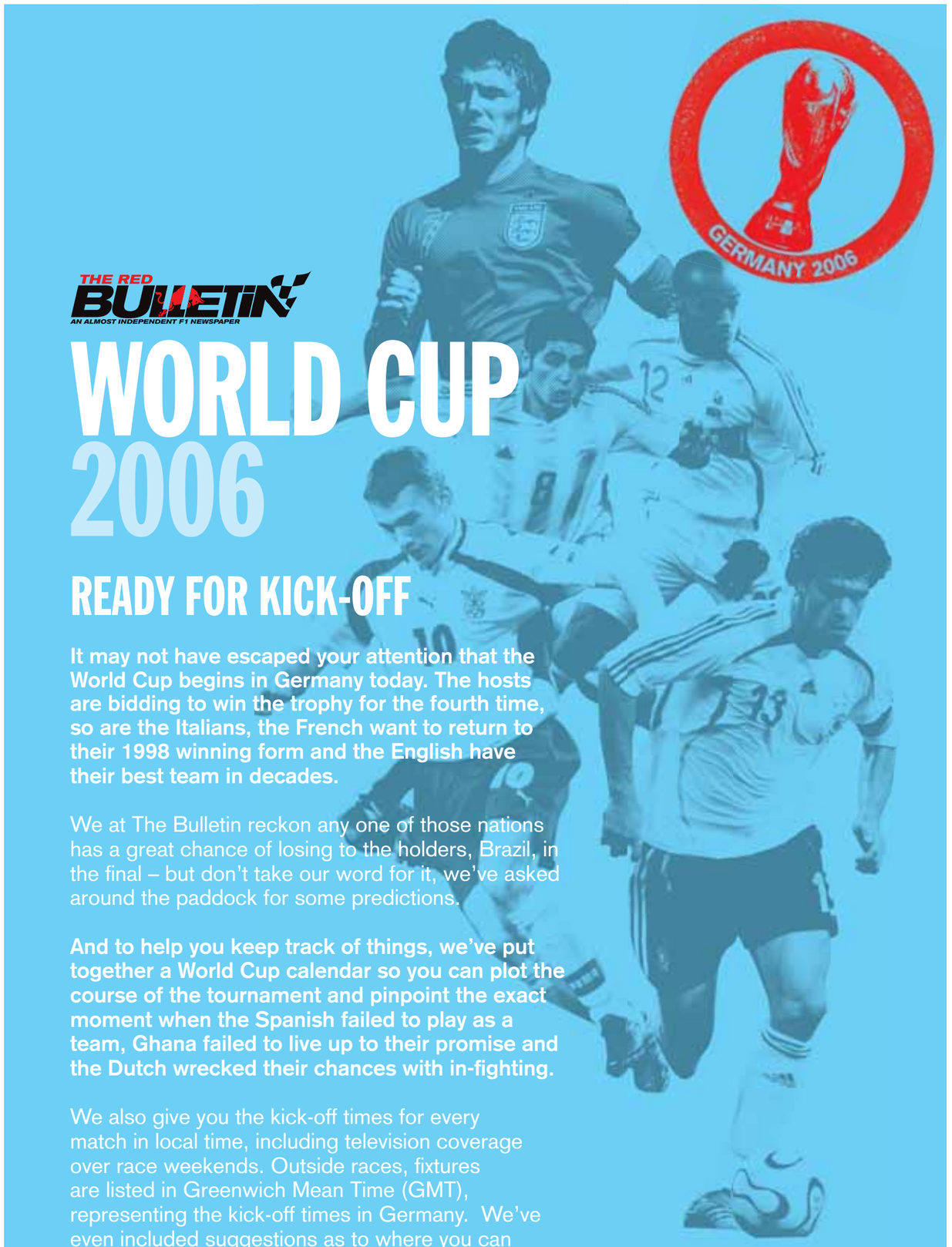
CHEEKY DEVILS

Parents name son after Satan

IF you're reading this then the world hasn't ended! Phew! That was close. Last Tuesday was June 6, 2006, or 6.6.06, which is the day the world will be destroyed, at least according to the people behind the new Omen film, about a boy Damien who happens to be the antichrist.

But even the film's publicists couldn't have imagined what happened to Suzanne and Michael Cooper. Their son was born on Tuesday weighing six lbs, six ozs – six days after his mum was induced. So what have they decided to christen him… yep, Damien!

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WORLD CUP 2006

READY FOR KICK-OFF

It may not have escaped your attention that the World Cup begins in Germany today. The hosts are bidding to win the trophy for the fourth time, so are the Italians, the French want to return to their 1998 winning form and the English have their best team in decades.

We at The Bulletin reckon any one of those nations has a great chance of losing to the holders, Brazil, in the final – but don't take our word for it, we've asked around the paddock for some predictions.

And to help you keep track of things, we've put together a World Cup calendar so you can plot the course of the tournament and pinpoint the exact moment when the Spanish failed to play as a team, Ghana failed to live up to their promise and the Dutch wrecked their chances with in-fighting.

We also give you the kick-off times for every match in local time, including television coverage over race weekends. Outside races, fixtures are listed in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), representing the kick-off times in Germany. We've even included suggestions as to where you can watch matches, or if you want to avoid the World Cup, which places to keep away from and what time the shops will be quietest.

