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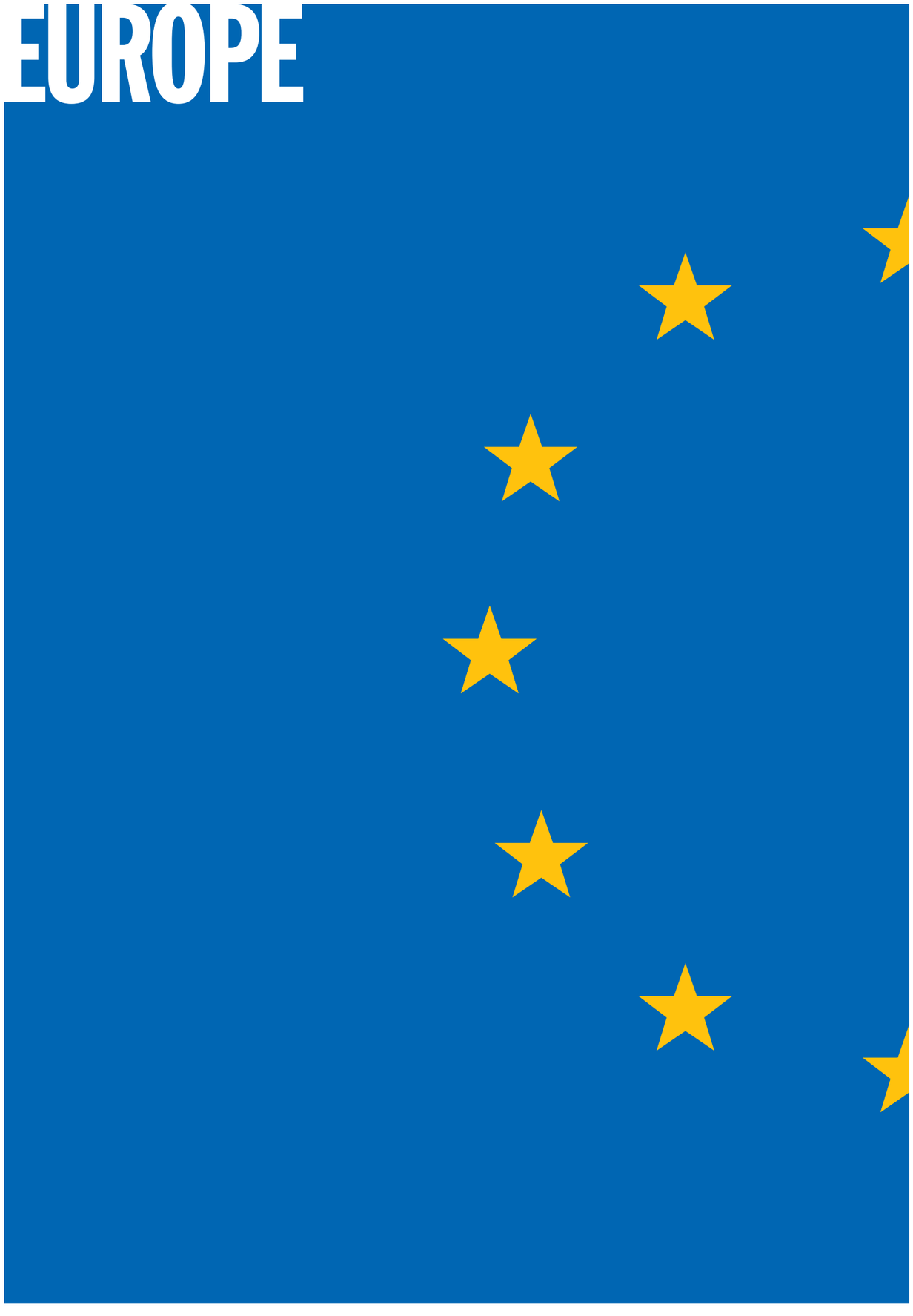
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MAY 27 - 29 NURBURG RING

OUR RACE IN PICTURES AND WORDS

On this special day, when Nick Heidfeld is on pole for the European GP and the F1 championship is truly up for grabs, we record the action, the glamour, the goings on behind the scenes, and all the magic that make this mystery tour so wonderfully alluring and emotionally charged for all concerned.

