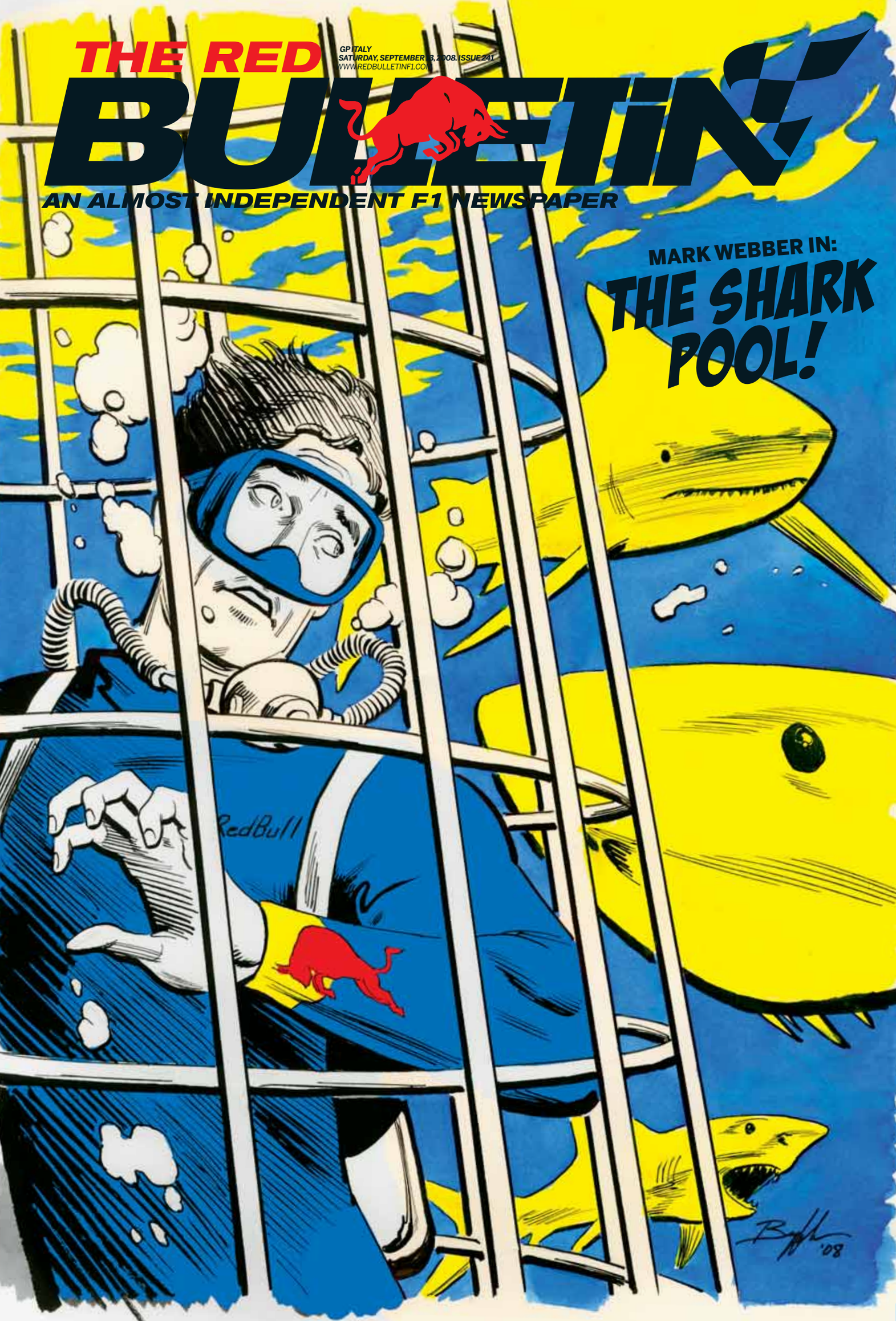
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ITALY 13·09·08 SATURDAY

Some cars hadn't even left the pits yesterday when it started raining, the massive thunderstorm forcing the morning practice session to be abandoned with 20 minutes to go. With more of the same forecast for today, it could make qualifying very interesting…

Total washout
Ferrari team members battle to keep the water out of their garage during yesterday's torrential downpour, as Monza's drainage systems failed to cope.
Photography: Crispin Thruston

Ferrari and Alonso's future

After months of heated speculation, Ferrari announced yesterday that Kimi Räikkönen's contract has been extended until the end of 2010, in line with Felipe Massa's deal. The news finally puts an end to rumours that the Finn might retire at the end of the year. It also rules out Robert Kubica or Fernando Alonso joining the team for at least a couple of seasons. Rumours of Alonso signing a three-year contract with BMW began at Spa, though we understand from sources close to the driver that no deal has been done. However, they expect Fernando will make a decision before Singapore.

Big in Japan, small in reality

Nick Heidfeld can rejoice, for he is no longer the smallest driver in the paddock. Fuji TV have a special guest with them this weekend. He's about three feet tall and nine years old, is a Japanese karting champion and his name is Sena… Sena Sakaguchi. Making a change from the usual driver-turned-TV presenter, Sena has interviewed Jenson Button, and sought advice on how to get to the top. And yes, Sena was named after Ayrton Senna. Obviously the less said about his parents' spelling, the better.

JT joins the club

John Townsend celebrates his 500th grand prix this weekend. Since the 1980 British Grand Prix, his first as an accredited photographer, JT's eventful career has seen him take over 600,000 pictures and have a gun pulled on him twice by Belgian policemen.

His jet-setting career is thanks to his asthma: JT was an electrician in his former life and couldn't stand the dust. "I can't think of a better place to record my 500th than here at Monza, with all its history," says John. The telegram from Bernie is surely on its way.

PICTURE PERFECT
Many F1 drivers and colleagues, past and present, went to the Energy Station on Thursday evening to salute David Coulthard. DC will be contesting his final grand prix of the European section of the season on Sunday, and Red Bull exhibited 39 images from his 14-year career.



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INSTANT OPINIONS #14: GIVE US A BREAK

Is the now-traditional summer shutdown worth saving?

POSITIVE: Even people working in Formula One deserve a summer holiday. After five months on the road, a break is vital for the health and wellbeing of everyone. The end of the season is always hectic; there are back-to-backs and a killer series of flyaways. Minor accident rates go through the roof because everyone's tired; imagine how bad it would be without a rest in the summer.

NEGATIVE: Of course it would be nice to have a holiday, but who really gets to take one? There's a testing ban, so the test teams get a little downtime, but who else? Development doesn't slow down and wind-tunnels don't stop running. You might squeeze in a long weekend, but you could do that without the break. Better to start the season later or finish it earlier. Why mess with the rhythm?

Webber's own windcheater

Forget to bring your waterproof jacket to rainy Monza? Help is at hand… Mark Webber has given us a softshell jacket from his own clothing collection (see www.markwebber.com), which he's kindly signed, along with a copy of this weekend's Red Bulletin. We've put them in a goody bag, along with a 2007 Red Bulletin yearbook, a cap and a pen. For your chance to win, answer this question:

Every year, athletes and celebrities join in the Mark Webber Challenge, a 1000km trek for charity. In which Australian state is it held?
a) Tasmania
b) Victoria
c) Northern Territory

Send your entry to web@redbulletinf1.com by midday on September 22. The winner will be the first correct answer drawn out of a hat and will be announced online during the weekend of the Singapore GP.



ACTION STATIONS!
Today we're printing a special edition of The Red Bulletin featuring three different covers of Mark Webber, illustrated by Norm Breyfogle who drew the Batman comics. Why not collect the lot?

Celebrity guests

Internazionale football player Marco Materazzi, the man who met with a Zidane head-butt in the last World Cup, was in the paddock yesterday and more familiar faces are expected this weekend. José Mourinho will be attending the race as a guest of Red Bull, and Sir Richard Branson will be soaking up the hospitality down at Force India.