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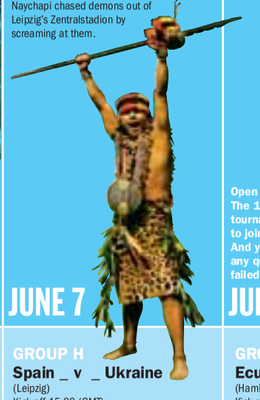
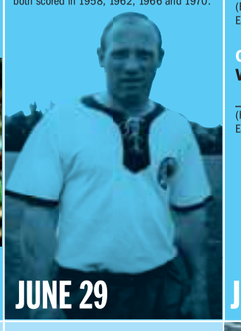
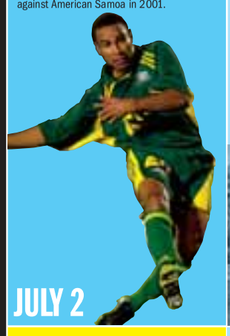
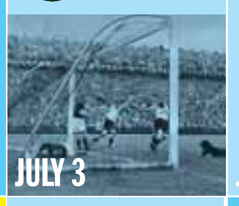
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Game of two halves In 1958, Brazil forward Garrincha (pictured) didn't join his team-mates to celebrate winning the World Cup at the final whistle. The Songbird hadn't read the rules: he thought the tournament had a league structure and that Brazil still had six more games to play.  **JUNE 4**	**Gonzalez passes to Gonzalez** The most common surname of players at the World Cup finals is Gonzalez (or Gonzales). The most common score is 1-0. The most common scorer is Gerd Müller with 14. **JUNE 5**	**SILVERSTONE**  **Stiff penalty** The first game to be settled on penalties was the semi-final between Germany and France in 1982. The French were on the losing side, adding insult to the injuries inflicted on Patrick Battiston by goalkeeper Harald Schumacher. **JUNE 6**	**The magic of the cup** A witch doctor is visiting all 12 World Cup venues in Germany to banish evil spirits before the tournament starts. Tzamarenda Naychapi chased demons out of Leipzig's Zentralstadion by screaming at them.  **JUNE 7**	 **Open invitation** **The 1930 World Cup was the only tournament which teams were invited to join rather than having to qualify. And yet even without having to play any qualifying games, Wales still failed to reach the finals.** **JUNE 8**	**GROUP A** **Germany _ v _ Costa Rica** (Munich) BBC1 16.00 (BST) **Poland _ v _ Ecuador** (Gelsenkirchen) ITV1 19.30 (BST) **Where to watch:** **Xscape, Central Milton Keynes. Plenty of bars where you can watch the game and lots of sports and entertainment facilities if you don't fancy it.** **JUNE 9**	**GROUP B** **England _ v _ Paraguay** (Frankfurt) BBC1 12.30 (BST) **Trin & Tob _ v _ Sweden** (Dortmund) ITV1 16.30 (BST) **GROUP C** **Argentina _ v _ Ivory Coast** (Hamburg) ITV1 19.45 (BST) **Where to watch:** **Saracens Head Hotel, Roman Watling Street, Towcester. It's mentioned by Dickens and there's a free buffet at half-time during the England game.** **JUNE 10**
GROUP C **Serbia & M _ v _ Holland** (Leipzig) BBC1 13.45 (BST) **GROUP D** **Mexico _ v _ Iran** (Nuremburg) BBC1 16.45 (BST) **Angola _ v _ Portugal** (Cologne) ITV1 19.45 (BST) **Where to watch:** **The Elm Tree, Cowley Road, Oxford. Biggest TV screen in Oxford, comfy sofas and full English breakfasts served at the weekends.** **JUNE 11**	**GROUP F** **Australia _ v _ Japan** (Kaiserslautern) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **GROUP E** **USA _ v _ Czech Rep** (Gelsenkirchen) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **Italy _ v _ Ghana** (Hanover) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 12**	**GROUP G** **Korea _ v _ Togo** (Frankfurt) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **France _ v _ Switzerland** (Stuttgart) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **GROUP F** **Brazil _ v _ Croatia** (Berlin) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 13**	**GROUP H** **Spain _ v _ Ukraine** (Leipzig) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **Tunisia _ v _ Saudi Arabia** (Munich) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **GROUP A** **Germany _ v _ Poland** (Dortmund) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 14**	**GROUP A** **Ecuador _ v _ Costa Rica** (Hamburg) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **GROUP B** **England _ v _ Trin & Tob** (Nuremburg) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **Sweden _ v _ Paraguay** (Berlin) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 15**	**GROUP C** **Argentina _ v _ Serb & M** (Gelsenkirchen) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **Holland _ v _ Ivory Coast** (Stuttgart) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **GROUP D** **Mexico _ v _ Angola** (Hanover) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 16**	**GROUP D** **Portugal _ v _ Iran** (Frankfurt) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **GROUP E** **Czech Rep _ v _ Ghana** (Cologne) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **Italy _ v _ USA** (Kaiserslautern) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 17**
GROUP F **Japan _ v _ Croatia** (Nuremburg) Kick-off 15.00 (GMT) **Brazil _ v _ Australia** (Munich) Kick-off 18.00 (GMT) **GROUP G** **France _ v _ Korea** (Leipzig) Kick-off 21.00 (GMT) **JUNE 18**	**MONTREAL** **GROUP G** **Togo _ v _ Switzerland** (Dortmund) TSN/RDS 08.30 (DST) **GROUP H** **Saudi Arabia _ v _ Ukraine** (Hamburg) TSN/RDS 11.30 (DST) **Spain _ v _ Tunisia** (Stuttgart) TSN/RDS 14.30 (DST) **Where to watch:** **McLean's Pub, Peel. Free pool from 16.00-19.00, 12 screens and 19 beers** **JUNE 19**	**GROUP A** **Ecuador _ v _ Germany** (Berlin) TSN/RDS 09.30 (DST) **Costa Rica _ v _ Poland** (Hanover) Sportsnet 09.30 (DST) **GROUP B** **Sweden _ v _ England** (Cologne) TSN/RDS 14.00 (DST) **Paraguay _ v _ Trin & Tob** (Kaiserslautern) Sportsnet 14.00 (DST) **Where to watch:** **Ziggy's Pub, Crescent. Nine TV screens and the slogan: "Where nobody knows your name."** **JUNE 20**	**GROUP D** **Portugal _ v _ Mexico** (Gelsenkirchen) TSN/RDS 09.30 (DST) **Iran _ v _ Angola** (Leipzig) Sportsnet 09.30 (DST) **GROUP C** **Holland _ v _ Argentina** (Frankfurt) Sportsnet 14.00 (DST) **Ivory Coast _ v _ Serb & M** (Munich) TSN/RDS 14.00 (DST) **Where to watch:** **Brutopia, Crescent. One of the city's leading brewpubs offering a huge choice of beers.** **JUNE 21**	**GROUP E** **Czech Rep _ v _ Italy** (Hamburg) TSN/RDS 09.30 (CT) **Ghana _ v _ USA** (Nuremburg) Sportsnet 09.30 (CT) **GROUP F** **Japan _ v _ Brazil** (Dortmund) TSN/RDS 14.00 (CT) **Croatia _ v _ Australia** (Stuttgart) Sportsnet 18.00 (CT) **Where to watch:** **La Cage aux Sports, rue Jean-Talon. Expect to find a partisan crowd at the Little Italy branch of this chain.** **JUNE 22**	**GROUP H** **Saudi Arabia _ v _ Spain** (Kaiserslautern) TSN/RDS 09.30 (DST) **Ukraine _ v _ Tunisia** (Berlin) Sportsnet 09.30 (DST) **GROUP G** **Switzerland _ v _ Korea** (Hanover) TSN/RDS 14.00 (DST) **Togo _ v _ France** (Cologne) Sportsnet 14.00 (DST) **Where to watch:** **Champs, boul St Laurent. One of Montreal's finest sports bars in the heart of the city.** **JUNE 23**	**KNOCKOUT ROUND** **MATCH 1** **Winner A Runner-up B** _____ v _____ (Munich) TSN/RDS 10.30 (DST) **MATCH 2** **Winner C Runner-up D** _____ v _____ (Leipzig) TSN/RDS 14.30 (DST) **Where to watch:** **Cheers, Mackay & Ste Catherine. Three storeys of mayhem with sports upstairs and dancing downstairs.** **JUNE 24**
MATCH 3 **Winner B Runner-up A** (Stuttgart) _____ v _____ Sportsnet 10.30 (DST) **MATCH 4** **Winner D Runner-up C** (Nuremburg) _____ v _____ TSN/RDS 15.00 (DST) **Where to watch:** **O'Regan's, Bishop. Homemade Irish stew, cold Guinness and Jamesons. That's why it's called the knock-out stage.** **JUNE 25**	**INDIANAPOLIS** **MATCH 5** **Winner E Runner-up F** _____ v _____ (Kaiserslautern) ESPN 11.00 (DST) **MATCH 6** **Winner G Runner-up H** (Cologne) _____ v _____ ESPN 15.00 (DST) **Where to watch:** **Union Jack Pub, W 25th Street. British-style pub near the Speedway. Hooters, 7551 US Hwy 31 S. Sports bar best known for its scantily-clad waitresses. Yeehaw!** **JUNE 26**	**MATCH 7** **Winner F Runner-up E** _____ v _____ (Dortmund) ESPN 11.00 (DST) **MATCH 8** **Winner H Runner-up G** _____ v _____ (Hanover) ESPN 15.00 (DST) **JUNE 27**	**Home advantage** Out of the 17 World Cup finals, six have been won by the host country. They are: Uruguay (1930), Italy ('34), England ('66), Germany ('74), Argentina ('78), France ('98)  **JUNE 28**	**Four for two** Only two players have scored in four successive World Cup finals. Pele of Brazil and Uwe Seeler (pictured) of West Germany both scored in 1958, 1962, 1966 and 1970.  **JUNE 29**	**QUARTER-FINAL 1** **Winner KO 1 Winner KO 2** _____ v _____ (Berlin) ESPN 11.00 (DST) **QUARTER-FINAL 3** **Winner KO 5 Winner KO 6** _____ v _____ (Hamburg) ESPN2 15.00 (DST) **JUNE 30**	**QUARTER-FINAL 2** **Winner KO 3 Winner KO 4** _____ v _____ (Gelsenkirchen) ABC 11.00 (DST) **QUARTER-FINAL 4** **Winner KO 7 Winner KO 8** _____ v _____ (Frankfurt) ESPN2 15.00 (DST) **JULY 1**
Unlucky for Samoa The world record for goals scored in the World Cup is held by Australia's Archie Thompson, who netted 13 times in a qualifier against American Samoa in 2001.  **JULY 2**	**One fine day** Tomorrow marks the anniversary of a defining date in German history. On July 4, 1954, not only did West Germany beat a far superior Hungarian team to win the World Cup but the Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows returned to motorsport and swept all before them at the French GP in Reims.   **JULY 3**	**SEMI-FINAL 1** **Winner QF1 Winner QF3** _____ v _____ (Dortmund) 21.00 (DST) **JULY 4**	**SEMI-FINAL 2** **Winner QF2 Winner QF4** _____ v _____ (Munich) 21.00 (DST) **JULY 5**	**Winners and losers** Five teams have gone out of the World Cup finals unbeaten but not the champions: Scotland in 1974 (1 win, 2 draws), Brazil in 1978 (4 wins, 3 draws), England in 1982 (3 wins, 2 draws), Cameroon in 1982 (3 draws), Belgium in 1998 (3 draws).  **JULY 6**	 **Third time lucky** There was no third-place play-off in the first World Cup in 1930 but it is widely held that the match did take place, albeit unofficially. Off the record, Yugoslavia beat the USA 3-1. **JULY 7**	**THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF** _____ v _____ (Stuttgart) 21.00 (DST) **JULY 8**
WORLD CUP FINAL _____ v _____ (Berlin) 20.00 (DST) **JULY 9**	**Crying into their beer** When Scotland lost 3-0 to Morocco in 1998, around 8,000 Scottish fans drank about 125,000 litres of beer. The bars in St Etienne ran dry and fresh supplies had to be shipped in.  **JULY 10**	**MAGNY-COURS**  **Six of the best** The only person to have played both World Cup football and World Cup cricket is Sir Isaac Vivian Alexander (Viv) Richards the West Indies batsman also played football for Antigua. **JULY 11**	**The numbers game** By taking the years of their previous triumphs, German radio station SWR1 has come up with a sum to prove that 2006 will be lucky for Germany. 74 X 54 =3996 -1990 =2006 **JULY 12**	**Quick exit** The fastest sending off in the tournament was Uruguay's Jose Batista, who saw red just 56 seconds into his country's group match with Scotland in 1986.  **JULY 13**	**Booted out** India refused to play in the 1950 World Cup because FIFA told the players they would have to play in soccer boots, rather than barefoot, which was their habit.  **JULY 14**	 **They think it's all over** The only player to score a hat-trick in the World Cup Final is Geoff Hurst for England in 1966... depending on your point of view. **JULY 15**

