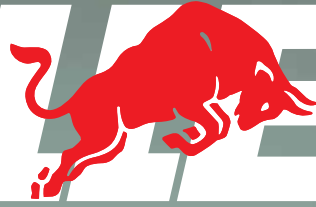


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**VIEW FROM THE TOP**  
It doesn't matter if you're a race fan or seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher, at Monaco everyone wants to get as close to the action as possible.  
PHOTOGRAPHY: JOHN TOWNSEND

# MONACO

## SUNDAY 25.05.08

*The clouds have been hanging over the surrounding hills all weekend, but when we woke up this morning the threatened rain had finally arrived. A wet race was going to make things really interesting. Carefully planned strategies would no longer apply and those in the midfield would surely fancy their chances of getting on the podium...*

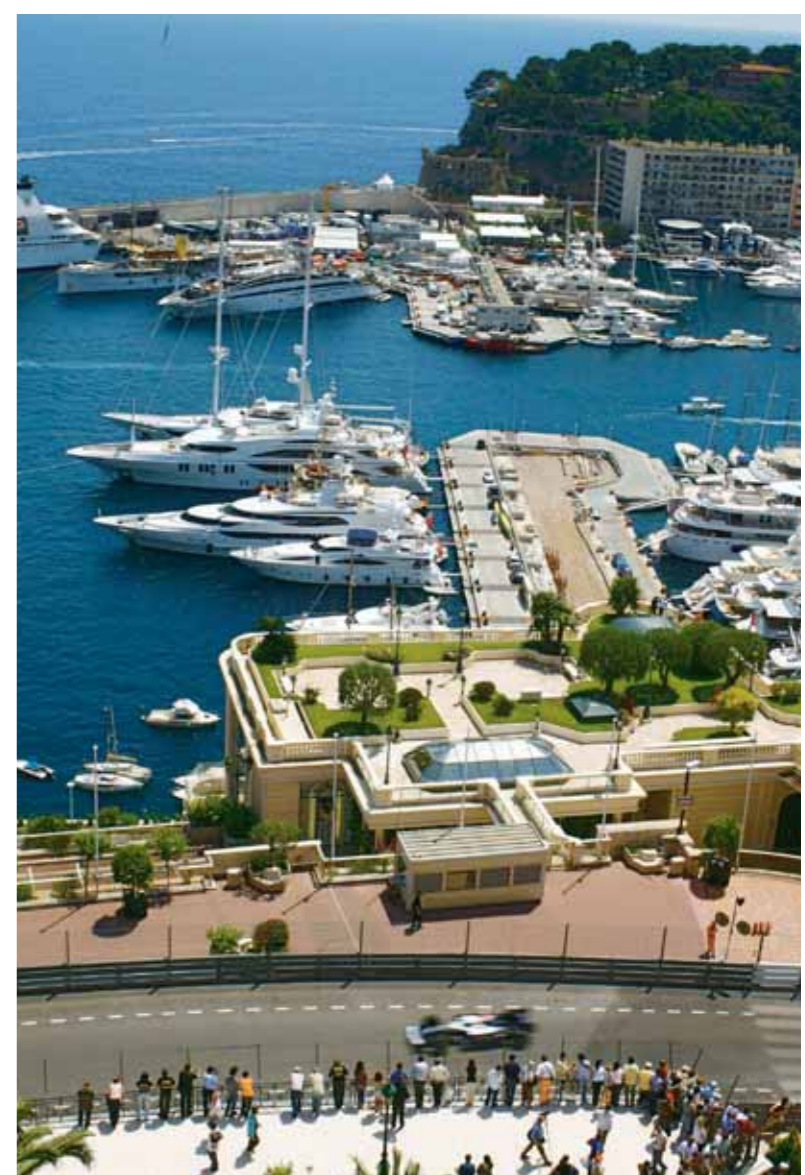


# GOING CLOSE TO THE EDGE

The difference between the perfect line and disaster is just a few millimetres around the twists and turns of Monte Carlo. If the drivers get it wrong, the barriers will make them pay a high price.



**MESSING ABOUT ON BOATS**  
Regular Monaco visitor Jean Alesi takes a break from the action to chat with Slavica Ecclestone; Flavio Briatore has work to do as he escorts guests to the Force Blue; Mika Häkkinen follows yacht etiquette and removes his shoes before boarding.