The pictures are by Larry Fink, New York's practitioner of the 'pictorial human document', deeply influenced by sensual expressionism, who has 60 of his prints in the permanent collection of the city's Museum of Modern Art. He is under contract to Conde Nast and his images can be seen in Vanity Fair, The New Yorker and GQ among others.

Larry Fink is tenured professor of photography at Bard College.

The words are yours, simply to convey the passion for racing, the excitement in the paddock, the anticipation of the battle and the celebrations and euphoria of the event itself.

Enjoy

+++ **5:42** C M Security are briefed in the paddock +++ **6:53** Williams-BMW are the first team to come into the paddock +++ **7:12** FOM TV supremo Suzanne Eyre arrives +++ **7:21** Dr Mario Thiessen shows up +++ **7:43** Niki Lauda arrives and is immediately asked for his autograph on the Red Bulletin's back page, he will be doing a lot of signing today +++ **7:46** FIA photographers' delegate Pat Behar makes his way in, and disappears into the big blue motorhome +++ **7:49** Cannon shooting Karl-Heinz Zimmermann makes an entrance.



+++ **7:55** McLaren and Williams team members come in a gaggle, amongst them the legendary and substantial figure of Forks +++ **7:56** Giorgio Piola, the paddock's most feared pencil jockey re-enters the paddock complaining that the media centre was closed when he first arrived.....at dawn +++ **7:57** McLaren's team manager Dave Ryan enters the paddock, checking out our centrefold +++ **7:58** Steve Hallam follows Ryan, heads straight for the pits +++ **7:59** The Ferrari boys start trickling in +++ **8:02** Renault's les garcon follow closely +++ **8:02** Super snapper Steven Tee comes in.



+++ **8:15** Red Bull Racing's communications mistress Sophia Claughton-Wallin saunters past the gate and heads for the team's greatly diminished motorhome +++ **8:18** The Toyota team put in an appearance +++ **8:20** Tomas Frank, promoter of the Hungarian Grand Prix and the man behind Istanbul's adventure breezes into the paddock +++ **8:21** He's followed by a cluster of Ferrari engineers chatting with Jordan counterparts +++ **8:24** They in turn are followed in short order by the bulk of the Minardi mechanics and Toyota stragglers +++ **8:29** Red Bull Racing's team manager Dave Stubbs swipes in, followed by BAR designer Geoff Willis.



+++ **8:31** Jacques Villeneuve's closest racing ally Jock Clear arrives followed into the paddock by Minardi press officer Graham Jones +++ **8:32** Joe Okanue, Kenwood's engineer at McLaren heads for the team's garage +++ **8:33** Toyota's team manager Richard Cregan arrives and is followed by the first members of Michelin's crew +++ **8:34** The rest of the Toyota team filter in – this is one big team! +++ **8:36** Peter Sauber strides purposefully past security, suitcase in hand – it's either for a quick getaway after the race or it's stuffed with BMW euros.