Today's schedule

11:00 – 12:00	Formula One third practice
12:25 – 13:10	Porsche Supercup qualifying
14:00 – 15:00	Formula One qualifying
16:00 – 17:20	GP2 race one
17:30 – 18:00	Formula BMW race one

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The Secret Diary of Hermann Schnell, Aged 19¾

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, SPA

Oh shit! I knew as soon as I arrived at the hotel. Derek, the communications manager, had that fixed grin on his face. Either he's taken far too much cocaine or, yes, here it comes, I've been selected for the FIA press conference tomorrow. Oh happy day! It's not that I object to doing it, it's just that I don't want to do it here. I hate Spa – I think it's stupid. I detest its silly trees, its cramped paddock and its medieval, spider-infested toilets. Why, when we've got beautiful modern circuits like Magny-Cours and Barcelona, would we come to a rat-infested backwoods hell-hole like this? It's in the middle of a bloody forest! And tomorrow I'll have to pretend I adore it – or everyone will think I'm a wimp.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, SPA

I'm approaching the press conference with a degree of fatalism. I can never remember the names of all the corners. I'm sure the press can smell my fear and ignorance and will deliberately try to trip me up. Last year they had me explaining that, no, I didn't miss the Masta Kink because, for sure, my new suspension geometry was a step in the right direction. Bastards.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, SPA

Humanity can still surprise me. I was talking to Kevin this morning and, unusually for him, his eyes didn't look like two runny poached eggs. Come to think of it, all of the boys looked better than they usually do. Surely, in Belgium of all places, they'd have drunk themselves into a stupor? No, Kevin explained, rather than a night on the town, they'd taken a trip over the border into Holland, and spent a very mellow evening in a riverboat café. I was stunned. Is it possible they have matured? Is it supposed to happen overnight? Kevin explained that the boat is famous for its cake, and, as they liked it so much, they're going back tonight. I've asked him to bring me a slice back. He seemed reluctant. Some things never change – Kevin is still cheap.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, SPA

Kevin hid my cake so no one would find it, and made me promise not to eat it until after qualifying. Honestly, I hardly think an extra gram of weight here or there is going to make that much difference. He should know that, as a professional racing driver, my promises are worthless anyway. I ate it after practice. Yes, I know self-denial is a virtue, but when you're an international athlete your opportunities for sugary snacks are severely limited. Qualifying was interesting. Everyone's talked about the negative G-forces, and I think it must have affected me. I certainly felt very light-headed going up Kemmel, although by Malmedy I was just overwhelmed by a sense of euphoria. This must be the magic of Spa everyone talks about! I was sure I was driving incredibly quickly, but when I came in, the team principal was screaming something about me being four minutes off the pace. I just told him to chill – obviously it was an instrument malfunction. I told Elise that she was beautiful and I loved her, which made her happy. Then I told Kipper that he was beautiful and I loved him, which seemed to make Elise less happy. I'm going to have a big sandwich, then I'll sit out in the woods and think about things for a bit. This is truly a beautiful day.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, SPA

Kevin was looking extremely worried this morning. He says that I've got to hide the effects of the THC or people are going to start to notice. Funny, I didn't even know we were running an illegal traction-control system here.



VIEW FROM THE TRUCK: KIMI MORE TIME

Räikkönen defies logic again

BY JUSTIN HYNES

Yesterday's announcement from Ferrari that Kimi Räikkönen's contract has been extended until the end of 2010 will have caused consternation in the corridors of the Monza press room. Not in the script, you see. Kimi was supposed to go away at the end of next year to race skidoos or hunt polar bears or somesuch, leaving the way open for the Fernando v Lewis battle of the red and silver titans. Once again, Kimi has defied logic.

On the surface, it all makes perfect sense. Räikkönen has clearly been unmoved by the title battle developing around him. He's been non-committal about his future. He's admitted that he's often blasé about F1 and enjoys many more things than racing around a circuit of a Sunday afternoon. Signs surely that he had one foot out the door of Ferrari and onboard whatever yacht he's bought this week.

But this is Kimi we're talking about. It's my suspicion he would appear unmoved, non-committal and blasé if you told him aliens had landed and wanted to make him their king. Chances are he'd shrug and say, "Ah maybe next week, I've got stuff to do." What stuff? "Y'know… stuff."

It's that kind of 'whatever' attitude of Kimi's that is so endearing. Here is a man who has no interest in parroting the trite platitudes of press-conference speak. There's hardly ever a 'we' in Kimi's assessment of how things are going. Of the mess in Belgium all he said, effectively, was: "I was going to win or crash. I crashed. Whatever."

I have to admit, though, I was strongly in the camp of Kimi wandering off into a wintersports sunset at the end of next season. But no, it appears he clearly fancies another go. Cynics might suggest that it's fuelled by a desire for another $28m slice of the Ferrari pie, but that would be doing Ferrari a disservice. They're plainly not idiots and if they felt the champion was underperforming to the degree that he'd given up on Formula One, they'd show him the door.

And the news that Räikkönen will spend a couple more years in the paddock is good for everyone. If nothing else it shifts the Fernando discussion down the road a bit to BMW giving us all a Fernando v Robert debate that will occupy our minds until the Spaniard makes up his mind what he will do. But why would Fernando want to move at all? With wholesale rule changes in the offing who is to say BMW will deliver a car as competitive next year as it has this season?

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Fernando is so deeply embedded at Renault that a switch is fraught with the sort of danger he clearly did not anticipate when moving to McLaren.

There is a theory that Fernando can cope with anything except being beaten by his team-mate, that his (warranted) self-belief is such that he cannot countenance being outpaced by anyone in similar machinery. None of those in waiting at Renault have taken the fight to the double champion so far, so why move?

Fernando has helped drag Renault to a challenge for fourth in the constructors' championship and there would appear to be no reason to stop there. The task is to return the marque to the front of the grid and 2009 represents a good opportunity.

All season Alonso has displayed a Kimi-like inscrutability about where the next 12 months will take him. My suspicion is, in the best way, nowhere. He'll stay exactly where he is and like Kimi dumbfound us know-alls again.

ON THIS DAY... 13/9/08



1985: PLUMBER BEGINS WORK
Nintendo launch Super Mario for the NES games console in Japan.
In case you needed reminding of what Mario used to look like…
YouTube.com search: Mario + NES + speed run

1503: DESIGNING DAVID
Michelangelo begins sculpting his famous David statue in marble.
The recreation of David for the computer age.
YouTube.com search: 3D + Michelangelo + David

1993: FALSE DAWN
Middle-East history is made as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israel's Yitzhak Rabin shake hands on the lawn of the White House.
President Bill Clinton's address on that day.
YouTube.com search: 1993 + Arafat + Rabin

BIRTHS

1969: SHANE WARNE
Record-breaking wicket-taking Australian spin bowler.
YouTube.com search: Warne + ball + century

ON THIS DAY, VISIT...

IL DUOMO
As well as being the most beautiful landmark in Milan, the cathedral of Santa Maria Nascente's roof terrace also offers spectacular views of the city.
Piazza del Duomo, 20123 Milan. Open 9am-5.45pm daily. Adult tickets cost €4 for roof access (€6 by lift) and €1.50 for entry to the Baptistry.

ON THIS DAY IN F1...



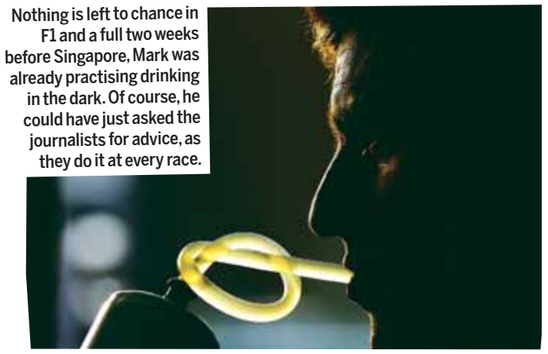
1992: ITALY
With speculation that Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna are being lined up to replace him at Williams in 1993, Nigel Mansell announces his intention to retire.
Mansell's 1992 season overview.
YouTube.com search: BBC + Nigel Mansell + 1992

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As usual in Monza, Kimi released his latest record: this year's chart topper is called Finns Can Only Get Better.