## **GREAT EXPECTATIONS**

*The tension in the build-up to the start of the Monaco grand prix is almost unbearable. Everybody is waiting to see their favourite F1 star perform in the race that every driver desperately wants to win.*

# JOHNNIE WALKER



**START OF THE CHAOS**  
*Felipe Massa got away well, but Kimi Räikkönen made a bad start in the wet. He was passed by Lewis Hamilton, who then ruined his good work by thumping the barriers, which destroyed his right rear tyre and he had to pit.*



**MIXED FORTUNES**  
*The rain caused havoc with almost everyone suffering at some stage. Jenson Button spins into the Nouvelle Chicane late on; Fernando Alonso collides with Nick Heidfeld early in the race and (right) Mark Webber, who profited in the closing stages after Kimi Räikkönen and Adrian Sutil collided, leaving the Red Bull Racing driver fourth.*



**RED BULL  
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UNA MONACO**

*Holland's Valerie Wigardt is the lucky lady who gets to join us in São Paulo for the 2008 season finale.*

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# SÉBASTIEN BOURDAIS' GUIDE TO THE INDY 500

No stranger to a super-fast oval, four-time ChampCar champion and Toro Rosso driver Sébastien Bourdais gives us the inside line on tonight's race.

## THE GREAT RACE

Along with the Monaco Grand Prix and Le Mans 24 Hours, the legendary Indianapolis 500 is considered one of the greatest races in the world. As it zooms towards its centenary, it's still going as strong as ever, especially now that the warring IRL and ChampCar factions have finally made peace and reunited. As the 33 qualifiers – including former grand prix drivers Justin Wilson and Enrique Bernoldi – prepare for the biggest race on the IndyCar calendar, we ask France's king of American racing and multiple ChampCar champion Sébastien Bourdais to give us the lowdown...

Now that ChampCar and IRL have finally come back together, who's going to be top of the pile in the Indy 500?

"Clearly the top three teams are Andretti Green, Ganassi and Penske. It's a problem for the ChampCar teams, as they've been handed a car that they don't know, and which they'll have to develop to be competitive. With the ovals, it's a drag contest – whoever runs the fastest aero combination with the least amount of drag. The IRL teams have had four years to work on it and spent millions of dollars, while the ChampCar teams have been left in the dark. For sure, an IRL team will win."

So, who should The Red Bulletin readers put their money on then?

"Obviously, you have the Target Ganassi drivers and Tony Kanaan, then Marco Andretti has the same equipment and Danica [Patrick]. They've been up there [leading the race] in the past. Marco nearly won it. I don't see anybody being able to challenge them, but Indy is a very special race and it's not always the fastest car that wins. If the yellows fall the wrong way, it's game over. It's very different to racing in Europe."



Clockwise from main picture: Scott Dixon starts on pole; Danica Patrick is the only woman to win an IndyCar series race; Team Andretti are in with a chance of victory; Italian Max Papis crashes on the third day of qualifying.

## INDY 500 FACTS

- \$100,000** The amount of money Scott Dixon won for getting pole position this year.
- 0.043s** The smallest ever margin of victory (Al Unser Jr over Scott Goodyear in 1992).
- \$20** The starting price for a race-day ticket this year.
- 4** The highest number of victories, a record shared by AJ Foyt (1961, '64, '67, '77), Al Unser (1970-71, '78, '87) and Rick Mears (1979, '84, '88, '91).
- 430** The number of laps Michael Andretti has led without winning.
- 29** The highest number of different leaders in a single race (1960).
- 4** The number of drivers who have completed the race without making a pitstop.



## WHAT HAPPENED TO SEB IN '05

"It was a very intense and extreme race. Two laps before the end, we were in fourth and going quite well until someone caught our right rear tyre. For us, it was 496 miles instead of 500! It's a great race, you just need to never give up. There are so many good starts and very little changes can make a big difference, even if you don't have the quickest car. You can not necessarily lead the pack, but still get a good result. A field of 33 cars is a very big pack. If you get close to someone, you need to make sure you pass, because if you don't get past and then get to a corner, you have to back off. It's all about keeping the momentum going – it's more like a chess game!"