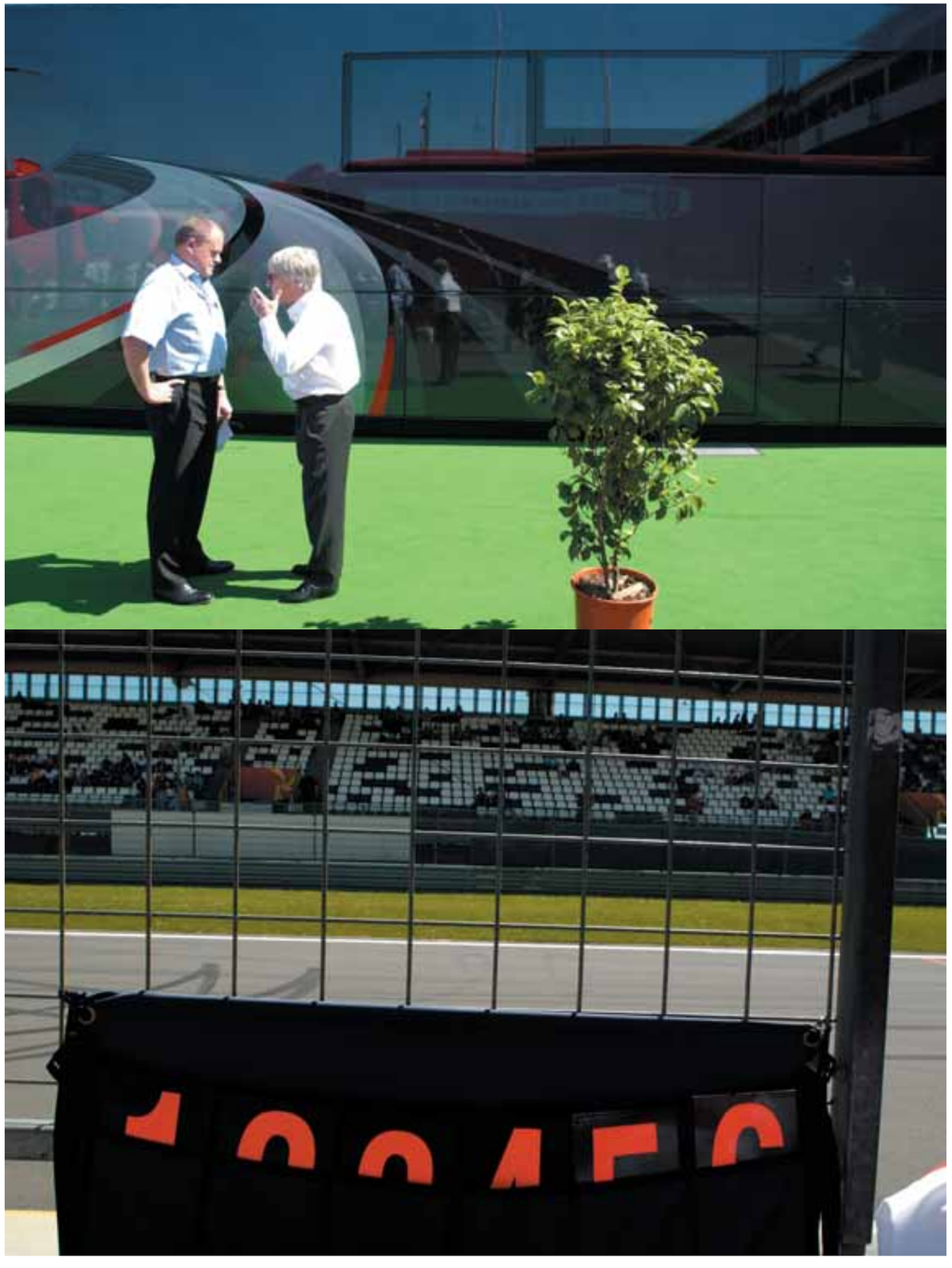


+++ **8:37** Stefano Domenicali, Ferrari's team manager waves at Piola as he arrives +++ **8:41** Bob Constanduros arrives +++ **8:44** Luca Baldisseri, Ferrari race engineer makes an appearance +++ **8:44** F1 Racing magazine's chief photographer Darren Heath enters the paddock +++ **8:45** Mercedes' Petra Schleuning pops into the FOM motorhome +++ **8:46** Peter Phillips, Williams' ad man and British royalty arrives +++ **8:57** Frank Riechert from Mercedes Motorsports' communication team waves hello as he walks in +++ **8:51** Jenson's dad, John Button saunters in with BAR press officer Tracy Novak.

+++ **8:52** Hiroshi Yasukawa, director of Bridgestone Motorsport arrives with Mark Webber's father, meanwhile Nick Heidfeld, with a lot on his mind, also shows up +++ **8:53** Bernie Ecclestone pulls up in his Maybach with Flavio Briatore +++ **8:56** Ove Andersson from Toyota joins his team, most of whom are already working +++ **8:57** Cheerful journalist Tom Clarkson comes through the gate +++ **8:59** BAR technical director Geoff Willis pays a visit to the FIA garage +++ **9:04** Sam Michael and Frank Dernie join the rest of the Williams team in the paddock +++ **9:06** Dr Gary Hartstein goes for a paddock walkabout, he was here at 7:30.