Nothing is left to chance in F1 and a full two weeks before Singapore, Mark was already practising drinking in the dark. Of course, he could have just asked the journalists for advice, as they do it at every race.



Heikki was one of many drivers who had been to the Energy Station on Thursday night to see the Coulthard photo exhibition and ever since he'd become completely hooked on Scottish Highland Dancing.

FORMULA FOR FUN

The paddock can be an amusing place at times and luckily our Bullseye is always there to capture the moment.



Lewis was late and didn't have time to stop for an interview as he'd had to wait ages at a Bus Stop in Belgium.



"Hello, is that headquarters? Yes, that's right, we need a new uniform for the Captain and a shotgun to take care of the pigeon."

PHOTOGRAPHY: ANDREAS BEIL, XPB, GETTY IMAGES, SUTTON IMAGES

THE LAST ACTION HERO

Mark Webber's ambitions in Formula One won't surprise anybody, but some of his aspirations beyond the paddock gate just might.



ILLUSTRATIONS: NORM BREYFOGLE

WEBBER'S WISH LIST







Daredevil Mark wants to jump out of a plane, get up close and personal with sharks, and er, learn to cook.

Usually, the paddock-standard, late-afternoon, 10-minute interview slot has a journalist worrying how to cram everything into so little time; but when it's Mark Webber sat across the table, the concern is what to do with the other nine minutes. Mark answers directly, talks quickly and never hides behind flowery language: the lily remains distinctly ungilded. He speaks as he acts: he's straightforward, honest, and takes the fastest, most economical route from A to B. So when Mark says he's going to consider his answer and get back to you, it makes you instantly curious.

In this instance it's understandable. The question is: "List the 10 things you would like to do before the age of 50." The simple answers all involve chequered flags and champagne, but there's an embargo on F1 topics – we're interested in knowing what captures Mark's imagination in the outside world. He wants to think about it first. In idle moments everyone puts together their wish list, but for an F1 driver it's a different proposition; wishes can come true. There's more to it than simply having the wealth and the inclination. To reach the pinnacle of motorsport, stay there and prosper requires a certain sort of mental toughness, the sort that clearly perceives what it wants and how to get it.

Qualifying for the Belgian Grand Prix has just finished. As usual this season, Mark is towards the back of the front. Seventh on the grid, he says, is a little higher than he was anticipating. For everyone else, it's business as usual; we've come to expect Webber the demon-qualifier to perform heroics over that one quick lap. The problem is that there's often an unvoiced criticism: Mark excels on *Saturday* afternoons. Apologists would argue that drivers like Mark and Jarno Trulli are victims of their own success; they over-perform in qualifying but, over 300km in the race, they inevitably fall away in a car that simply doesn't have the performance. Mark dismisses that idea. In fact, he rejects the entire premise.

'To accumulate those points means I've done the business on Sunday afternoons. It's as simple as that'

"Actually, I think I do a normal job in qualifying, and some of the other drivers do a shit job, y'know? But you don't get points for qualifying, and I've got 18 so far this year, so I must be doing something right. Up until the middle of the year I was running seventh in the drivers' World Championship, behind the guys from the big three teams. I'm not there anymore because we've lost a bit of pace, but to accumulate those points means I've done the business on Sunday afternoons as well. It's as simple as that."

Perennial disappointment with machinery that promises much, but doesn't quite deliver, is a familiar story from many drivers. Mark, possibly, has been let down more often than most. After a rookie season with Minardi, Mark's career has continually been on the verge of great things. "It has been, and it is, frustrating, but what can I do? I've been here for a while and the sport's been good to me. OK, I could have made some different decisions along the way, but I don't have a crystal ball. I've seen how quickly F1 can change, though, so I've just got to keep my head down, arse up, and keep pushing like crazy to find that window when I have a car to beat the guys at the front of the grid."

Mark offers a wry nod when asked if he's ever imagined how that maiden victory will come about. "I think for most people that first win has to be a lucky one. I think it could have happened in the rain at Fuji last year, and there have been a couple of other times, too. I've led grands prix, and obviously I've compared well with David, who's won lots of races, so I know I can do it. But I'm not jealous of those who have made it, and I'm certainly not moaning about my lot in life. One day I'll get myself in the position and we'll see what happens."

There was talk at the start of the year of Mark's chances improving. His name – admittedly along with several others – was repeatedly linked to the seat vacated by Fernando Alonso at McLaren. There are those who claim it was very nearly a done deal, but Webber shrugs it off as little more than a dream.

'I'm not jealous of those who have made it. One day I'll get myself in the position and we'll see what happens'

"I don't think it was ever going to happen, though obviously it would have been nice. We all want to drive the fastest car, don't we? I know the guys from Mercedes quite well [from racing for the Mercedes sportscar team], but it's hard to see it. Maybe with a different buzz and a different meeting here and there, but I think they were pretty keen on Nico, and then went for Heikki when that didn't come off. Maybe if I was German there might have been a chance, or if I had a better relationship with Lewis back then, as I do now… But that's the way it goes."

Webber may have missed out on the opportunity to drive with one youthful prodigy, but he'll get another chance in 2009. In a sport where 'team-mate' is a euphemism for 'deadliest rival', Webber and Vettel should prove an interesting pairing. Mark's blown away young, highly rated talent before – but has he ever come up against anyone as good as Vettel? Not one for mind games, he isn't going to ignite that debate just yet: "Sebastian has settled into F1 really well and is going to be a great acquisition for the team. We're very lucky to get his driving services."

It is, as usual, an answer that's short and to the point – but that's what you get with Mark Webber.

1. RIDE A MOUNTAIN BIKE ALONG THE SILK ROAD

The Silk Road through the Himalayas is the highest road in the world, and I've always been attracted to it. I want to ride it on a mountain bike. I'd love to go to that part of the world and meet the people and see how they live. I'm fascinated by how small things make them very, very happy. I don't know what I'd see, but I think it would be quite an experience, and obviously the terrain would be sensational.

2. LEARN TO COOK

Throughout my life I've been surrounded by good cooks – first my mother and now Ann – so I haven't learned a huge amount about cooking. I enjoy it when I get to help out in the kitchen, but I hate cleaning up afterwards, which is why I don't do too much of it. But I'd like to learn to cook a little better.

3. RIDE A MOTOGP BIKE/ DRIVE A WRC CAR

Actually any racing bike, but preferably MotoGP. There would be absolutely no chance of me pushing it to the limit, but I might be able to get to within 60 per cent of what the bike can do. It would be nice to feel that acceleration and understand the sensations a little. I love watching it, and I know people like Casey Stoner and Troy Bayliss – Australia seems to have a much better success rate at producing two-wheel racers than four – and I'd really like to be able to have a go at it myself.

Rally cars are a little different. I've been a passenger and I liked the experience. Just to feel the bite of those tyres and get an idea of how the rally cars move around on gravel… Again, it's something I'd like to try for myself. Preferably somewhere without too many trees or cliffs though!

4. CAGE DIVING WITH GREAT WHITE SHARKS

I'd love to see a Great White in the water. I want to look at this enormous shark in its own environment. I think cage diving is maybe a little bit cruel, because you have to tease the sharks with bait to get them to approach the cage. I've done a lot of things in the ocean, though I'm not a big surfer, and I've been close to sharks before. I've never been in a position to stay and watch but, from what I've heard, to see such a massive machine – which is what the Great White is – moving at speed in its own environment would be awesome.

5. WATCH AUSTRALIA PLAY INDIA AT CRICKET IN INDIA

I've spoken to Vijay [Mallya] about this already! Sachin Tendulkar too. This is one I'll definitely get around to doing eventually, because I think an India-Australia cricket match would be just fantastic! It has to be real cricket, obviously, by which I mean a five-day test match, not that one-day, limited-overs stuff.

6. VISIT MORE OF AUSTRALIA AND VISIT NEW ZEALAND

I've been to most states to race, but I need more time to actually have a good look around, go see the Aboriginals, get into the interior of Australia and check out what my own country is really like. Because so much of my life is based in Europe, I haven't seen enough of home. I've never really been into the outback, up into the Northern Territory or to the northern part of Western Australia. But I will – it's something that I'm really looking forward to.

