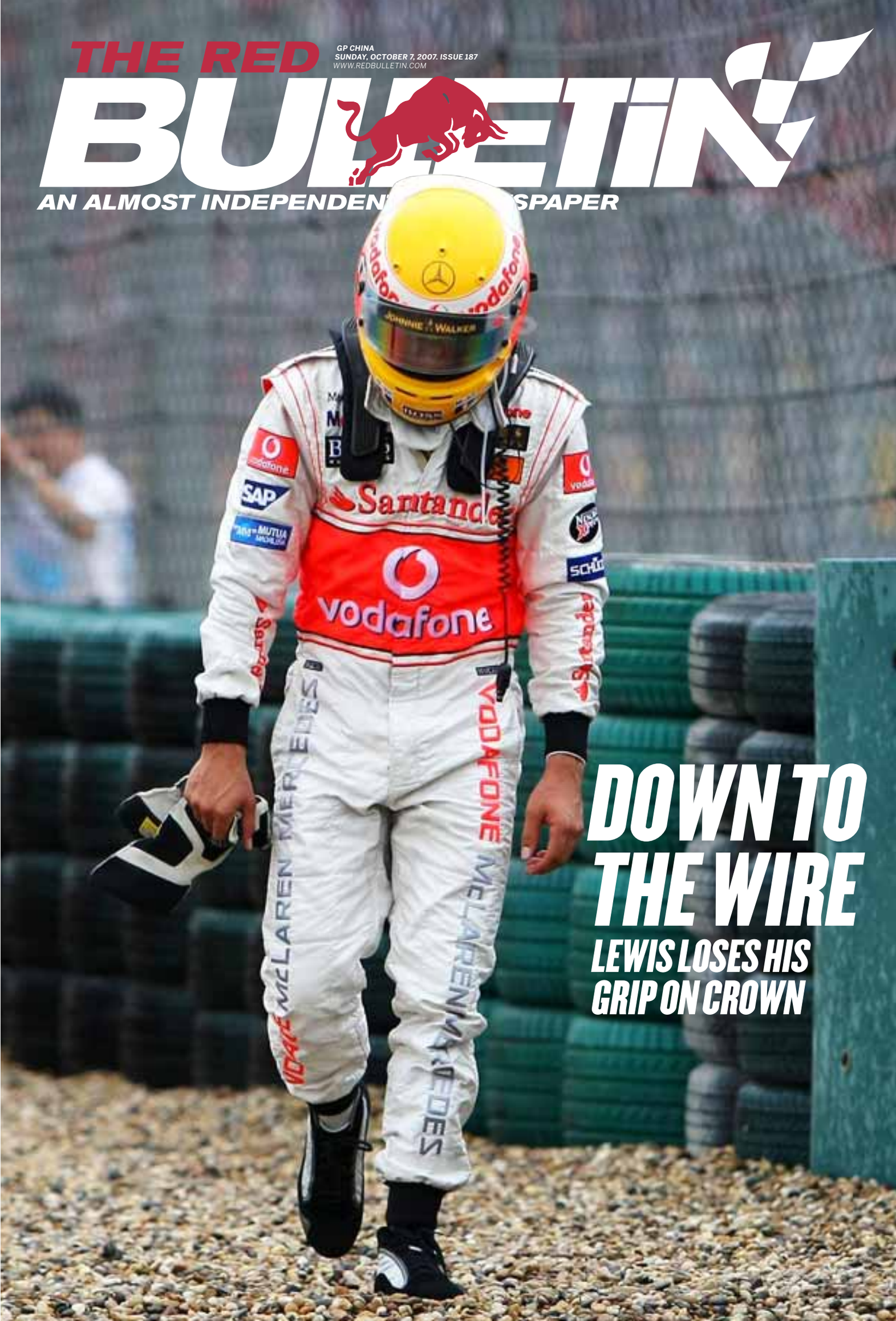
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DOWN TO THE WIRE

LEWIS LOSES HIS GRIP ON CROWN

CHINA 2007

The McLaren rookie came into Sunday's event knowing he could end a tough week by being crowned world champion. But if his luck didn't hold, Lewis knew he would still be looking over his shoulder in the title race at the season finale in Brazil.