+++ **9:05** Veteran snapper JT makes his way in, weighed down with camera bags +++ **9:06** Niki Lauda, Norbert Haug, Gunther Steiner and Flavio Briatore chat over coffee at Karl-Heinz Zimmermann's motorhome – very civilised +++ **9:10** McLaren's Peter Stayner gallantly escorts Ron Dennis' trusted assistant Justine Blake through the paddock gates +++ **9:10** Joao Urbano wins the Formula BMW ADAC race for Mucke Motorsport, Champagne breakfast for him! +++ **9:15** Global's rising star Tim Bampton makes his blazered and brogued entrance.



+++ **9:15** Bridgestone's Hisao Suganuma is shown his Red Bulletin birthday greeting by team members +++ **9:19** Ross Brawn seeks the sanctity of the paddock after much autograph signing on his way in +++ **9.20** Honda's Otmar Szafnauer enters the paddock +++ **9:21** Ferrari press chief Luca Colajanni arrives, followed by RAI TV anchor Stella Bruno +++ **9:22** ITV's pit lane reporter Ted Kravitz checks in for what promises to be a busy day +++ **9:23** The Napoleonic figure of Pierre Dupasquier makes a relaxed entrance – not many causes for concern at Michelin this weekend.



“Will there be Champagne today? No, I don’t think so”

JARNO TRULLI

“I’ll be on the podium today”

FERNANDO ALONSO

“I would have been a racer but the helmet interfered with my hair”

THOMAS GOTTSCHALK

“Proud man says to wife: ‘I just killed five flies, two male, three female.’ Wife says: ‘How did you know which was which?’ Man responds: ‘Easy, two were on a beer can, three were on the phone.’”

RACE DIRECTOR CHARLIE WHITING’S JOKE OF THE DAY

“Having no quali this morning is great. You can sleep in later, have a nice long breakfast and you don’t have to come in to work so early”

VITANTONIO LIUZZI

“I’m sure Nick will make it but I won’t stay to watch, I’ll go to the hotel. If he wins, I normally cook him venison”

WALLI CLASSEN (NICK HEIDFELD’S GRANNY)

“I love the cover of the Red Bulletin. It’s great, although I really should get a new haircut”

NICK HEIDFELD

“I think I have to put my money on Kimi”

BERNIE ECCLESTONE

“I’m not a betting man, but somebody wanting to make money today would bet on Kimi”

NIKI LAUDA

+++ **9:23** Ferrari's press officer Stefania Bocchi follows Colajanni to the Ferrari bus +++ **9:26** Journalists Michael Schmidt and Giorgio Piola are deep in conversation with Pat Symonds in the Renault motorhome +++ **9:35** Mark Webber arrives with a racing bike and minder. The minder takes Webber's equipment, and promptly runs over a BAR mechanic +++ **9:36** Niki Lauda emerges from the Zimmermann tent and is greeted by German TV presenter Kai Ebel +++ **9:39** Flavio, Bernie and Norbert exit the Zimmermann tent and make for the grid for the start of the GP2 race.

+++ **9:40** Juan Pablo Montoya makes an appearance in the paddock and heads towards McLaren +++ **9:41** Keke Rosberg talks to TV, then wanders into McLaren, presumably to watch Nico in GP2 +++ **9:42** Tyler Alexander makes his way to the McLaren garage +++ **9:43** Jean Todt arrives at the paddock's top gate by VW Phaeton +++ **9:44** Ove Andersson has a chat with Toyota supremo John Howett +++ **9:45** Jenson Button heads into BAR's motorhome, accompanied by Jules Kulpinski +++ **9:45** Ralf Schumacher arrives, apparently without his pass and has to be let in by a sympathetic security guard.