## ONES TO WATCH

### NEWMAN/HAAS/LANIGAN RACING JUSTIN WILSON GRAHAM RAHAL

The IRL teams hold the advantage, but which former ChampCar drivers could end up surprising them?

"For sure, the ones who are the best against the IRL teams are Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing. They're a really strong group of people with two good drivers in Justin Wilson and Graham Rahal. Eventually, they will catch up. It would have been more fair if they had started the new series with a new car, with everyone on the same level, rather than handing [the IRL teams] a huge advantage."



## THE TOP 21

SCOTT DIXON 226.366MPH	HELIO CASTRONEVES 225.733MPH	MARCO ANDRETTI 224.417MPH	ED CARPENTER 223.835MPH	GRAHAM RAHAL 222.531MPH	JUSTIN WILSON 222.267MPH	ALEX LLOYD 221.788MPH
DAN WHELDON 226.110MPH	DANICA PATRICK 225.197MPH	VITOR MEIRA 224.346MPH	TOMAS SCHECKTER 223.496MPH	DARREN MANNING 222.430MPH	BUDDY RICE 222.101MPH	RYAN HUNTER 221.579MPH
RYAN BRISCOE 226.080MPH	TONY KANAAN 224.794MPH	HIDEKI MU TOH 223.887MPH	TOWNSEND BELL 222.539MPH	BRUNO JUNQUEIRA 222.330MPH	DAVEY HAMILTON 222.017MPH	JOHN ANDRETTI 221.550MPH



# ‘Olivier nudged me and said, “I’m going to win tomorrow”’

**GP MONACO, MONTE CARLO, MAY 19, 1996**

**Ligier hadn't won a race since the Canadian GP in 1981 and Olivier Panis had only a solitary point to his name after the first five races of 1996 – but the Frenchman felt sure Monaco would suit him...**

Olivier Panis's confidence at Monaco appeared justified after he set sixth quickest time during the opening day of practice on the Principality's streets, but racing cars are unpredictable, and the Mugen Honda-powered Ligier JS43 was no exception. Electrical problems intervened during qualifying and limited Olivier's track time. As he left the circuit on Saturday, he had to contemplate the prospect of starting 14th.

First, though, there was a gourmet evening with team sponsor Seita, in a private suite on the top floor of the Hotel de Paris, and the team's PR officer Chris Williams recalls the occasion well: "We'd had a lovely meal," he says, "and things were just starting to wind down. I had a glass of really nice Armagnac in my hand and wandered over to the back of the room to stand on a balcony that overlooked the track. Olivier was already there, and as we peered

down he nudged me and said, 'I'm going to win tomorrow.' It didn't seem likely, but his words didn't surprise me, because there was just a feeling that the car would be good in Monaco."

When Panis set the quickest lap on a dry track during the Sunday morning warm-up, nobody gave it much thought – it wasn't unknown for teams to run light in such sessions to score a few fleeting publicity points, and it was assumed the race would be a straight fight between Michael Schumacher – who had somehow conjured a pole lap from the horrible Ferrari F310 – and world championship leader Damon Hill in his Williams FW18-Renault.

A pre-race downpour altered teams' strategic thinking and Ligier filled Panis's tank to the top, figuring he might be able to run non-stop if the track stayed properly wet. Everybody began the race on rain tyres, with the exception of Jos Verstappen, who opted for a set of slicks

on his Footwork and duly crashed at the first corner. Hill led away from the start, and Schumacher's challenge lasted only half a lap because he slid into the barriers just before Portier. Wary of his heavy fuel load, meanwhile, Panis made a steady start and settled into 12th.

He then set out to disprove the Monaco theory of overtaking impossibility by passing Martin Brundle's Jordan at Rascasse. Ten laps later he dived past Mika Häkkinen's McLaren on the approach to Mirabeau, and then Johnny Herbert's Sauber at the hairpin. "Every time he passed a car," says Williams, "I kept thinking about our conversation the previous evening, and wondering..."