As for New Zealand, well, I've never been. It's a beautiful part of the world, absolutely spectacular from what I've heard, and I need to spend at least a couple of weeks to just cruise around both the North and South islands

7. OWN A MOTORBIKE TEAM

As I've said, I've always loved motorbikes, both road-racing and speedway, and I've always had the idea in the back of my mind that maybe one day I'd like to be involved with a team, helping young riders come through. Owning a team is the sort of thing I think I could be passionate about, that would get the competitive juices flowing. Obviously I'd start out small, but eventually, who knows?

8. HAVE A HOSPITALITY BOX AT OLD TRAFFORD

Ah, Ann put this one in! She loves Manchester United and I have to keep her happy. It's not for me, though I have to say that I think the way Alex Ferguson manages people is incredible. Year in, year out he manages to get the best out of his team in a way I find remarkable.

9. SKYDIVING

Just once in my life I'd like to leap out of a perfectly good aeroplane. I'd really like to know what it feels like to be falling down towards the earth with just the parachute above you, taking a good look at the view with nothing to disturb you. I'd like to do it. Yeah!

10. KAYAKING IN SCANDINAVIA

Paddling up there would be really fantastic. I think I need to do some more homework on this one to be honest, but I've seen pictures and talked to people about it, and the long paddling they do up there in the wilderness sound really challenging. Why Scandinavia? I'm attracted to the remoteness of it. I like remote places.

Red Bull La Formula Una

AUSTRIAN PARTY

It's a double-value race, as this weekend we're joined by 20 cool ladies from two countries. We introduced the 10 Italian La Formula Una girls yesterday; today, meet our fun new Austrian friends...

EVA HEIL
How old are you? 25
What's your occupation? I'm a model and I'm also studying law, politics and economics
Where do you live? Vienna
Fernando or Kimi? Fernando
Pet cat or pet dog? Cats; I have two
Movie star or boy next door? Movie star
Describe your character in three words... Spontaneous, ambitious, fun-loving.

MARLIES PFEIFHOFER
How old are you? 21
What's your occupation? I'm studying international business and I'm a model
Where do you live? Teesdorf
Shoes or handbags? Handbags
Clubs or bars? Clubs
Reading or shopping? Shopping
What would you choose as the theme tune for your life? Natasha Bedingfield's Unwritten, because I think that it pretty much describes my way of living.

DAGMAR KRAMER
How old are you? 24
What's your occupation? I'm training to be a teacher
Where do you live? Schwanenstadt
Wine or water? Water
High fashion or street fashion? High fashion
Night in or night out? Night out
Tell us a secret about yourself... I wish I could be a boy for a day!

BEATE SCHÜLER
How old are you? 22
What's your occupation? I'm a business and law student
Where do you live? Pörtschach and Graz
Summer or winter? Summer
Movie star or boy next door? Boy next door
Gym or couch? Couch
What would you choose as the theme tune for your life? It's My Life by Bon Jovi. You only live once; you should live life your own way.

KIM LEA KÖPFER
How old are you? 21
What's your occupation? I'm studying international business
Where do you live? Innsbruck
Fernando or Kimi? Kimi, because his name is so nice
Pet cat or pet dog? A real dog; no 'handbag' dogs
Night out or night in? All night!
Describe your character in three words... Extraordinary, tough, cheeky.



MARIE-THERESE BUCHEGGER
How old are you? 23
What's your occupation? I'm a medical student, model and nanny
Where do you live? Vienna
High fashion or street fashion? High fashion
Clubs or bars? First bar, then afterwards club
Gym or couch? Gym, then couch
Describe your character in three words... Honest, tolerant, sensitive.

ANDREA REITZINGER
How old are you? 23
What's your occupation? I'm a physiotherapist
Where do you live? Salzburg
Kimi or Fernando? Fernando
Beach holiday or adventure holiday? Adventure holiday
Pet cat or pet dog? Pet cat
What would you choose as the theme tune for your life? Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life by Monty Python. It's not possible to be positive all the time, but you can always try to give your best.

ELISABETH ANGERMANN
How old are you? 22
What's your occupation? I'm studying to become a primary school teacher
Where do you live? Tamsweg
Kimi or Fernando? Kimi
Shoes or handbags? Shoes
Summer or winter? Summer
Describe your character in three words... Open-minded, sensitive, ambitious.

LISA LAHNSTEINER
How old are you? 20
What's your occupation? I study psychology and philosophy
Where do you live? Vienna
Wine or water? Both
High fashion or street fashion? Street fashion
Movie star or boy next door? Boy next door
Tell us a secret about yourself... I'm addicted to sweets. If I don't eat chocolate, ice cream or candy my mood changes easily.

KATHARINA MIA YOSHIDA
How old are you? 22
What's your occupation? I'm a medical student
Where do you live? Graz
Pet cat or pet dog? Pet dog
Beach holiday or adventure holiday? Beach holiday with adventures!
Reading or shopping? Reading
Describe your character in three words... Vivid, sensuous, compassionate.

PHOTOGRAPHY: MIRJA GEH, SHUTTERSTOCK

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HAVE YOU QUALIFIED?

We've seen some great performances, but which GP2 driver could be the next F1 superstar? Who has the intelligence to guarantee glory, riches and bedroom fun? On the ultimate race weekend Adam Hay-Nicholls puts this season's top 10 to the ultimate test.



NAME: Giorgio Pantano
NATIONALITY: Italian
TEAM: Racing Engineering
CURRENT POINTS: 71

NAME: Bruno Senna
NATIONALITY: Brazilian
TEAM: iSport International
CURRENT POINTS: 60

NAME: Lucas di Grassi
NATIONALITY: Brazilian
TEAM: Barwa International Campos
CURRENT POINTS: 53

NAME: Romain Grosjean
NATIONALITY: French
TEAM: ART Grand Prix
CURRENT POINTS: 53

NAME: Pastor Maldonado
NATIONALITY: Venezuelan
TEAM: Piquet Sports
CURRENT POINTS: 49

THE CONTENDERS

NAME: Sébastien Buemi
NATIONALITY: Swiss
TEAM: Trust Team Arden
CURRENT POINTS: 45

NAME: Vitaly Petrov
NATIONALITY: Russian
TEAM: Barwa International Campos
CURRENT POINTS: 40

NAME: Álvaro Parente
NATIONALITY: Portuguese
TEAM: Super Nova Racing
CURRENT POINTS: 34

NAME: Andreas Zuber
NATIONALITY: Austrian/UAE
TEAM: Piquet Sports
CURRENT POINTS: 32

NAME: Karun Chandhok
NATIONALITY: Indian
TEAM: iSport International
CURRENT POINTS: 31

The drivers were each asked to make professional decisions and lifestyle choices that they may face if they graduate to F1. We gave them a situation and four possible options. There were right answers, wrong answers and sometimes in-between answers, and plenty of points up for grabs… But not for Vitaly Petrov, who handed in his questionnaire too late and got black flagged.

QUESTION 1

Well done, you're an F1 driver and have been paid your first month's enormous wages. Where do you go house-hunting?
(a) Monaco.
(b) Switzerland.
(c) Close to the factory.
(d) Other.



Correct answer: (b) + (d)

If you chose (a), score one point: you're being too '90s. The only drivers you'll meet there will be your dad's age, or the sons of drivers your dad's age.
If you chose (b), score four points: you've found your rightful place among your peers, just at the bottom of Fernando's garden.



If you said (c), you score zero: you're trapped in your F3 mindset; snap out of it. You're only allowed to live near the factory if your team is BMW Sauber.
If you chose (b) with (d), you earn the full five points: how can you expect to store all your trophies in one house?
If you chose (d), you get zero points.

QUESTION 2

You have a choice of team-mate. Who do you opt for?
(a) Your old friend and team-mate from GP2, with whom you came up through the ranks and who you've known since you were in karts aged eight.
(b) The son of a former grand prix driver, who you regularly beat in Formula Renault.
(c) That Japanese kid who crashed everything in Euro Series F3.
(d) A random Brazilian.