+++ **9:47** Legendary photographer Larry Fink discusses jazz with Pat Behar +++ **9:48** Ilke Wendlandt, Sauber press officer, gets her picture taken +++ **9:50** Giancarlo Fisichella arrives with manager Enrico Zanarini and pauses to sign autographs before entering the paddock +++ **9:51** Fisi is immediately followed by a solo team mate Fernando Alonso +++ **9:53** Felipe Massa arrives holding hands with a beautiful mystery girl +++ **9:55** Fernando Alonso says he's confident of a podium finish +++ **9:58** Jarno Trulli turns up and says he isn't expecting to be on the podium today.









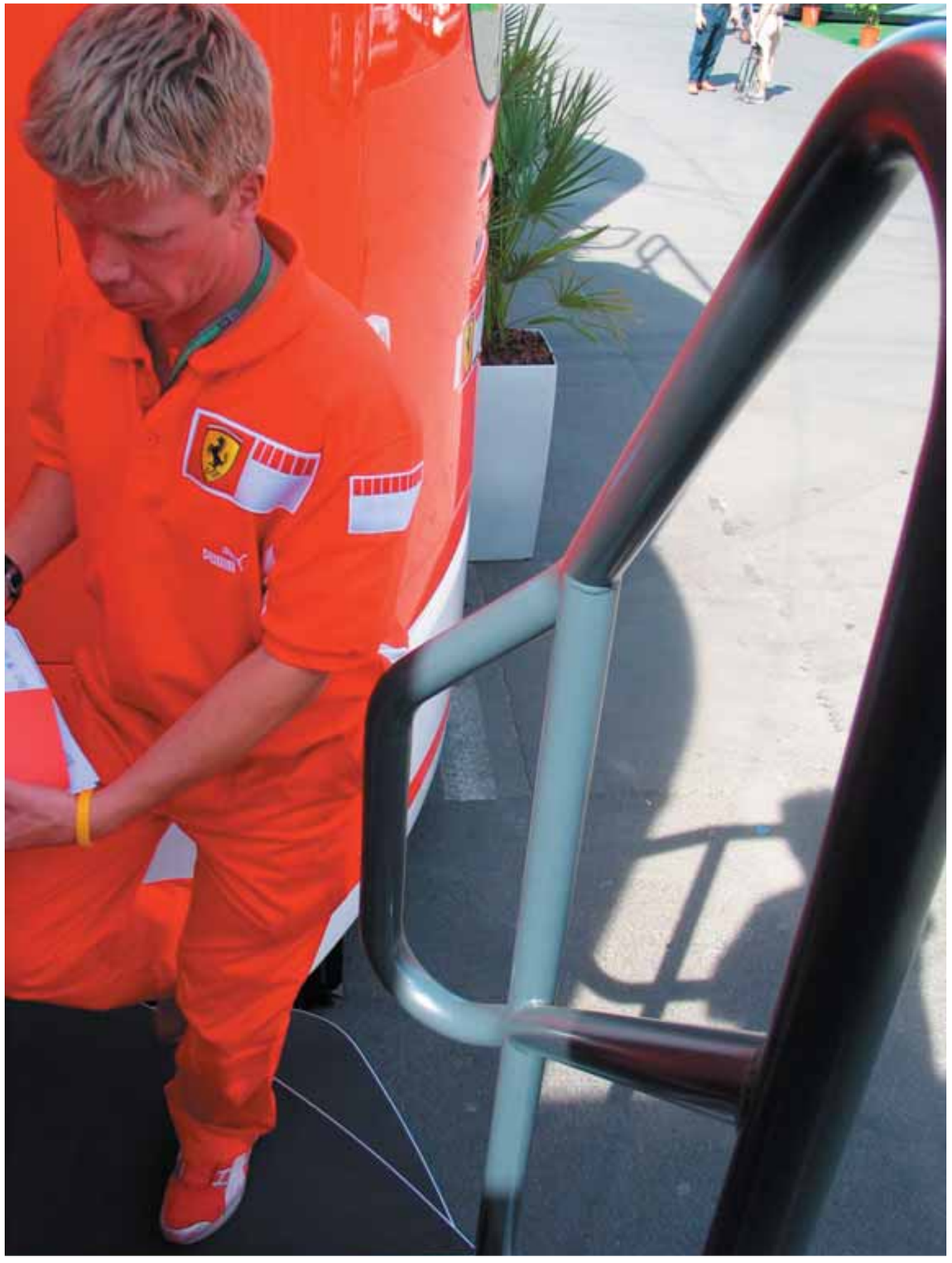


+++ **9:59** RTL crew doing piece to camera about Red Bulletin outside Karl-Heinz's. Niki Lauda waits to do his piece to camera+++ **10:02** Bernie snatches Niki's big yellow mike as the Austrian anchor is live on RTL...RTL go into disaster-recovery mode +++ **10:04** Craig Pollock goes into Sauber +++ **10:05** A posse of Turkish GP top brass swiftly follow Bernie into Karl-Heinz's +++ **10:06** Mark Webber sits down for a quick interview with BBC Radio Five Live in the HP motorhome +++ **10:07** How many heavyweight F1 superstars can you fit into Karl-Heinz's? Flav, Norbert and Pasquale swell the ranks.





+++ **10:06** Balbir Singh, Michael's physio, smiles and prophesises a victory for his boss +++ **10:08** Michael and his wife Corinna arrive holding hands, both look confident +++ **10:09** Mansour Ojjeh takes a trip down the paddock +++ **10:09** Sir Frank Williams glides into the paddock – it's a big day for his team +++ **10:09** Kimi Raikkonen arrives, checks in with Ron, before heading over to the garage +++ **10:14** It must be quite a party down at Zimmermann's – Flavio Briatore exits **10:14** Norbert Haug gets back to McLaren +++ **10:16** Fernando Alonso bolts from the motorhome, goes to see his mechanics in the garage.