As the track began to dry on lap 27, Panis pitted for slicks and an extra splash of fuel to allow for the sudden increase in lap speeds. Ligier's timing was spot-on, but other teams reacted a touch too slowly – McLaren called

in Häkkinen, who wasn't a factor, on lap 28, but left Coulthard, in fourth, to struggle on wets until lap 29. After the pit-stop shake-up, Hill led from Jean Alesi in the Benetton, Eddie Irvine in the Ferrari, Panis and Coulthard. On lap 36,

**‘Every time he passed a car, I kept thinking about our conversation and wondering’**

Panis gave Irvine's car a playful tap at the hairpin – the Ulsterman slid wide and the Frenchman was up to third, albeit with a mildly skewed right-side steering arm. When Hill's engine blew up five laps later, Panis was up to second – though it was a distant second, as he

then spun at the chicane as he hit Hill's oil. That appeared to have cemented a safe victory for Alesi, until a broken rear damper for the French Sicilian dictated otherwise.

By lap 61, Panis led just nine cars. Jacques Villeneuve and the much-lapped Luca Badoer then collided at Mirabeau, and Mika Salo, Häkkinen and Irvine contrived to have a farcical three-car pile-up on the approach to Portier.

With the two-hour limit approaching, the chequered flag was shown after 75 of the 78 scheduled laps, and Panis took his first, and only, F1 win, with only a handful of cars left.

"Hirotoishi Honda from Mugen was with us that weekend," says Williams, "and I asked him to sign the guestbook. Before the race he wrote, in big letters, 'WE WANT WIN'. I asked him to sign it again afterwards. He did a lovely illustration of Olivier carrying the French tricolor, and added, 'WE GOT WIN.'"

# OUT OF YOUR MIND

Feeling a little tired and seasick after all that champagne and diving off yachts? Welcome to the latest Red Bulletin quiz, the perfect antidote for a glamour hangover.

1. What was the previous name of the UEFA Cup?

2. This week, some of the F1 drivers were invited to the Amber Lounge Monaco fashion party. Ten drivers drank juice, eight of them ate cake, and six drivers had juice and cake. How many drivers were at the party?

3. Any Questions Answered is a mobile service in the UK: you text them a question and they give you an answer. We asked them to tell us who are the 10 most unpopular Formula One drivers of all time. Who did they name?

• Bonus point for naming the number one.

4. Well now, who do you think they said are the 10 most popular drivers?

5. The first modern era Monaco Grand Prix was held in 1950. Seven drivers completed the race. Can you name them?

20. Films are like books, only better. Take a look at these posters: Which movies are they for?

6. OK, that was going back a bit, so try this one. Name the 10 finishers of the Monaco GP in 2000.

• Bonus point for naming the winner.

7. Now, name the top 10 finishers from last year's race in the Principality.

• Bonus point for knowing who came fourth.

8. AS Monaco FC play their football in the French and Monégasque

football division 1, or 'Ligue 1 Orange'.

They have won it seven times – name the years in which they have won 'le championnat'.

• Bonus point for knowing who designed their famous red and white diagonal shirts.

9. As you'll have seen, the Red Bull Energy Station is quite a fancy piece of construction. The one here in Monaco took seven days to build, and the workmen doubled its height each day. How many days did it take for the Energy Station to reach half its complete height?

11. Name the album covers below.

• One point for the artist, and one for each album name.



12. Last Wednesday, Manchester United proved once again that they are the best team in the history of football, sport and everything else by winning the European Cup, or Champions League, or whatever they're calling it this year. Name each team that has won since United last won in 1999.

13. Last Wednesday, Chelsea FC proved that, once again, they are not the best team in the history of football, sport and not falling over taking spot-kicks, by losing the European Cup Final on penalties. Name all the other teams that have lost the final since Manchester United beat FC Bayern Munich.

14. Tough one this, but can you list the 10 most common surnames in Japan in 2006?

15. We all need to buy onions. But remember when they used to be much cheaper? That's the price we pay for living in the world's most

expensive cities. Where are the 10 most expensive places to live?

• Bonus point for getting the number one place.

16. Of which countries are these cities the capitals? (a) Kabul (b) Manama (c) Santiago (d) Cairo (e) Tehran (f) Jakarta (g) Wellington (h) Lisbon (i) Bucharest (j) Belgrade.

• Bonus point if you know all 10 – teacher's pet!

17. Girls all over the world drink wine with food, while men drink beer with their dinner. Can you name the world's top 10 best-selling beers?