Correct answer: (a)

If you chose (a), you score five points: you would only be friends with your former GP2 team-mate if you were considerably quicker than him.
If you chose (b), (c) or (d), you score zero points: (b) is the son of a former driver, probably so well connected that the son could finish a race on the Tuesday after lights-out and he still wouldn't be fired; (c) is Japanese and comes with so much sponsorship and/or free engines that you can't ever compete; (d) might be erratic, but he's usually far too quick, and if you beat him, he might want to fight you.

QUESTION 3

On your first day in the F1 paddock, you find yourself surrounded by five beautiful promotional girls. Do you…
(a) Blush and avoid eye contact.
(b) Invite all five back to your hotel for a group massage.
(c) Play it cool, target the one you like, get her number and take her for a sophisticated Sunday night dinner, away from the paparazzi.
(d) Laugh in the face of temptation, declare abstinence, and return to your room and focus, focus, focus. Sex is something you save for the off-season.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a), you score -20 points: you're probably a virgin and that should disqualify you from a superlicence.
If you chose (b), then bingo – you've found the joker! Score 10 points for remembering what F1 is really about: in these gloomy times, The Bulletin applauds your efforts to return to the halcyon playboy days of James Hunt.
If you chose (c), you score one point: that was a safe choice, but dull. You're a racing driver, dammit. Act like one! Why settle for eighth when you can risk all for the podium?
If you chose (d), you score five points: becoming world champion will earn you unlimited opportunities with women for the rest of your life. All you need to do is take a vow of chastity until November.

QUESTION 4

On day one in the job, you discover that your new car is a shitbox that's been built to match your team-mate's driving style. A career in DTM beckons unless you act fast, but what do you do?
(a) Get on the phone to Michael Andretti – Indy's got to be better than DTM.
(b) Get on the phone to Reinhold Joest – Le Mans has got to be better than IRL.
(c) Get on the phone to Flavio Briatore – Renault always need more test drivers.
(d) None of the above.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a), (b) or (c), you score zero points: you'll never start another grand prix.
If you chose (d), you score five points: the only thing you can do is get some telemetry reports out of Ferrari's wastepaper bin, leave them lying around your team-mate's motorhome and then get on the phone to Max.



QUESTION 5

Your dad has been the guiding hand behind your path to F1. But it's the big time now and everyone says you need a 'proper' manager. Do you…
(a) Ignore what they say and keep him on.
(b) Sack dad and call Julian Jakobi.
(c) Pension him off, bring him to all the races and tell him to have as much fun as he likes and make friends with all the journalists, but ensure he keeps his mouth shut.
(d) Decide that being forced to choose between career and family is too high a price to pay for success, and quit.



Correct answer: (b)

If you chose (a), you score one point: you've proved you're a human being and therefore deserve some small reward.



If you chose (b), you score five points: look what it did for Ayrton Senna.
If you chose (c), you score three points: this approach is business-effective, good for your family relations and media-friendly.
If you chose (d), you score zero points: you will be a loser all your life.

QUESTION 6

You're an F1 driver, so you obviously need a celebrity girlfriend. Who do you choose?
(a) A minor-league pop star from a manufactured girl group.
(b) A minor-league model who is super-ish.
(c) A minor-league royal, probably from an obscure European principality or even more obscure and inbred English nobility.
(d) None of the above.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a), you score two points: this seems to be popular at the moment. Maybe you could have a side job as a pop impresario – get all the paddock's WAGs together and record a Bangles cover.
If you chose (b), you score one point: this is always a solid fall-back position.
If you chose (c), you score zero points: this will just lead to having children for whom using cutlery will always present a problem.
If you chose (d), you score five points: you're right to be choosy. What you really want is a combination of (a), (b) and (c) – after all, minor celebrities always spread what little talent they have much too thinly. What you need is a MAW (model, actress, whatever).



QUESTION 7

How far would you go to please a sponsor?
(a) Sit in a field eating cheese, while grinning.
(b) Put on a harness, get hoisted over the audience and re-enact a scene from Troy while keeping a straight face.
(c) Marry the sponsor's daughter.
(d) You won't agree to anything until you've held a focus group and spoken to Martin Sorrell.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a) or (c), you score zero points: (a) means you're Nick Heidfeld, and while you might love the creamy cheese produced by a Charolais cow, you may regret the photos we publish in The Bulletin the next day. If you chose (c), you're Shinji Nakano. People will suggest you're only here because of your father-in-law's influence. They may be right, but an F1 drive is probably the best wedding present a man ever received. Shame you're off to IndyCar next year.
If you chose (b), you score minus-five points: you're Lewis Hamilton and shocking embarrassment is heading your way. At least Heidfeld looked comfortable; you look both apparently terrified and faintly aroused, like you've caught yourself fantasising about your aunt.
If you chose (d), you score five points: you've shown authority and bravery in the face of a knife-wielding account manager. Remember, credibility is a valuable commodity and you need to establish some ground rules. Take a leaf out of Gerhard Berger's book – he refused to do PR unless there were women involved.

QUESTION 8

The team give you their latest dull hybrid people-carrier to drive. How do you respond?
(a) "It's the 21st century and we've all got to do our bit for the environment."
(b) "Great. I can fold down the seats and invite some grid girls for a ride."
(c) Put it on eBay.
(d) Take it out and wrap it around a lamppost.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a), you score zero points: we work in F1, dummy. We fly around the world and race cars. We hate the environment. Now go and shoot a polar bear.
If you chose (b) or (c), you score three points: in fact, why not take a camcorder in there with you, film the act, and put it on YouTube? It will be downloaded millions of times and some pervert will buy the car online for twice its value.
If you chose (d), you score five points: Fiat Ducato sales went up 37 per cent once Michael Schumacher started driving one, so imagine what Michael crashing one did for the brand. Besides, the publicity will do wonders for your wild man of F1 reputation.



QUESTION 9

Red Bull is holding a huge party and you've been given a VIP wristband. Do you…
(a) Arrive in team gear, stay for an hour, drink mineral water, talk to no one and leave.
(b) Arrive in team gear, stay for three hours, have a glass of wine, chat with your sponsors and leave.
(c) Arrive in team gear, stay for five hours, have several nice cold beers, chat with everyone who wants to talk to you and leave.
(d) Arrive in a tuxedo, stay for 12 hours, have two bottles of vodka, chat up your key sponsor's wife, get in a fight and leave in an ambulance.



Correct answer: (d)

If you chose (a), you score one point: well, at least you turned up, but you have acted like every other F1 driver in remaining aloof and far too important to talk to anyone.
If you chose (b), you score two points: congratulations on your professionalism, but look at how you're spending your 20s. At least take the rest of the bottle back to the hotel with you.
If you chose (c), you score four points: your boss has asked that you wear a different shirt in future, but everyone else thinks you're a top guy and they've invited you to be godfather to their children.
If you chose (d), you score five points: F1 needs you. And so do the newspapers.



QUESTION 10

You're bored in the off-season, struggling to fill your time as you wait for the start of a new campaign. Do you…
(a) Rent a Swiss chalet for three months, train furiously, drink only water, eat only nutritionally perfect meals and emerge from the hills ready to take on the world.
(b) Rent a gorilla suit and enter a snowmobile race under a heroic alias.
(c) Read Descartes, Camus and Nietzsche, to move towards an understanding of race-car driving as an existential construct.
(d) Set up a teepee outside the McLaren Technology Centre and send smoke-signals every day, indicating to Ron that he doesn't know what he's missing.



Correct answer: (b)

If you chose (a), you score four points: a suitable reward for your dedication and application. But remember, nobody loves a robot, no matter how successful they are.
If you chose (b), you score five points: if it works for the reigning world champion, who are you to argue?
If you chose (c), you score zero points: the intelligentsia have no place in F1. Go back to school.
If you chose (d), you score three points: it worked for Lewis Hamilton, after all.