In a country that looks to the future, it seemed only fitting that today's race could be the decider. All eyes were on Lewis as he made his bid to become the sport's first rookie champion.
Photography: LAT



Chasing pack: behind the Ferraris, Alonso needed to pull off something special to finish in the top three.



Kimi Raikkonen was still in the title hunt, but only a win would be good enough to keep his slim chances alive.



After 10 years in F1, Alexander Wurz is due to retire at the end of the season, but it is rumoured that he may stay on with Williams as a test driver.



Felipe Massa meanwhile started in fourth and could only hope to aid his team-mate's hopes of causing the ultimate title upset.



Ralf Schumacher had high hopes of a good performance after qualifying in sixth place.



Just as Sebastian Vettel thought his luck was improving he was docked five places on the grid for impeding Heikki Kovalainen in qualifying. Photography: Thomas Butler, Getty Images, GEPA, Sutton Images









After last weekend's torrential rain in Fuji, we were again at the mercy of the weather today. But the gathering storm clouds and rain could not dampen spirits, as Raquel Rosario was on hand to support Fernando Alonso as he attempted to stop Lewis Hamilton in his tracks.
Photography: Thomas Butler, LAT







They've been as reliable as a Swiss watch this season but BMW-Sauber struggled in China. Nick Heidfeld had a tough time on Friday and Saturday and his team-mate Robert Kubica (opposite) retired halfway through the race on Sunday.
Photography: Lukas Gorys, LAT









China has welcomed the arrival of the grand prix circuit with open arms, and for the children who took part in the opening ceremony, it was a once in a lifetime chance to get involved in the action.
Photography: XPB, Thomas Butler, Crispin Thruston

There were memories of Japan as the race began in the wet. From the start, Lewis Hamilton set off into the distance with Kimi Raikkonen keeping in touch while Felipe Massa and Fernando Alonso fought for third place. Further back, Toro Rosso's Sebastian Vettel moved up five grid places to 12th, negating the grid penalty handed out to him on Saturday. It wouldn't be his last move of the day.
Photography: Getty Images

There was plenty of action at Shanghai, which saw one of the most competitive races of the year. There was disappointment for Ralf Schumacher when he spun out and retired shortly after colliding with Tonio Liuzzi, while Super Aguri's Anthony Davidson had exited the race shortly before. Nico Rosberg struggled and finished well down the order, while after scoring a point in Fuji, Adrian Sutil was left to take the long walk back to the garage after he struck the wall. There was to be no joy for Lewis Hamilton either, as a charging Kimi Raikkonen passed him shortly before the title leader got stuck in the gravel trap at the entry to the pit lane.
Photography: Crispin Thruston, Sutton Images, Thomas Butler, Grand Prix Photo





Ralf Schumacher in a spin



Anthony Davidson



Nico Rosberg



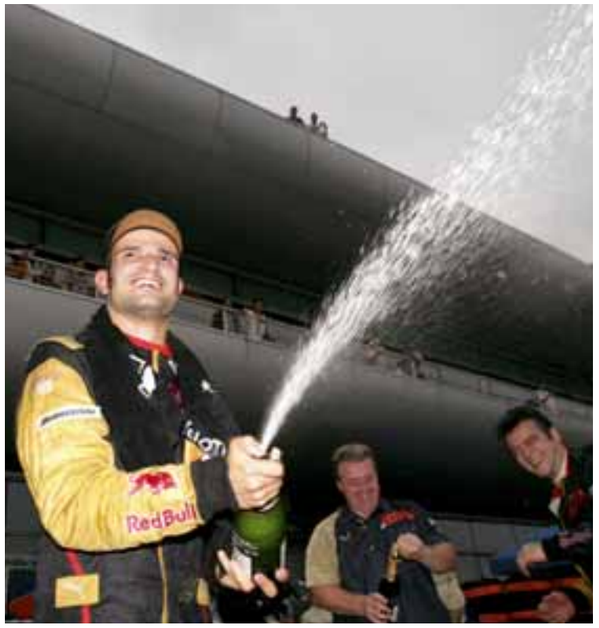
Lewis Hamilton and Kimi Raikkonen





After a flying start, Lewis Hamilton's dreams of going home with the title today came to an abrupt end on lap 30. After jostling with Kimi Raikkonen at the front of the field, he looked to be in trouble coming into the pits, and ran wide into the gravel. Under pressure to perform, he admitted afterwards that he'd run for too long on his wets. The race for the title is back on, with Raikkonen and Fernando Alonso storming back with a vegeance and now only trailing the leader by a few points.
Photography: Getty Images