18. What occurs twice in a lifetime, but once in a year, twice in a week, but never in a day?

19. Now then, Ice Dancing... Like it or not, it is a sport. Judges need abbreviations for fancy moves, so they can keep up when skaters are whizzing around. Five points for getting even close to figuring these out: (a) FCSp (b) STw (c) SSp (d) CCSp (e) LSp (f) PSP (g) Lz (h) NtMiTw (i) F (j) BoDs.

21. Who are these folks who've lost their heads (and everything else, it seems) in the Monaco sunshine?



(a)

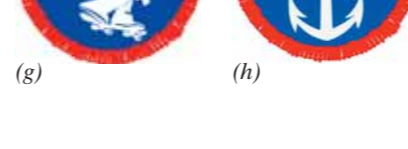
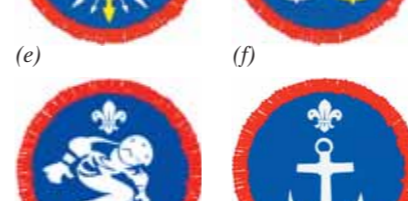
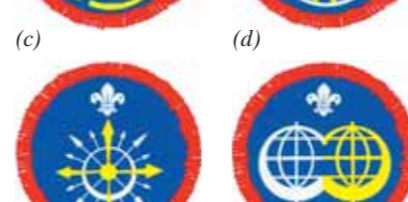
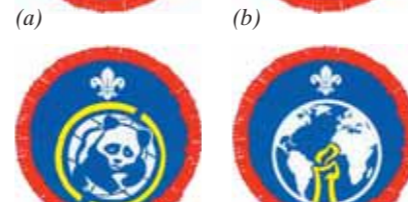
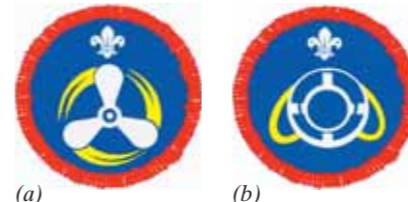


(b)



(c)

23. Scout badges are back by popular demand! What subjects or activities do you do to get these?



24. Matt, our chief writer, has a bizarre fear of polystyrene, and cries whenever he sees it. Many people all over the world have similar strange fears. But just what are the following phobias?

(a) Logizomechanophobia (b) Bufonophobia (c) Xyrophobia (d) Pteromerhanophobia (e) Pedophobia (f) Phobophobia (g) Melophobia (h) Hobophobia (i) Eurotophobia (j) Abultophobia.

25. Think F1's for tough guys? Real men strip down to their underpants, cover themselves in baby oil and start slapping each other, with the occasional cuddle. Below are 10 professional wrestling moves, five are real and five are fake. Name the real ones. One point for each correct answer: (a) Asian Mist (b) Back-breaker (c) Bitch Slap (d) Monsoon Wedding (e) Mandible Claw (f) Patten Assault (g) Powerslam

22. Flags were originally invented for sandcastles. But where/what do these denote?



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)

(h) Chokeslam (i) Steel grip (j) Forman Pinch.

27. In the whirlwind world of F1, it's easy to forget where you come from. Now, you may remember where you were born, but which 2008 drivers were born in these towns? (a) Heidelberg (b) Oviedo (c) Mönchengladbach (d) Stevenage (e) Aichi.

• Bonus point if you know who comes from Bungay.

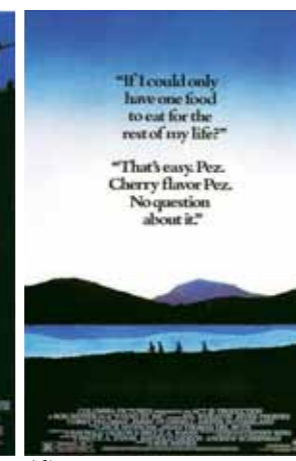
28. Name the top 10 countries in A1GP last season. Get a point for each. • Bonus point if you know in what position each of them finished.

29. Name all the planets in the solar system, in order of distance from the sun.

30. In the '80s TV series Airwolf, when Stringfellow Hawke wasn't blowing up baddies in the eponymous helicopter, what was his favourite pastime?