QUESTION 11

After a liquid lunch, your manager has fixed you up with a potential new sponsor, Crème de L'Ass, Belgium's leading haemorrhoid treatment. What do you do?
(a) Shrug and accept it. It could be useful if you ever get haemorrhoids.
(b) Accept, and then sack your dad and get a proper manager.
(c) Agree to discuss it more thoroughly in a private meeting with the sponsor's trophy wife.
(d) Tell your manager to find a more suitable sponsor like a cigarette manufacturer, the International Association of Baby Seal Clubbers, or maybe Al-Qaeda.



Correct answer: (a) (b) or (c)

If you chose (a), (b) or (c), you score five points: the trick is to turn a losing situation into a winning one. Besides, as Durex Team Surtees proved, you need cash to get on the grid, no matter where it comes from. And the horrendous bumps of Interlagos will leave you glad of that cream.
If you chose (d), you score zero points: the only wrong answer is to turn the money down.

QUESTION 12

It's the FIA Gala in Monaco and you're there to pick up an award. What do you wear?
(a) A smart single-breasted dinner jacket and black tie.
(b) A gold lamé suit and piano-key tie.
(c) A leather suit with cowboy boots and a bolo tie.
(d) A Monégasque police uniform.



Correct answer: (a)

If you chose (a), you score five points: you're right to be conservative. If you're English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh or Australian, you may get a 007 audition. If you're Irish, though, lose a point: there's no way you'll get an F1 drive – ask Adam Carroll.
If you chose (b), you score zero points: people will think you're RTL presenter Kai Ebel and that you're there to present Michael Schumacher with a lifetime achievement award.
If you chose (c), you score three points: people will think you are Michael Schumacher. Is a lifetime achievement award better than the third-place trophy you were meant to get? Probably. You can always scratch his name off it.
If you chose (d), you score zero points: well, aren't you the joker? However, as the Honda HRD chef will tell you, impersonating a Monégasque policeman could land you in the cells.

THE SCORES

1. Giorgio Pantano	45
2. Andreas Zuber	43
3. Romain Grosjean	33
4. Karun Chandhok	31
5. Sébastien Buemi	31
6. Álvaro Parente	30
7. Bruno Senna	28
8. Lucas di Grassi	25
9. Pastor Maldonado	7
10. Vitaly Petrov	0



The Winner

He's been the class of the field so far this year, and once again Giorgio Pantano has triumphed, with Andreas Zuber just two points behind. Both he and Pantano sped away from the opposition when they did the right thing and took the busty promo girls back to their hotel. Romain Grosjean joins them on the podium.
In the midfield, Karun Chandhok and Sébastien Buemi drew for fourth, so we offered a tie-breaker: We asked them to tell us why they deserve to be in F1… Buemi said: "I am the youngest driver, hardworking and with a very competitive nature." Chandhok, though, was unimpressed: "Can anyone else cook chicken curry for the mechanics, take the management out for a 'Karun's Special', provide gossip for the catering girls and get a mate to deliver cases of Kingfisher beer to the team barbecue?" Karun has proved that, if he ever hangs up his helmet, he'd make the perfect F1 truckie! So long as he brings the beers he can have fourth place.

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‘Fourth place wasn’t too bad – it was a psychological victory’

GP ITALY, MONZA, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976

On August 1, 1976, world championship leader Niki Lauda came close to losing his life after a massive, terrifying and fiery accident in the German Grand Prix at the Nürburgring. Six weeks, three races and one recital of the last rites later, he was back behind the wheel...

Motor racing was still on the fringes of the international sporting radar at the start of the 1970s, but a shift in attitude had begun during the long, hot summer of ’76. The Formula One world title battle was no longer just about men and cars – specifically, a renegade public schoolboy from Surrey, England, and a calculating, fiercely intelligent Austrian. Increasingly, politics was becoming as much a part of the sport as fuel churns and brake pads.

F1 was no longer the exclusive playground of a small band of hardened enthusiasts, it was rapidly becoming headline news. Which drivers were in the vanguard of this new age? James Hunt and McLaren, and Niki Lauda and Ferrari.

By mid-summer, Lauda appeared to be heading for a second straight world title. He’d recorded four wins and a string of podiums by the time he headed to the Nürburgring for the German GP, while Hunt had scored two wins, one second, several retirements and a litany of controversies. Hunt won again in Germany, but his rival – and good friend – lay seriously injured in hospital.

Lauda had crashed on the second lap and inhaled serious quantities of smoke and petrol fumes in the fiery aftermath. It wasn’t so much a matter of whether he would race again, but more of whether he would live at all.

“I don’t remember much about that day,” Lauda says. “Although I do recall bumping into journalist Helmut Zwickl. He told me that the Reichsbrücke – the biggest bridge in Austria – had toppled into the Danube. Because it happened in the early hours of Sunday morning, however, only one life had been lost, rather than hundreds. I didn’t really know what to make about such a grotesque piece of news.

‘My analytical approach deserted me when I got back into the car at Monza. The fear hit me very hard’
Niki Lauda

“My last real recollection from the race is changing from wet tyres to slicks and accelerating away from the pits. My next memory is the chatter of a helicopter and then lying in bed, feeling that I just wanted to sleep. Only after four days in intensive care did it emerge that I would pull through.”

The racing community had been holding its breath – and assumed the worst when it learned Lauda had been read the last rites. This did not so much herald his departure from this earth, however, as trigger his recovery.

“The priest’s arrival really got my attention,” he says. “He made a sign of the cross and said, ‘Goodbye, my son.’ I wondered what he was talking about and then realised. I think that jolted me back to thinking I’d better be positive…”

Lauda’s world championship lead was reduced, but intact, when he returned to the paddock, scarred and still very sore, just six weeks later. In his absence – and not anticipating his return any time soon – Ferrari had persuaded Carlos Reutemann to join them from Brabham and so ran three cars for its home race.

“I thought I had shrugged aside my Nürburgring shunt,” Lauda says. “But I was still smarting at the news that Ferrari had approached Emerson Fittipaldi during my convalescence, and asked whether he might be able to switch teams to replace me. I was then pretty pissed off when I found out they’d signed Reutemann to drive a third car.

“Unfortunately, my analytical approach deserted me when I got back into the car at Monza, in the pouring rain. The fear hit me very hard. All my self-motivation theories went out of the window. I was throwing up and my heart was pounding. I was scared stiff, to be honest. I got myself more under control for qualifying on Saturday and managed to prove in practice what I knew in theory – that I was as quick as I had been before the shunt.”

The Ferraris qualified fifth, seventh and ninth, with Lauda heading the attack, 0.29s ahead of Reutemann. The Monza crowd was solidly behind its favoured team’s returning hero, but the race didn’t start too well. While several cars at the back of the field barely stopped at the end of the formation lap, Lauda was still in neutral when the green light shone, so he’d slipped all the way back to 12th by the end of the first lap.

When Lauda removed his helmet after the race, his balaclava revealed traces of blood from freshly opened wounds

Gradually, though, he picked his way through the field to be sixth at half-distance, and adapted beautifully when it began raining, hard, during the second half of the race. At one stage, a marshal even stood on the pit straight signalling that the event was being stopped, but most drivers didn’t recognise the instruction and the race carried on.