+++ **10:16** Villeneuve gears up for the race, his masseur Jo Leberer arrives for work +++ **10:17** Sir Frank Williams watches the GP2 race with talent-spotting interest +++ **10:18** Niki Lauda concludes his RTL spot +++ **10:19** Liuzzi comes up – who's going to win? Smiles: "I am, of course!" +++ **10:20** Peter Sauber enjoys a cuppa with the press +++ **10:21** Nick Heidfeld escapes the confines of the Williams motorhome for the shady delights of the garage +++ **10:22** Rubens Barrichello sprints past the press, hungry for reaction to rumours of a Maranello-bound Heidfeld.



+++ **10:22** BMW big boss Goschl is ushered into the paddock +++ **10:23** Paul Stoddart props up Minardi's motorhome bar, smoking a well-deserved cigarette +++ **10:26** Bernie's driver has been sitting in the Maybach with the engine running for a half hour, chatting on the phone – is Bernie going somewhere? +++ **10:29** Rumour begins to circulate that the paddock's motorhomes will travel to Istanbul together on one ship, should be quite a party +++ **10:30** Jean Todt enters the Ferrari garage seeking a performance update from his engineers.

+++ **10:31** German media are asking 'has superstar Thomas Gottschalk arrived yet?' +++ **11:03** Adam Carroll comes out from the media centre after finishing on the GP2 podium "It was a good, clean race." Adam finished second. **11:22** Brawn and Todt deep in conversation still find time for a photo-op outside the Ferrari motorhome. **11:23** Oswald Halwax, our mad Austrian printer starts the Red Bulletin presses +++ **11:24** Peter Sauber and his spinmeister Hanspeter Brack walk down the paddock unmolested by hacks and snappers.



PHOTO: GREG LARSEN

+++ **11:25** Ferrari fire up their engines for the first time +++ **11:26** A strange sense of calm descends upon the paddock as the teams go into pre-race mode. After Monaco the lack of celebs getting in the way is something of a relief for all of the mechanics +++ **11:29** Vodafone PR Rachel Moroney guides honoured guests around the paddock on a tour – the Paddock Club is really starting to fill up about now, judging from the feverish activity of the staff.







THE RACE RESULTS

SMASH AND GRAB

A sensational end to a gripping European Grand Prix allowed Fernando Alonso to extend his championship lead and left Kimi Raikkonen's McLaren a broken wreck against the tyre wall at turn one.