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WORLD CUP 2006

Funny how when the World Cup comes around everyone is suddenly an expert on football. We've been around the paddock asking for people's considered analysis on the outcome of the tournament. They couldn't oblige, so here instead is a selection of their best guesses.



1 ROBERT DOORNBOS
DUTCH
Third driver for Red Bull Racing
"Marco Van Basten has taken over as coach – he's a superhero in my country and I think he will help the players to gel. We have a young team who could get to the semi-finals. I'd like it if they beat Italy so I can laugh at Tonio. He and I have our own world cup going on at the Energy Station's fussball table. I think Brazil will win – although, of course, I'm hoping for Holland – and Ronaldinho will be the star player."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



2 STEFANO SORDO
ITALIAN
Toro Rosso engineer for Scott Speed
"I rate Totti very highly and if he can fully recover from his injury he will be a very decisive player. I think Italy will go to the quarter-finals, but no further. I think the favourites are Brazil, but England will do well. Germany seem to be struggling. The final? Let's say Brazil v England. Brazil will win 2-1."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



3 KOLJA SPOERI
GERMAN
Managing director of Grand Prix GmbH
"The final will be Brazil and Germany (wishful thinking I know!), with Brazil winning 3-1. The most influential player will be Ronaldinho, scoring the most goals overall and a hat-trick in the final. The biggest surprise will be Sebastian Schweinsteiger. Michael Ballack will have to work very hard to be a shining star. Goalie Lehmann, after some stupid mistakes, will quickly and rightfully be replaced again by Oliver Kahn. But, I've never been good at predicting soccer!"
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