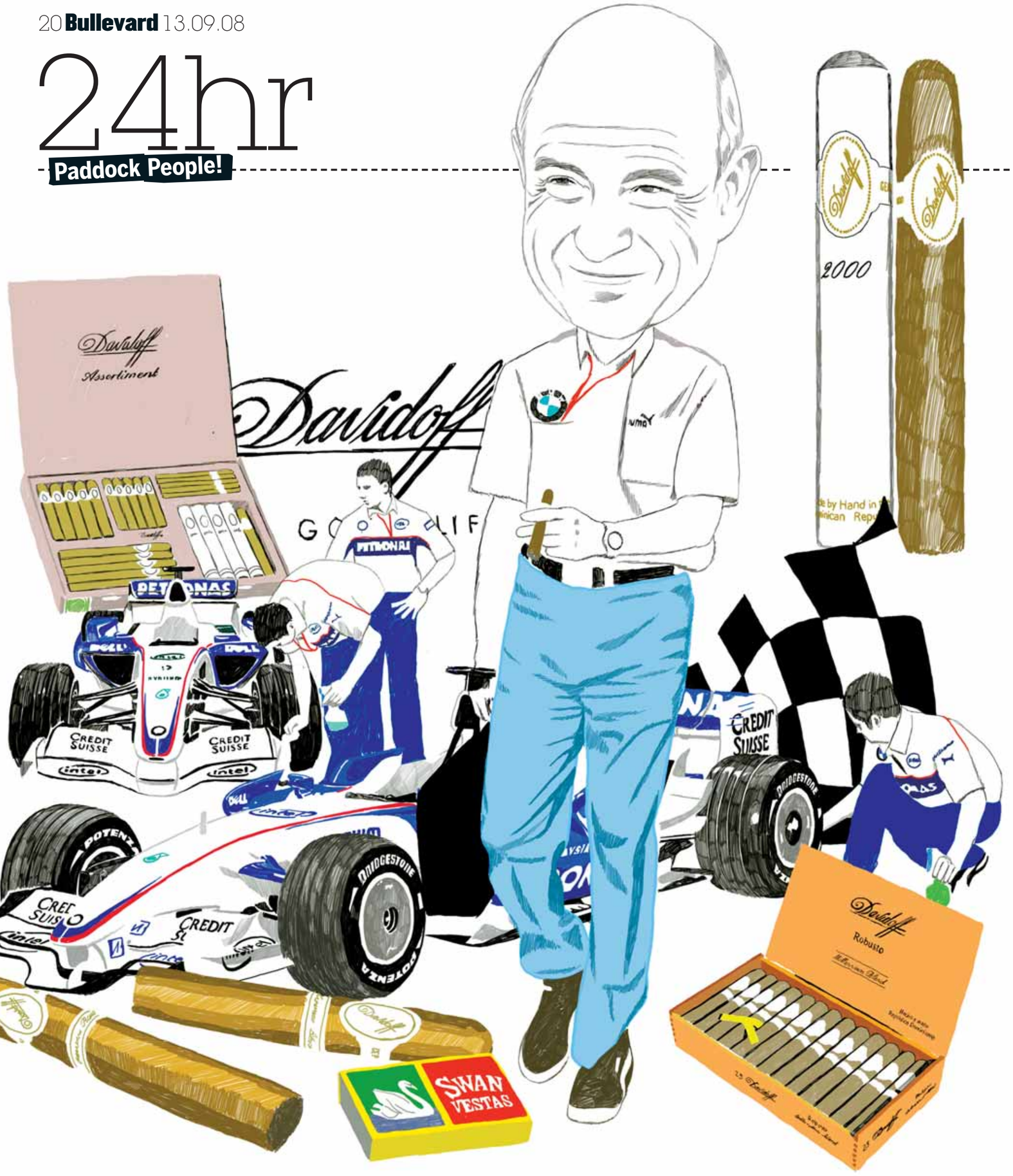
Despite fading oil pressure, Lauda passed the Tyrrells of Jody Scheckter and Patrick Depailler to finish fourth and he also set the second-fastest race lap, beaten only by the winner, Ronnie Peterson. When Lauda removed his helmet after the race, his balaclava revealed traces of blood from freshly opened wounds.

“I’d managed to repress the anxiety I felt,” Lauda recalls today. “And fourth place was not too bad, all things considered. I could sense that Enzo Ferrari’s faith in me was unqualified, but, on a personal level, taking part in that race was a great psychological victory.”

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Paddock People!



HOBBIES

PETER SAUBER: CIGARS

Before I say any more about my hobby, I should start off by clearing up a preconception that has been so commonplace in the Formula One paddock for years: I am not a heavy smoker. Actually, I am a non-smoker!

OK, well, that does sound strange, but I smoke purely for pleasure, and that is all. I'm not an addict or anything – I just find that a cigar gives me the relaxation that one so often needs in this hectic sport. So I will regularly smoke a cigar, and it's become somewhat of a tradition in the motorhome after every test session or race, irrelevant of whether the team performed well or not.

It is interesting that I have never been able to answer this question: when did you start smoking? I wasn't inspired by my parents. And cigarettes and pipes have never appealed to me.

I think I inhaled for the very first time shortly after I founded my motor racing firm in 1970. My workshop manager smoked cheroots or stogies, which are very cheap cigars that are cylindrical and clipped at both ends. Mark Twain always smoked them, actually. Anyway, my workshop manager used to puff a brand called Villiger – and 30 years ago, this company was a sponsor of the Shadow team.

Later, I began to consider the taste and changed to the foreign brands. I currently like to smoke Davidoff, because the quality is always the same. A Special 'T' is allowed on a race weekend.

Of course, I enjoy the wonderful smell of Havana cigars, which, legend has it, are each rolled on the thigh of a dusky maiden. At all times, I will ensure I have a Montecristo Edmundo in my luggage. A Cohiba Robusto also allows me to forget the stress of the daily grind. Since I passed my company into the hands of BMW, my workload hasn't reduced.

At home, beside Lake Zurich, I keep a humidor that is almost one metre tall, which is a paradise for cigars – they're all very happy in there! People are very kind and often give me cigars as gifts. I should give a special mention to our oldest fan, Hermine, an 85-year-old lady who would send me a box of Havanas for every world championship point we won.

By the way, when I do light up at home, I'm forced to do so out on the balcony or in the garden. My wife and children are all real non-smokers!

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LOVE / HATE

1. GERMAN BREAD
There's nothing like it. English bread is too soft. To survive in England I had to get a second fridge to store the German bread I brought from home.

2. BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS
I need to spend some quiet time every morning reading. It's my time to relax. It freaks me out if I have to start the day all hectic and in a panic.

3. CAKES
I have a sweet tooth and cakes are my biggest weakness. On a good day, I have three or four slices. My favourite is black and white marble cake.

4. THE MOUNTAINS
I love the mountains – they offer you a variety of sports: skiing, climbing, walking, etc. My favourite place in the world is the French Alps.

5. ITALY
Beautiful architecture, great fashion, good food... and Italian men are so gorgeous. Would I marry one? I'm not sure – apparently, if you marry an Italian man, you marry his mother, too.

1. BEING COLD
In our office in Milton Keynes, my boss – Mr Eric Silbermann – insists on turning the air-conditioning down to around 10 degrees and then steals my own personal heater. I HATE it!

2. QUEUES
I am not patient, and queuing is a waste of time. In Germany, we don't queue; we're too efficient.

3. SPIDERS
When I was a child, my grandmother told me I should be frightened of them, so now I have a complete phobia.

4. DRUNKEN MEN
They smell awful. Their breath smells like rotten eggs and they behave stupidly. Just have one beer...

5. DUTCH HOLIDAYMAKERS
In Germany, we have a nickname for them – 'käsfresser', or 'cheese-munchers'. They block up the motorways with their caravans, slowing everyone down.

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LUCKY NUMBERS

BRUNO SENNA

The iSport International GP2 driver has been tipped as a future F1 champion, but it seems he's quite good with other kinds of hardware too…

250

MY FRIENDS AND I WOULD GET THROUGH 250 LITRES OF FUEL EVERY WEEK... riding our jet skis. I would ride for nine hours every day. As a kid I would wear a wetsuit and white helmet, and looked just like a little cartoon character called Formiga Atômica. It means 'Atomic Ant', and that was my uncle Ayrton's nickname for me.

115

I'VE SPENT 115 HOURS DEVELOPING A COMPUTER GAME... Last year I raced a Ferrari 430 at Silverstone and it was a great weekend for me: I was quickest in every session, and I won both poles and then both races. As a result I was asked to help develop the Ferrari Challenge game for the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo DS. For 15 weeks I sat alongside the codewriter, playing the game and telling him everything that needed to be changed to make the driving simulation more realistic.



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I HAVE THREE IPODS... I love gadgets and browsing in electronics stores. These days, because of travel, I use a laptop, but I used to build my own computers. I am also into sound systems and am putting together a home theatre.