## ANSWERS

- The Inter-City Fairs Cup
- It's 12 drivers. Six had juice and cake, leaving two out of the cake-eaters who didn't have juice. As there were 10 juicers, there must be 12 drivers in total.
- Michael Schumacher is reportedly number one; Ralf Schumacher, Jacques Villeneuve, Alain Prost, Nigel Mansell, Lewis Hamilton, Stirling Moss, Ayrton Senna, Gerhard Berger, Eddie Irvine.
- Ayrton Senna, Michael Schumacher, Juan Manuel Fangio, Alain Prost, Jackie Stewart, Jim Clark, Kimi Räikkönen, Mika Häkkinen, Gilles Villeneuve, Niki Lauda.
- (1) Juan Manuel Fangio (2) Alberto Ascari (3) Louis Chiron (4) Raymond Sommer (5) Prince Bira (6) Bob Gerard (7) Johnny Claes.
- (1) David Coulthard (2) Rubens Barrichello (3) Giancarlo Fisichella (4) Eddie Irvine (5) Mika Salo (6) Mika Häkkinen (7) Jacques Villeneuve (8) Nick Heidfeld (9) Johnny Herbert (10) Heinz-Harald Frentzen.
- (1) Fernando Alonso (2) Lewis Hamilton (3) Felipe Massa (4) Giancarlo Fisichella (5) Robert Kubica (6) Nick Heidfeld (7) Alexander Wurz (8) Kimi Räikkönen (9) Scott Speed (10) Rubens Barrichello.
- 1961, '63, '78, '82, '88, '97, 2000. Believe it or not, Grace Kelly, or 'Princess Grace', was the one who came up with the shirt design.
- It took six days.
- Chamonix, France.
- (a) Fleetwood Mac – Greatest Hits (b) The Beach Boys – Pet Sounds (c) The Kooks – Inside In/Inside Out (d) The Rolling Stones – Hot Rocks 1964-71 (e) Kiss – The Gene Simmons Solo Album.
- AC Milan ('07), Barcelona ('06), Liverpool ('05), Porto ('04), AC Milan ('03), Real Madrid ('02), Bayern Munich ('01), Real Madrid (2000).
- Liverpool ('07), Arsenal ('06), AC Milan ('05), Monaco ('04), Juventus ('03), Bayer Leverkusen ('02), Valencia ('01), Valencia (2000).
- (1) Satou (2) Suzuki (3) Takahashi (4) Tanaka (5) Watanabe (6) Itou (7) Nakamura (8) Yamamoto (9) Kobayashi (10) Saitou.
- (1) Oslo, Norway (2) Paris, France (3) Copenhagen, Denmark (4) London, UK (5) Tokyo, Japan (6) Osaka, Japan (7) Reykjavik, Iceland (8) Zurich, Switzerland (9) Frankfurt, Germany (10) Helsinki, Finland.
- (a) Afghanistan (b) Bahrain (c) Chile (d) Egypt (e) Iran (f) Indonesia (g) New Zealand (h) Portugal (i) Romania (j) Serbia.
- Budweiser, Bud Light, Skol, Corona, Heineken, Coors Light, Asahi Superdry, Miller Lite, Brahma Chopp, Polar.
- The Letter E.
- (a) Flying camel spin (b) Synchronised twizzles (c) Sit spin (d) Change foot camel spin (e) Layback spin (the easiest spin of all) (f) Pair spin (g) Lutz jump (h) Not touching midline sequential twizzles (i) Flip jump (j) Backward outside death spiral (ouch).
- (a) ET the Extra Terrestrial (b) Fletch (c) Platoon (d) Stand By Me (e) The Big Blue.
- (a) Bernie and Slavica Ecclestone (b) Renault physiotherapist Fabricio Borra and Fernando Alonso (c) Lewis Hamilton.
- (a) Sri Lanka (b) The Flag of the Commonwealth (c) Isle of Man (d) Malaysia (e) Macedonia
- (a) Power Coxswain (b) Lifesaver (c) Global Conservation (d) World Faiths (e) Navigator (f) Interpreter (g) Street Sports (h) Basic Nautical Skills.
- (a) Computers (b) Toads (c) Razors (d) Flying (e) Children (f) Phobias (g) Music (h) Homeless people or people begging (i) Female genitalia (oooh, scary!) (j) Washing or bathing.
- (a), (b), (e), (g) and (h) are real. The rest are made up, but we think they should be incorporated somehow.
- Structures formed when lightning bolts superheat sand and melt it into glass tubes, sometimes running metres underground. Cool, eh? Might not want to get too near, though.
- (a) Nelson Piquet (b) Fernando Alonso (c) Nick Heidfeld (d) Lewis Hamilton (e) Kazuki Nakajima. Bernie Ecclestone is from the sleepy market town of Bungay, in Suffolk, UK. Well, we all have to start somewhere.
- (1) Switzerland (2) New Zealand (3) Great Britain (4) France (5) South Africa (6) Ireland (7) Netherlands (8) Germany (9) Canada (10) India.
- Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. Yes, Pluto is still a planet, you idiot, it's just a dwarf one now – so there!
- The clue's in the name. He charmed the birds from the trees with works by Prokofiev, played on a Stradivarius cello by his lakeside log cabin, just as you would expect.