Raikkonen had driven an almost flawless race to hold a lead he had stolen from pole-sitter Nick Heidfeld at the start and, as the final few laps counted down, needed only to maintain a healthy gap to a hard-pushing Alonso, to take his third victory in a row.

But as the almost 15-second gap ebbed away it became apparent that Kimi was nursing his McLaren through the final stages and with just one lap to go the front right suspension on Raikkonen's car let go in spectacular fashion, showering the following Alonso with debris. The McLaren skewed off the circuit toward the tyre wall and the Spaniard blasted past to claim his fourth victory of the season.

Nick Heidfeld matched his Monaco performance by claiming second after gambling on a three-stop strategy which let him keep pace with the leaders in the early part of the race.

Candidate for drive of the day though was David Coulthard, the Red Bull Racing driver profiting from a first corner collision sparked by Juan Pablo Montoya who turned in and took out Mark Webber. The incident sucked in Takuma Sato and Ralf Schumacher and in the chaos Coulthard sailed from 12th to fourth. He briefly held the lead before dropping to fifth after a drive-through penalty for speeding in the pit lane, but claimed fourth after Raikkonen's exit.

RACE

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	**Fernando Alonso**	Renault	59		10
2	**Nick Heidfeld**	BMW-Williams	59	+16.5 secs	8
3	**Rubens Barrichello**	Ferrari	59	+18.5 secs	6
4	**David Coulthard**	RBR-Cosworth	59	+31.5 secs	5
5	**Michael Schumacher**	Ferrari	59	+50.4 secs	4
6	**Giancarlo Fisichella**	Renault	59	+51.9 secs	3
7	**Juan Pablo Montoya**	McLaren-Mercedes	59	+58.1 secs	2
8	**Jarno Trulli**	Toyota	59	+71.0 secs	1
9	**Vitantonio Liuzzi**	RBR-Cosworth	59	+71.5 secs	
10	**Jenson Button**	BAR-Honda	59	+95.7 secs	
11	**Kimi Raikkonen**	McLaren-Mercedes	58	+1 lap	
12	**Takuma Sato**	BAR-Honda	58	+1 lap	
13	**Jacques Villeneuve**	Sauber-Petronas	58	+1 lap	
14	**Felipe Massa**	Sauber-Petronas	58	+1 lap	
15	**Tiago Monteiro**	Jordan-Toyota	58	+1 lap	
16	**Narain Karthikeyan**	Jordan-Toyota	58	+1 lap	
17	**Christijan Albers**	Minardi-Cosworth	57	+2 laps	
18	**Patrick Friesacher**	Minardi-Cosworth	56	+3 laps	
Ret	**Ralf Schumacher**	Toyota	33	+26 laps	
Ret	**Mark Webber**	BMW-Williams	0	+59 laps	

Fastest Lap: F Alonso 1:30.711

DRIVERS-CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**F Alonso**	59
2	**K Raikkonen**	27
	J Trulli	27
4	**N Heidfeld**	25
5	**M Webber**	18
6	**R Schumacher**	17
	G Fisichella	17
8	**JP Montoya**	16
	M Schumacher	16
10	**D Coulthard**	15

CONSTRUCTORS-CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	**Renault**	76
2	**McLaren-Mercedes**	53
3	**Toyota**	44
4	**Williams-BMW**	43
5	**Ferrari**	31
6	**Red Bull Racing-Cosworth**	19
7	**Sauber-Petronas**	7
8	**BAR-Honda**	0
	Minardi-Cosworth	0
	Jordan-Toyota	0

BULLETIN WINNER

What a race, what a finish! In the end Michael Schumacher took fifth place but the race didn't go over the full race distance of 60 laps because of Fisichella's incident at the start. That means only three people opted for 59 laps and share the Bulletin jackpot. German reporter Michael Schmidt, Swiss journalist Christian Eichenberger and Slavica Ecclestone! Each gets 420 euros from the normal bet and 300 euros each from the Bulletin bonus.

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