After the heartache of Japan, Sebastian Vettel crossed the line in a well-deserved fourth place. Along with team-mate Tonio Liuzzi, who followed in sixth, the pair added the first points to the Toro Rosso scoreboard. Completely overcome, an ecstatic team celebrate as, this week, the young driver sheds tears of joy.
Photography: Thomas Butler, Getty Images











Kimi Raikkonen and Fernando Alonso celebrate after they kept their dreams of winning the world title alive. There are now just seven points separating the top three drivers. Any one of them could become champion in Sao Paulo.
Photography: Peter Nygaard, Sutton Images, LAT



FORMULA UNA CHINA

SAMANTHA WONG

Although she loves to travel, this was the first time the 21-year-old from Hong Kong has been to Shanghai, and now she's off to Sao Paolo.

Sam took a break from studying for a degree in Communications in her hometown of Hong Kong to go to the Chinese Grand Prix. She says she had a great time visiting the Red Bull Racing garage and the pit lane, taking photos and getting under the feet of the drivers and mechanics. Sam's also a self-confessed shoe-addict and has enjoyed hunting for designer originals (and not-so-originals). She hopes to expand her collection a bit more when she gets to Brazil, and says she'll definitely be leaving with a pair of football boots. Photography: Thomas Butler



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CHINA '07 RACE RESULTS



RESULTS IN FULL

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Kimi Raikkonen**	Ferrari	56	1hr 37:58.395	10
2	**Fernando Alonso**	McLaren-Mercedes	56	+9.8 secs	8
3	**Felipe Massa**	Ferrari	56	+12.8 secs	6
4	**Sebastian Vettel**	STR-Ferrari	56	+53.5 secs	5
5	**Jenson Button**	Honda	56	+68.6 secs	4
6	**Vitantonio Liuzzi**	STR-Ferrari	56	+73.6 secs	3
7	**Nick Heidfeld**	BMW-Sauber	56	+74.2 secs	2
8	**David Coulthard**	RBR-Renault	56	+80.7 secs	1
9	**Heikki Kovalainen**	Renault	56	+81.1 secs	
10	**Mark Webber**	RBR-Renault	56	+84.6 secs	
11	**Giancarlo Fisichella**	Renault	56	+86.6 secs	
12	**Alexander Wurz**	Williams-Toyota	55	+1 lap	
13	**Jarno Trulli**	Toyota	55	+1 lap	
14	**Takuma Sato**	Super Aguri-Honda	55	+1 lap	
15	**Rubens Barrichello**	Honda	55	+1 lap	
16	**Nico Rosberg**	Williams-Toyota	54	+2 laps	
17	**Sakon Yamamoto**	Spyker-Ferrari	53	+3 laps	
Ret	**Robert Kubica**	BMW-Sauber	33	+23 laps	
Ret	**Lewis Hamilton**	McLaren-Mercedes	30	+26 laps	
Ret	**Ralf Schumacher**	Toyota	25	+31 laps	
Ret	**Adrian Sutil**	Spyker-Ferrari	24	+32 laps	
Ret	**Anthony Davidson**	Super Aguri-Honda	11	+45 laps	

FASTEST LAP: FELIPE MASSA 1:37.454

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**L Hamilton**	**107**
2	**F Alonso**	**103**
3	**K Raikkonen**	**100**
4	**F Massa**	**86**
5	**N Heidfeld**	**58**
6	**R Kubica**	**35**
7	**H Kovalainen**	**30**
8	**G Fisichella**	**21**
9	**N Rosberg**	**15**
10	**D Coulthard**	**14**

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PTS
1	**Ferrari**	**186**
2	**BMW-Sauber**	**94**
3	**Renault**	**51**
4	**Williams-Toyota**	**28**
5	**RBR-Renault**	**24**
6	**Toyota**	**12**
7	**STR-Ferrari**	**8**
8	**Honda**	**6**
9	**Super Aguri-Honda**	**4**
10	**Spyker-Ferrari**	**1**

LIVE RACE PICTURES











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