(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

# GP MONACO QUOTES

*Felipe Massa couldn't believe his luck and it looked as if Sebastian Vettel had got his wish, but not everyone was feeling so positive.*

"IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO OVERTAKE, BUT I THINK IT IS QUITE AN OPEN RACE AND AS WE ARE NOT FIGHTING FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP, WE CAN APPROACH THIS RACE AGGRESSIVELY AND TAKE A FEW RISKS"  
FERNANDO ALONSO

**"THIS MORNING WHEN I WOKE UP, I THOUGHT, 'THIS IS IT, I'M FINALLY GOING TO DRIVE MONACO IN AN F1 CAR!'"**  
SÉBASTIEN BURDAIS REALISES HIS DREAMS.

"I FEEL I BELONG THERE. I FEEL I'VE DONE ENOUGH TO HAVE A PROPER GO AT IT AND I THINK I WAS ONLY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE IN WHAT I CAN DO"  
ANTHONY DAVIDSON FEELS THE FRUSTRATION OF NOT DRIVING F1 IN MONACO.

**"WITH MY PENALTY I WILL BE AT THE BACK OF THE GRID. SO I'M HOPING FOR RAIN... LOTS OF RAIN!"**  
SEBASTIAN VETTEL

**"I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE I'M ON POLE. IT'S UNBELIEVABLE"**

FELIPE MASSA WONDERS WHAT HE GOT SO RIGHT ON A TRACK HE HAS STRUGGLED AT IN THE PAST.

**"IT'S ABOUT THE DRIVER WITH THE BIGGEST BALLS WHO CAN GET CLOSEST TO THE BARRIERS"**

LEWIS HAMILTON

"IT'S NORMAL FOR THEM TO BE PUSHING ME, THIS IS THE WAY RENAULT IS. THEY LIKE TO PUSH THE DRIVERS AND THEY THINK THIS IS BETTER. THE DRIVER NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO FOCUS HIMSELF, PUT THINGS ASIDE AND WORK"

NELSON PIQUET RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO HIS TEAM'S INSISTENCE THAT HE IMPROVE IN THE WAKE OF SOME DIFFICULT RACES.

"I SUPPOSE THEY COULD COME BACK TO ME. THEY COULD GET THE BUILDING DONE IN SIX MONTHS. BUT I WOULD NOT PUT MONEY ON IT. THE BRDC KNOW THE TERMS. IF THEY MEET THEM, THEN WE ARE IN BUSINESS. BUT AT THE MOMENT THEY CAN'T AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO RACE IN 2010"

BERNIE ECCLESTONE DELIVERS ANOTHER WARNING TO SILVERSTONE.

**"WE'RE STILL FULLY BEHIND WANTING TO KEEP THE GRAND PRIX AND OUR FULL FOCUS IS ON THAT. EVERYTHING'S READY TO GO, THE ONLY THING WE DON'T HAVE AT THE MOMENT IS THE MONEY"**

SILVERSTONE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SPENCER CANNINGS TRIES TO FIGHT BACK.