4 HISAO SUGANUMA
JAPANESE
Bridgestone technical manager
"The Japanese team seems stronger than ever, so I believe they could go all the way. Unfortunately, though, my prediction for the final is Germany against Brazil. Ronaldinho will be the most valuable player and take his team to a 2-1 victory. But watch out for Japan's Shunsuke Nakamura."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



5 PEDRO DE LA ROSA
SPANISH
Third driver for McLaren-Mercedes
"I have high hopes for Spain, of course. So I would say that the final will be between Spain and Argentina, with my country lifting the cup. I think the star players of this tournament will be Ronaldinho, Thierry Henry and Kaka."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



6 JANE NOTTAGE
ENGLISH
F1 journalist
"England will get to the final only if Beckham leaves his wife at home, along with her entourage and her ego, and focuses on the games. France could get to the final, too, as I think Thierry Henry will be the star player of the tournament. The final score will be 2-1 to England."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



7 FABIANA VALENTI
ITALIAN
Toro Rosso press officer
"Italy will either go out almost immediately or will get into the final – it's always been the way! I hope we can show the world the quality of Italian soccer – and with fair play. Brazil will probably get into the final as well, so I foresee a result of 3-2 to Italy. Hopefully it won't end in a penalty shoot-out because Italy always seem jinxed. The best player will be Pippo Inzaghi."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



8 TIAGO MONTEIRO
PORTUGUESE
Midland driver
"I think Portugal will be very strong. Well, that's what people tell me – I don't really follow football! I hear that Brazil are the favourites and Ronaldinho is the best player in the world, but as for who will face them in the final… England? Portugal? No idea."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:



9 SAM MICHAEL
AUSTRALIAN
Williams technical director
"Hopefully Australia will make the last round, but I would bet on the final being between Brazil and England, with England winning 2-1. Wayne Rooney will be the most influential player."
PREDICTION FOR FINAL:





WIN A FABULOUS HOLIDAY

THE GREAT RACE

The Red Bulletin quiz is played for high stakes. This season we're offering a once-in-a-lifetime holiday to be taken whenever you can get the time off work.

We'll set six questions every Friday. Answer all six correctly for 10 points. Get eight points for five correct answers and so on. We'll keep track over the season and at the end of the year the person at the top of the table will be bathed in glory and be in need of an extra-large suitcase.

QUESTION 1: GATED COMMUNITY



A gate here at Silverstone. Where is it from?

- ☐ **1** Brooklands
- ☐ **2** Donington
- ☐ **3** Goodwood
- ☐ **4** Brands Hatch

QUESTION 2: LAP RECORD

What was the highest number of drivers sharing exactly the same fastest lap time in a single F1 World Championship race?

- ☐ **1** Three
- ☐ **3** Seven
- ☐ **2** Five
- ☐ **4** Nine



QUESTION 3: BELITTLING INDY



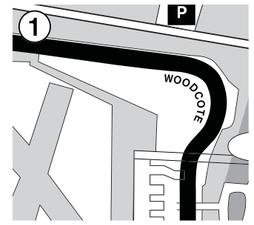
Indianapolis boasts it hosts "the largest single-day sporting event worldwide" on grounds of attendance. F1 topped that one Tuesday evening, when a reported 500,000 spectators showed up. Where?

- ☐ **1** Las Vegas
- ☐ **2** London
- ☐ **3** Istanbul
- ☐ **4** Rio de Janeiro

QUESTION 4: WOODCOTE

Woodcote Corner – a prominent name at a circuit on a former airfield. In which English county?

- ☐ **1** Buckinghamshire
- ☐ **2** Leicestershire
- ☐ **3** West Sussex
- ☐ **4** Devon



QUESTION 5: MOTHER'S DAY



Greetings from the grid in Barcelona 2006. Who loves his mother?

- ☐ **1** Jenson
- ☐ **2** Nico
- ☐ **3** Mark
- ☐ **4** Scott

QUESTION 6: SPECTACLE

And in terms of a single event, but not a single day, far more spectators visit this race every year – topped supposedly only by the World Cup and the Oympics. Where will it take off in 2007?

- ☐ **1** Las Vegas
- ☐ **2** London
- ☐ **3** Istanbul
- ☐ **4** Rio de Janeiro



RULES OF PLAY

As well as the holiday, we're also awarding team prizes this year, so tell us who you work for to be in with a chance of winning a mystery prize for your whole crew – it could be a day of jet-ski racing or a night out with our credit card.

The quiz is published on Fridays and answers must be emailed by the following Tuesday. Only people holding a 2006 paddock pass may enter. Send your answers, your full name and your affiliation (if applicable) to quiz@theredbulletin.com. Answers will be published at the following race, alongside the current leaderboard.

LEADERBOARD

1	**Peter Nygaard:** Grand Prix Photo	**64 points**
2	**Mathias Brunner:** Motorsport Aktuell	**57 points**
4	**Rainer Krüger:** Premiere TV	**53 points**
4	**Gianfranco Fantuzzi:** Scuderia Toro Rosso	**35 points**

ANSWERS FROM MONACO

Q1. No answer – Alonso was announced as a player for the F1 Driver's team on the Tuesday before the Monaco race, but he did not show up.

Q2. Answer: 1 – In Imola the via JF Kennedy runs through an underpass under the circuit before Tosa.

Q3. Answer: 2 – Vaselle was the slowest and won in 1932.

Q4. Answer: 2 - See Honda's rear wing.

Q5. Answer: 2 – The "Pattaya" is a bar that usually hangs out right on the Nouvelle Chicane.

Q6. Answer: 4 – Due to a peculiarity of Finnish grammar the Mika Häkkinen Square is, in Finnish, Mika Häkkisen Aukio.

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FORMULA UNA BRITAIN

Here are the 10 gorgeous girls who will be bringing a touch of glamour and glitz to windswept Silverstone and hoping to be chosen to represent Britain at the Una final in Brazil later this year.



Name: Claire Swallow
Age: 22
Star sign: Taurus
Occupation: Sales and industry co-ordinator for an energy consultancy
Who is your favourite driver? Jenson Button. He's on the verge of big things
What's the best place you've ever visited? Goa. I love the relaxed atmosphere
What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? I haven't done anything really embarrassing but my boyfriend once walked in his sleep, had a wee on my landing and got into bed with my younger brother

Name: Katie Larmour
Age: 22
Star sign: Leo
Occupation: I've just finished my BA in Fine Art at the University of Ulster
Who is your favourite driver? Dad because I can always rely on him
What sports do you do? I was captain of the tennis team at school. I'm also very into adventure training
What's your most treasured possession? YSL False Lash Effect Mascara – if you think this is silly, you obviously haven't tried it
Who is the most famous person you've met? The Queen, when she opened a bridge in Belfast



Name: Charlotte Jackson
Age: 27
Star sign: Cancer
Occupation: Presenter
What car do you drive? Mercedes SLK
What is the best place you've ever visited? The Whitsunday Islands in Australia: I loved the climate and the diving
What is your most treasured possession? A ring left to me by my Gran
Who's the most famous person you've met? Footballer Dwight Yorke and I've sung backing vocals with Tony Christie
What's your worst habit? Talking too much
What is the funniest joke you know? The only one that springs to mind is: A man went to the zoo – there was only a dog there. It was a shitzu
What is the best chat-up line you've ever heard? This guy stood next to me breathing really heavily and fast. I asked what was wrong and he said: "You just took my breath away!"