3

I'VE DRIVEN THREE OF MY UNCLE'S F1 CARS... his Lotuses from 1985 and 1986, and the 1988 McLaren. I'd only just started in Formula BMW when I drove the '86 Lotus at Interlagos in 2004, and jumping from 140bhp to 750bhp was insane. Then I went from that to the 1200bhp McLaren-Honda MP4/4. I had to coax it quite gently around Goodwood.

90

I HAVE 90 VINYLS IN MY RECORD BAG... but these days I just download. I'm really into house music and used to DJ at a few big clubs in Brazil. But then I found it was starting to damage my hearing, so now I only DJ occasionally, like at my sister's birthday party last month.

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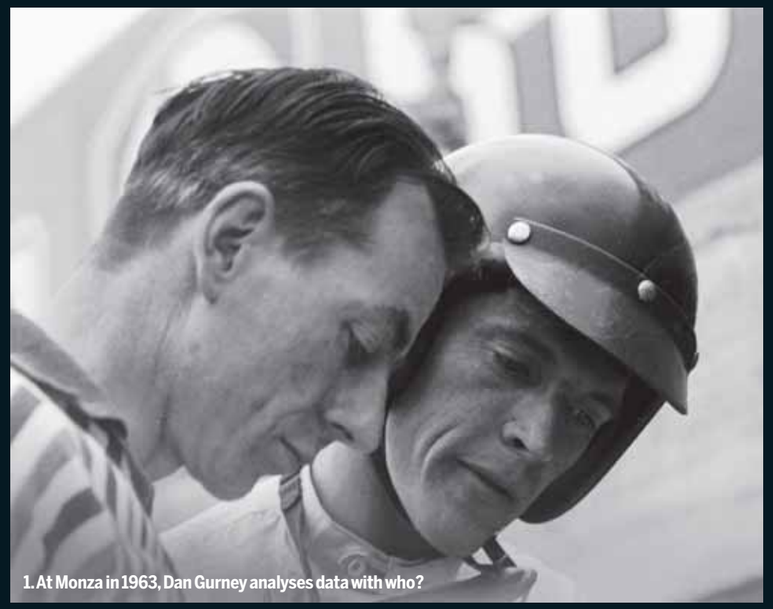
I CAN FIT 20 BATHROBES INTO MY SUITCASE... but I haven't stayed in a Hilton since I signed my sponsorship deal with them. I'm hoping now that if I steal a bathrobe they won't charge me. Maybe I should get that in writing.

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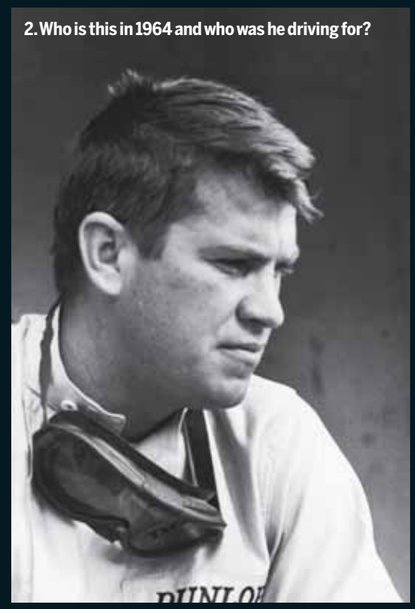
I WAS IN SIXTH PLACE ON LAP 11 IN THE GP2 SPRINT RACE IN TURKEY THIS YEAR... when I drove into a stray dog, completely destroying my car. It was a real shock. After that, I'm sure I wasn't popular with animal lovers, but in fact I'm very fond of dogs and in Brazil we have a Samoyed, which looks a bit like a wolf. It's basically a Siberian Husky but all white, with very soft long fur.

Italian lesson

The unforgiving track at Monza has played host to some unforgettable moments... But can you work out what's happening in our selection of classic shots and earn yourself top marks?



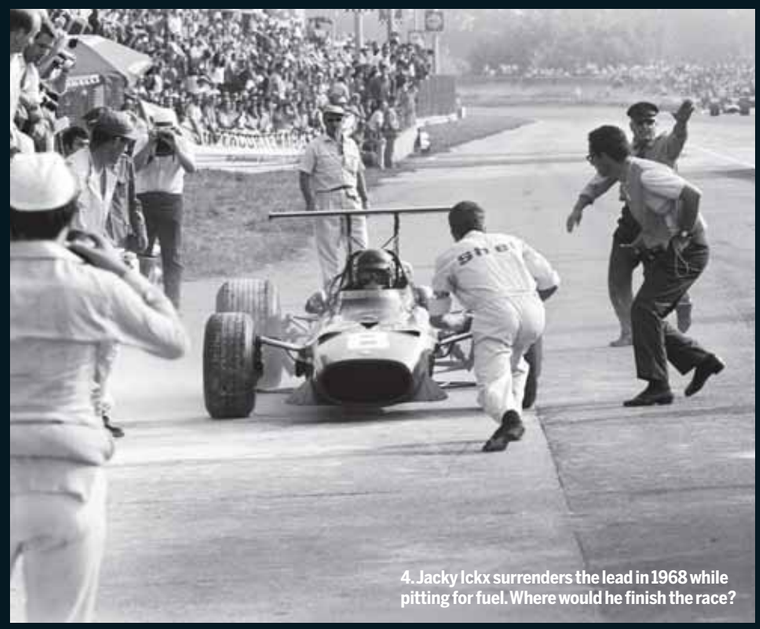
1. At Monza in 1963, Dan Gurney analyses data with who?



2. Who is this in 1964 and who was he driving for?



3. Jim Clark in 1966, but in the wrong car. Whose Lotus is he sitting in here?



4. Jacky Ickx surrenders the lead in 1968 while pitting for fuel. Where would he finish the race?

1. BRABHAM DESIGNER RON TAURANAC. 2. RONNIE BUCKNUM AND HE DROVE FOR HONDA. 3. IT'S THE LOTUS-CLIMAX OF GIACOMO RUSSO (GEKI). CLARK'S LOTUS-BRM WAS NUMBERED 22. 4. THIRD.

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Either/Or

TIMO GLOCK

Despite still being the new boy at Toyota, it's clear from our questionnaire that this semi-rookie knows his own mind...

WET RACE OR DRY RACE?
Dry race.

RACE OR QUALIFYING?
Race – that's where you score points and get the trophies.

SALAD OR STEAK?
Steak.

MINIVAN OR MOTORCYCLE?
I used to do a bit of motocross when I was younger and my dad was a big fan, so I would say motorcycle.

YACHT OR PLANE?
I don't have either. I'll settle for my motorhome.

SUPERMODEL OR GIRL NEXT DOOR?
My girlfriend! But if it's only hypothetical, then the girl next door.

WINE OR WATER?
Water, wine isn't my favourite drink – sorry Jarno!

SUIT OR CASUAL?
Casual, no question. I don't feel comfortable in a suit.

NEWSPAPER OR COMIC BOOK?
Neither.

BEACH OR MOUNTAIN?
I don't have time for holidays at the moment so I'd take either, but I prefer warm weather so that means the beach.

SHOPPING MALL OR INTERNET SHOPPING?
Shopping in general isn't my favourite thing.

MONACO APARTMENT OR SWISS CHALET?
Neither. I prefer to stay in Germany where my family and friends are. I have modest tastes.

BEARD OR SHAVE?
I can't imagine myself with a beard, so shave, for sure.



IPOD OR VINYL?
I'm definitely part of the iPod generation.

GOLF OR FOOTBALL?
Football.

BOOK OR TV?
TV, I don't read books to be honest – I don't have the time.

MOZART OR MOTÖRHEAD?
Motörhead – I love rock music.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN OR QUIET NIGHT AT HOME?
Now I am a Formula One driver I have to say a quiet night at home!

TRAINING IN THE GYM OR TRAINING ON THE ROAD?
Training outside is more enjoyable.

MONEY OR GLORY?
Glory every time.

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