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**MON'08  
RACE RESULTS**

**2** **ROBERT KUBICA  
BMW SAUBER**  
**1** **LEWIS HAMILTON  
MCLAREN-MERCEDES**  
**3** **FELIPE MASSA  
FERRARI**

**RESULTS IN FULL**

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	Lewis Hamilton	McLaren-Mercedes	76	2 hr 00:42.742	10
2	Robert Kubica	BMW Sauber	76	+3.0 secs	8
3	Felipe Massa	Ferrari	76	+4.8 secs	6
4	Mark Webber	RBR-Renault	76	+19.2 secs	5
5	Sebastian Vettel	STR-Ferrari	76	+24.6 secs	4
6	Rubens Barrichello	Honda	76	+28.4 secs	3
7	Kazuki Nakajima	Williams-Toyota	76	+30.1 secs	2
8	Heikki Kovalainen	McLaren-Mercedes	76	+33.1 secs	1
9	Kimi Räikkönen	Ferrari	76	+33.7 secs	
10	Fernando Alonso	Renault	76	+1 lap	
11	Jenson Button	Honda	76	+1 lap	
12	Timo Glock	Toyota	76	+1 lap	
13	Jarno Trulli	Toyota	76	+1 lap	
14	Nick Heidfeld	BMW Sauber	76	+4 laps	
Ret	Adrian Sutil	Force India-Ferrari	69	+7 laps	
Ret	Nico Rosberg	Williams-Toyota	61	+15 laps	
Ret	Nelson Piquet	Renault	49	+27 laps	
Ret	Giancarlo Fisichella	Force India-Ferrari	38	+38 laps	
Ret	David Coulthard	RBR-Renault	9	+67 laps	
Ret	Sébastien Bourdais	STR-Ferrari	9	+67 laps	

**FASTEST LAP: RÄIKKÖNEN 1:16.689**

**DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	DRIVER	PTS
1	L Hamilton	38
2	K Räikkönen	35
3	F Massa	34
4	R Kubica	32
5	N Heidfeld	20
6	H Kovalainen	15
7	M Webber	15
8	F Alonso	9
9	J Trulli	9
10	N Rosberg	8

**CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

	TEAM	PTS
1	Ferrari	69
2	McLaren-Mercedes	53
3	BMW Sauber	52
4	Williams-Toyota	15
5	RBR-Renault	15
6	Toyota	9
7	Renault	9
8	STR-Ferrari	6
9	Honda	6
10	Force India-Ferrari	0

**ROLL THE DICE**

A puncture is rarely the best strategy, but Monaco in the rain has a habit of introducing unforeseen variables. After hitting the barrier in the Swimming Pool section, Lewis Hamilton's early stop, a full tank of fuel and a nod to the gods saw McLaren continue their peerless record on the streets of Monte Carlo.

It didn't look so good as the race began. Heikki Kovalainen failed to get away for the formation lap, and started in the pits. He wasn't alone in paying an early visit: Jenson Button lost his nose attacking Nick Heidfeld, Nico Rosberg his on the back of Fernando Alonso's Renault, and Timo Glock spun.



Felipe Massa led a Ferrari 1-2 in the opening exchanges, though Kimi Räikkönen dropped back after a stop-go penalty, leaving Robert Kubica to harass Massa. When the Brazilian slithered up the exit road at Ste Devote, the BMW took the lead, Hamilton closed in. Massa and Kubica swapped places once again in the first round of scheduled pitstops, but it didn't matter, Hamilton, with his extra fuel, was ahead. The Ferraris went onto a one-stop strategy, but that didn't matter either, Hamilton had the hammer down, pulling away from the chasing Massa. By the time he stopped Hamilton had time to rejoin still leading, perfectly in the window to take dry tyres. Kubica re-passed Massa as both took fresh rubber.



There was drama to come. A huge accident for Rosberg in the Swimming Pool section brought out the safety car; a 40-second lead evaporated, but Hamilton dealt calmly with it. Not so Räikkönen. Having recovered to fifth, and chasing the magnificent Adrian Sutil, Kimi lost control out of the tunnel and hammered into the rear of the Force India, cruelly ending Sutil's day. Webber took fourth for Red Bull; Sebastian Vettel fifth in the new Toro Rosso. Rubens Barrichello and Kazuki Nakajima followed and Kovalainen recovered to take an improbable point on an improbable afternoon.



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