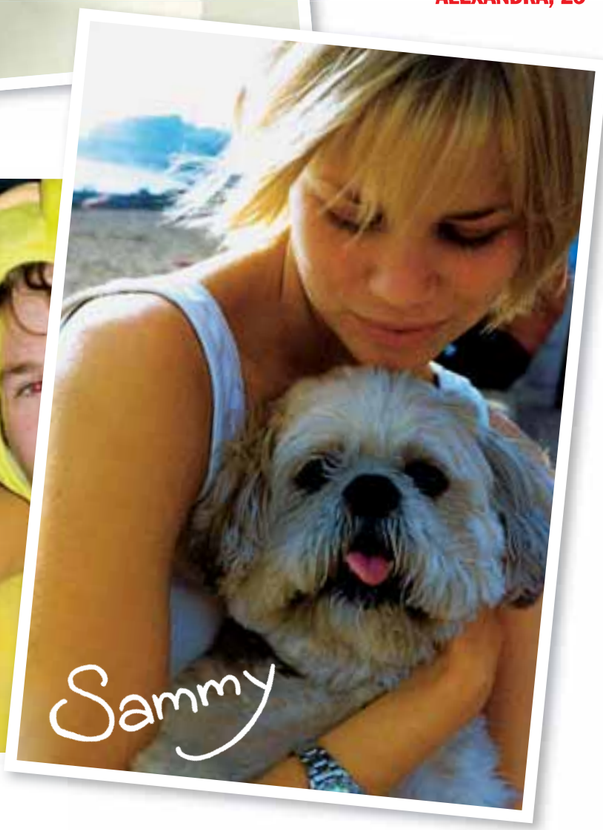


'A GUY ASKED ME IF I COME HERE OFTEN – IN AN STD CLINIC'

ALEXANDRA, 25







Name: Alexandra Legouix
Age: 25
Star sign: Gemini
Occupation: Singer. I front a very good band and sing my own stuff. I also sing for a leading trance DJ called Lost Witness. I am also the managing director of my own company, With Panache Theatre Academy
Who is your favourite driver? Coulthard – he seems a genuinely great guy
What car do you drive? A Ferrari Scaglietti that has been made up to look exactly like a Toyota Yaris
What is your most treasured possession? My fiancé Paul. I also have a teddy called Croaky who's pretty treasured
What's the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you? I went to an STD clinic once to have a check-up and a guy waiting to get some tests for himself clearly wanted to flirt with me. He asked me very loudly if I came here often

Name: Asha Leo
Age: 24
Star sign: Capricorn, although according to the Chinese, I'm a dog
Occupation: Fashion model and student at London College of Fashion
What's the best place you've ever visited? When I was in Fiji, we caught fish with a hand line, wrapped the fish in banana leaves and left them to cook for four hours in an earth oven. That night we ate with our hands by candlelight on the beach
How many pairs of shoes do you have? Let's just say more than 100. The Christian Louboutin store is my mecca
Describe the worst date you've ever been on: Everything this guy talked about centred around his male anatomy, which he called Butch. I frantically texted my flatmate to come and rescue me. He wasn't impressed by my sudden departure but at least he still had Butch to entertain him!

Name: Rhiannon Evans
Age: 22
Star sign: Gemini
Occupation: Postgraduate student going in to sport PR
What are your interests? Photography, contemporary art and shopping
What car do you drive? Fiat Seicento – my dad said he'd get me something fast, sporty and Italian for my 21st. It's not what I had in mind but I love it all the same
Who is the most famous person you've ever met? I once had lunch with Prince Andrew
Who is your hero? My brother who's just come back from serving in Iraq
What's the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you? Breaking my nose after passing my driving test. I got my stilettos stuck in a mat and didn't want to drop my drinks so fell head-first into a wall

Name: Samantha Minshaw
Age: 22
Star sign: Aquarius
Occupation: University student
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I've been going to Wimbledon for the past five years
Do you have any pets? Yes, I've got two dogs called William and Jack. They are la-chons (half bichon and half lhasa apso)
What sports do you do? I play tennis badly, but I am starting lessons on Monday
What is your favourite film? Some Like It Hot, I am a mega Marilyn fan
Who is the most famous person you've ever met? I saw Michael Jackson's hand when I was at Disneyland

FORMULA UNA







‘I’D BE A NOMAD IF I WASN’T SO HIGH-MAINTENANCE’

MICHELLE, 23

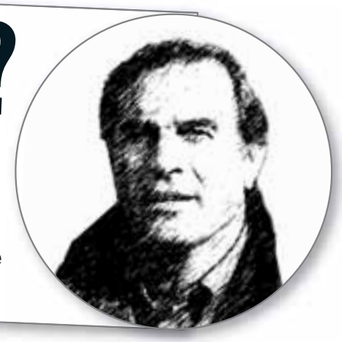
Name: Stephanie Sellers
Age: 23
Star sign: Scorpio
Occupation: Bank employee/ nightclub dancer
What sports do you do? I have gym membership. Paying that every month makes me feel fitter immediately!
Who’s the most famous person you’ve ever met? Joey Negro, I recorded a track with him in London. It was so fantastic to meet such a talented individual who was so incredibly down to earth
What’s the most extravagant thing someone has done for you? I love Vivienne Westwood, so my boyfriend whisked me away to Milan for my birthday because it has the largest Westwood store in Europe
Have you ever bought anything on eBay? All the time, cars, clothes, shoes. It’s an addiction
Do you play a musical instrument? My decks if you can call them an instrument
What’s the funniest joke you’ve ever heard? Q: What do you call a gingerbread man with one leg? A: Limp biscuit. Probably not the funniest, but the cleanest
Describe your character in three words: One big smile

Name: Michelle Cooper
Age: 23
Star sign: Sagittarius
Occupation: Model/property manager
What are your interests? I love to travel. I would be a nomad if I wasn’t so high maintenance
What sports do you do? Boxing and running
What’s your favourite food? Thai red curry with prawns
Who’s the most famous person you’ve met? 50 Cent
What is the worst job you’ve had? I was working as a waitress in a cocktail bar... that much is true
What’s the most embarrassing thing that’s ever happened to you? I ran up to a total stranger on the street yelling “Dad” and hugged him. Then I realised it was not my father. What made it really strange was the guy was not even the same colour as me
Have you ever bought anything from eBay? Loads! Concert tickets for The Strokes was by far the best purchase

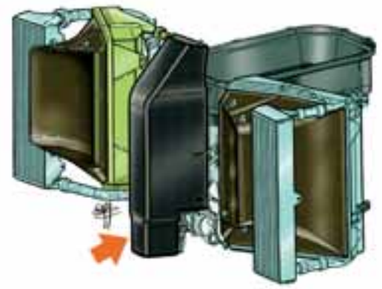
Name: Liina Suvisara Lehtovaara
Age: 21
Star sign: Libra
Occupation: Student of business economics
Who is your favourite driver? Kimi – because I’m Finnish
Have you been to a big sporting event like this before? I went to Spa last year, which was brilliant
Do you have any pets? I have a dog called Brenkku. I used to have a cat I named Rambo PK Pahuksenkatti Raivohullu Valkohammas Terminator Lehtovaara
What’s your mobile phone ringtone? Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles theme tune
Who is your hero? My dad. He’s a legend
If you could have any job, what would it be? An ice-cream taster
What is the most expensive item you’ve ever bought? My degree
What are you most afraid of? Mushrooms
What will you be doing in 10 years’ time? Ice-cream tasting (see above)
What’s the best chat-up line you’ve ever heard? A guy came up to me and said: “You look like my first wife.” “Really?” I asked. “How many times have you been married?” “Oh I’m still a bachelor,” he replied

READY TO PLAY?

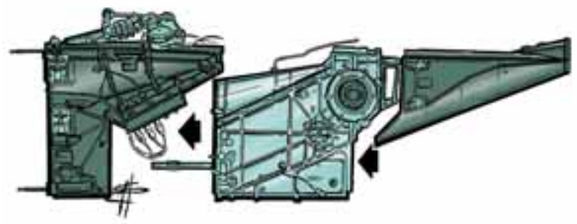
There’s more than just honour at stake this weekend... there’s a Sony PSP games console up for grabs. Just select the six letters which correspond to the correct answers for the questions below. Those with the most right will get their names put in a hat and the first name picked will win the prize. The trip to Canada will fly by.



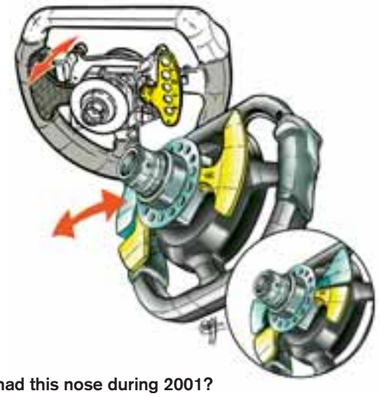
1 On which car was the oil tank first positioned centrally – a configuration now used by all the cars?
A Prost AP01 B Stewart SF 2 C Jordan 198



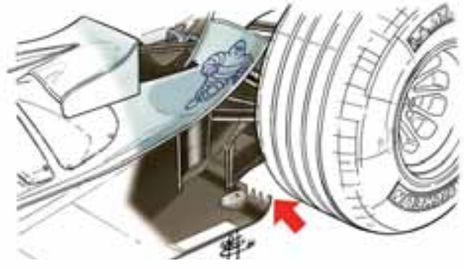
2 Which Ferrari has this fabricated case for the gearbox instead of the usual cast case?
A F310B from 1997 B F300 from 1998 C F399 from 1999



3 Who is the only driver who uses his right hand to change gear, shifting both up and down?
A Villeneuve B Coulthard C Raikkonen



4 Which current car has this aerodynamic feature in front of the rear tyres?
A Renault B Honda C Red Bull



5 Which car had this nose during 2001?
A Benetton B McLaren C Williams



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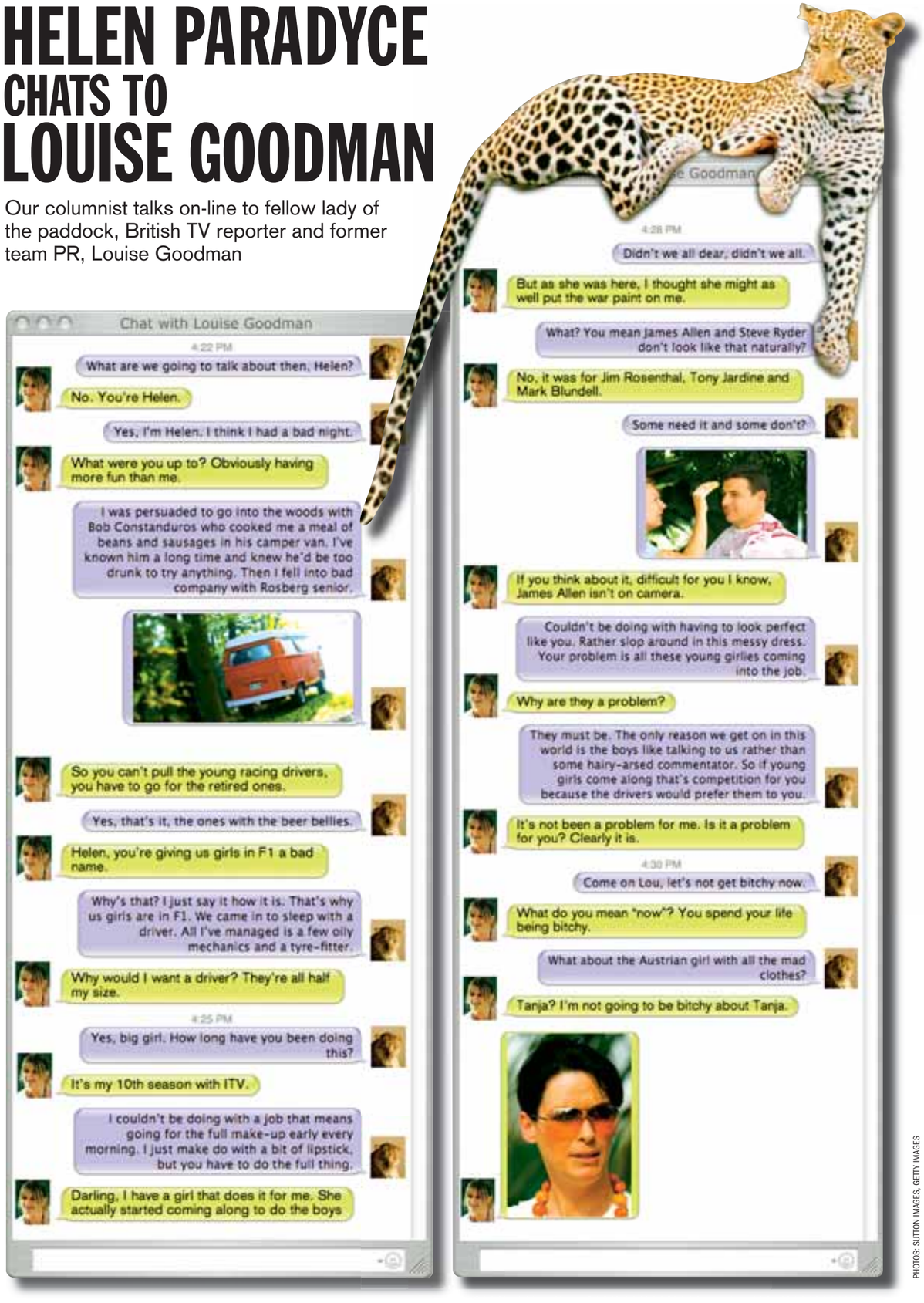
At which race did Honda introduce these ‘fox ears’?
A Imola B Bahrain C Europe

Once you’ve got the answers, send them, with your name and a phone number (so we can contact you on Sunday morning), via e-mail to secret.service@theredbulletin.com or fax on +49 202 292 32 98 before midnight on Saturday. The answers and winner will be announced in the after-race edition on Sunday.

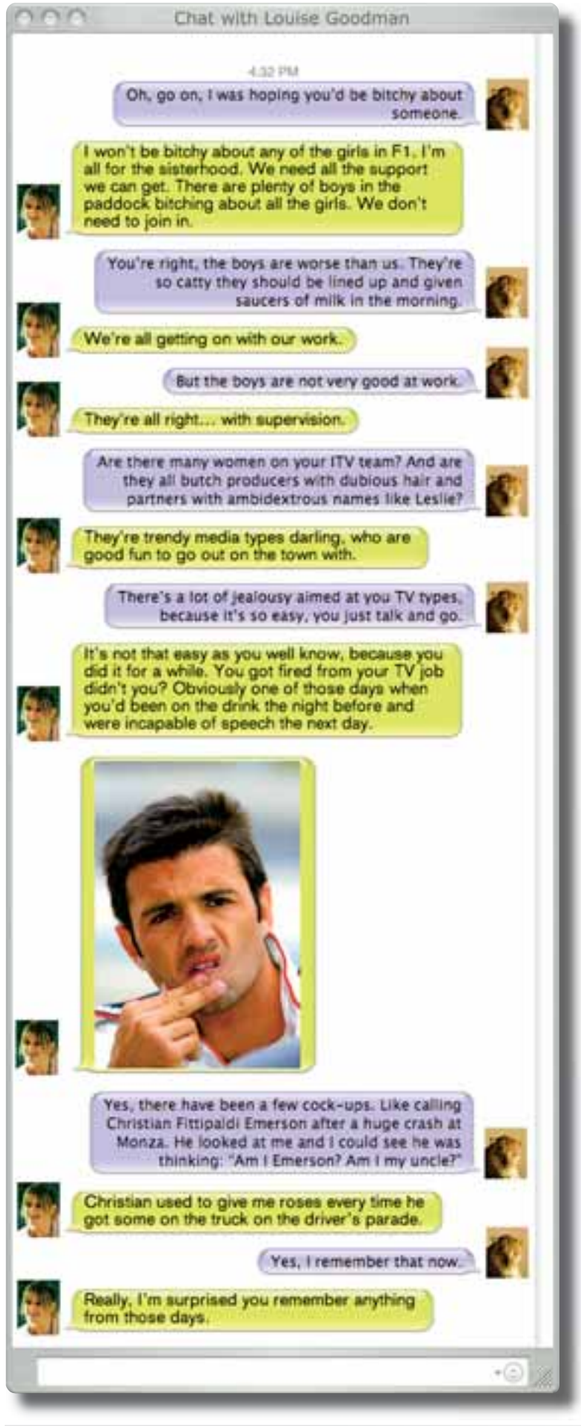
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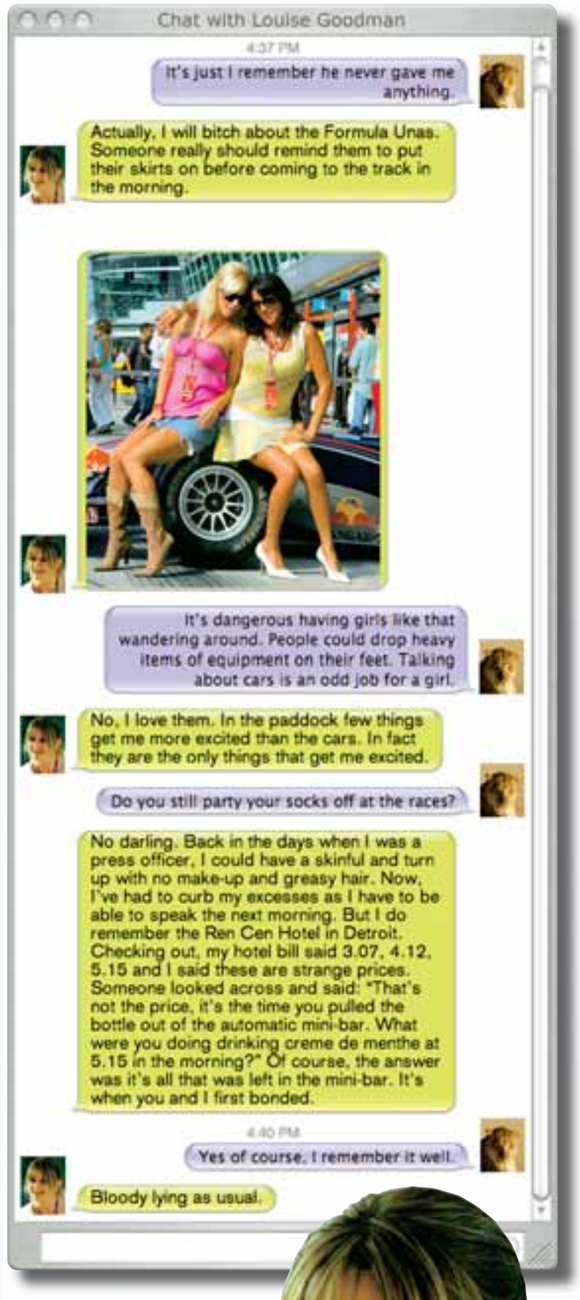
HELEN PARADYCE CHATS TO LOUISE GOODMAN

Our columnist talks on-line to fellow lady of the paddock, British TV reporter and former team PR, Louise Goodman



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WHO IS LOUISE GOODMAN?

Louise is a reporter for British television company ITV. After the usual non-jobs, Louise landed a position with Powerboat and Waterskiing magazine, which would come in handy in F1, where so many people she interviews think they can walk on water. Then, in 1988, she got the job of press officer for the Leyton House F1 team. Since then, she's never left the paddock and prior to ITV, she was press officer for Jordan. Louise comes from the old school of PR which meant her drivers were scared of her and did what they were told, without such excuses as "ask my manager", or "I'm busy with my engineers". This made them, and her, extremely popular with the media. She still is, although we're not sure about the drivers.







NEIL DICKIE: 50 TYPESETTER RBR TYRE TECHNICIAN

"I DID A RANGE of jobs after I left school, from hairdressing to French polishing. But the big thing in those days was to get an apprenticeship, and I landed one with a local print shop in west London, making photographic albums. The apprenticeship lasted five years and I received a distinction in my City and Guilds exams.

"IT WAS AN INTERESTING time to be in the trade, because computers were taking over from the original hot-metal typesetting process. After college I did typesetting for magazines such as Autocar and Amateur Photographer. My next job was in Canada, where I'd moved with my wife, working on a TV guide, but I returned to London after two years and worked on Time Out and corporate and financial publications.

"AT THE END OF 1992 I returned to Ontario to try to patch things up with my then ex-wife, but it didn't work out. I was unemployed for a year, then I did gardening and cleaned offices just to earn money.

"MY CROSSOVER INTO MOTORSPORT came in 1994, when I had a call from Ian Dawson of Pacific Grand Prix. When I was an apprentice I'd been what's known as a weekend warrior. I would be a mechanic at small club meetings and marshal at places like Silverstone. I was at the Le Mans 24 Hours in 1989, as a spectator, where I bumped into an ex-marshal friend of mine who had become a truckie for Richard Lloyd Racing. He said they were short-staffed, and would I lend a hand in the garage. I must have impressed them because I got invited to the next four races. And the team manager then was Ian Dawson.

"SO IAN RANG ME up out of the blue, and knowing I was in Ontario asked if I'd be coming to the Canadian GP. I was planning to go for the Sunday, so he asked if I'd like to come and help out with Pacific. I jumped at the chance, took the Friday off work, and headed over there. Ian knew I wanted to work in the sport full-time, and said he'd think about it. I rang him every week for months. Then I realised that if I was serious about working in motorsport I had to return to England. So I put my stuff in storage and turned up on Ian's doorstep. He was a bit surprised!

"PACIFIC GAVE ME A factory-based parts job. It was great, but I yearned to be part of the race team and took out a loan to sit the HGV drivers course to become a proper truckie. And then Pacific pulled out of F1! So I was unemployed again. But in January 1997 I had a call from Lola, who said they were setting up an F1 team. They put me in the stores, and I had a great time there and learned a lot. But Lola were four seconds of the pace, their Mastercard sponsorship money failed to turn up and they pulled out after two races. I was really upset, thinking I'd have to return to desktop publishing. But then I received a call from a temp agency, asking if I'd be interested in a job. They didn't tell me who it was with until I'd passed the interview – it was Stewart Grand Prix, and I've been in F1 ever since."

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JASON CAMPBELL
Renault F1's marketing manager was, at 22 and still a student, the youngest representative of Canada's Reform party. On graduation, he'd hoped to establish a PR career in the USA, but couldn't get a green card. Instead he came to the UK and started promoting Formula Ford. This led to working with BAT and then Japan Tobacco.



ANDY STEVENSON
MF1's team manager and long-time EJ compatriot is officially the best looking man in the paddock, according to the ladies who voted in our Formula Uno competition. Andy won his coveted ticket to the Amber Lounge's girls night, but left his jilted fans after 30 minutes to go see his old mate Bono in concert. Which is quite flash, isn't it?



DAVE JONES
Number one mechanic to Christian Klien, Dave is, as his surname suggests, Welsh. He's been with RBR/Jaguar for six years, and before that was with the Nissan BTCC team. Unlike most pitlane spanner-wielders who have to share a hotel room with someone called Gaz, he gets to see his girlfriend, Gill. She works for Red Bull, too.

WET AND WILD

The forecast was for a dry race and sunshine all weekend. But this is England and you'd best take an umbrella anyway. But in the midst of this storm, can you see Mr E? He's here, together with several other well known paddock citizens...

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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

who are, from left...

Back row:
Damon Hill the last British champion
Ozzy Osbourne rock's bad boy
Pete Doherty rock's new bad boy
Kate Moss supermodel
David Hockney artistic genius
Peter Blake
the original Sgt Pepper artwork creator
Ringo musical genius
John musical genius
Paul musical genius
George musical genius... and F1 fan
Tony Blair outgoing prime minister

Fourth row:
Kimi Raikkonen
McLaren-Mercedes driver
Jean Todt
Scuderia Ferrari managing director
Stirling Moss
Who does he think he is?
Christijan Albers MF1 driver
Graham Hill past master
Daniel Craig the new James Bond
Takuma Sato Super Aguri driver
Michael Caine screen icon
Felipe Massa Ferrari driver
David Beckham
England football captain
Dietrich Mateschitz
Red Bull Racing owner

Third row:
Nico Rosberg Williams driver
Franck Montagny Super Aguri driver
Christian Horner RBR team principal
Gerhard Berger
Scuderia Toro Rosso
Tonio Liuzzi Scuderia Toro Rosso driver
Tiago Monteiro MF1 driver
Max Mosley FIA president
James Hunt
lived - and raced - in the fast lane
Jackie Stewart great Scot, great shot
Colin Chapman
Lotus boss and engineering genius
Innes Ireland Lotus race legend
Jim Clark the greatest?
Alan Stacey daredevil '50s race star

Second row:
Ralf Schumacher Toyota driver
Flavio Briatore Renault team principal
Bobby Moore
World Cup-winning England captain
Christian Klien Red Bull Racing driver
Jacques Villeneuve BMW Sauber driver
Giancarlo Fisichella Renault driver
Bernie Ecclestone FOM president
Nick Heidfeld BMW-Sauber driver
Ron Dennis
McLaren-Mercedes team principal
Scott Speed Scuderia Toro Rosso driver
Rubens Barrichello Honda driver
Jordan English glamour legend

The Fab Four:
Jenson Button great British hope
Fernando Alonso world champion
Michael Schumacher
seven-time world champion
David Coulthard
British F1 points record-holder

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McLaren-Mercedes driver
Grid girl Foster's finest
Murray Walker the voice of British F1
Sir Winston Churchill
Britain's most famous PM
Mark Webber Williams driver
Nigel Mansell Silverstone hero
Freddie Mercury rock royalty. RIP
Peter Cook the funniest
Englishman of all time
Jarno Trulli Toyota driver
Sir Frank Williams
Williams F1 Racing principal

