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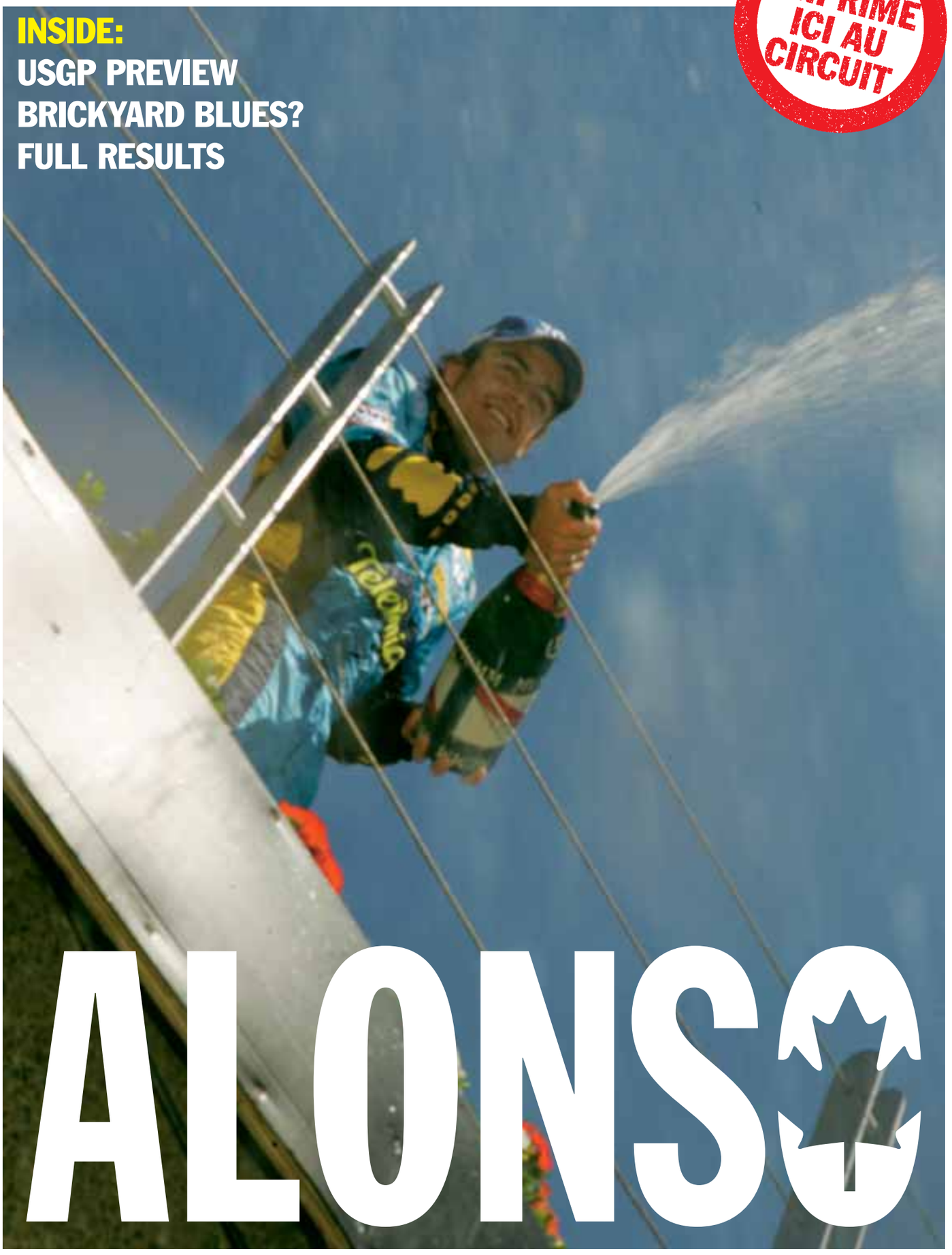
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STARTING LINE Quite a large contingent in the paddock this morning seemed to be considerably more interested in finding excuses to hang around and watch football rather than prepare for the race, but when attention did turn to motor racing the talk was all about another sort of hanging around, and whether or not Michael Schumacher, and for that matter the BMW-Saubers, were carrying a heavy load. If they are, it could have a very significant bearing on the race though of course, it might not be enough to get close to the Renaults, who looked to be in imperious form – but you have to stay optimistic, don't you?

THE GRID

1 Alonso **Renault** 1:14.942
2 Fisichella **Renault** 1:15.178
3 Raikkonen **McLaren-Mercedes** 1:15.386
4 Trulli **Toyota** 1:15.968
5 M Schumacher **Ferrari** 1:15.986
6 Rosberg **Williams-Cosworth** 1:16.012
7 Montoya **McLaren-Mercedes** 1:16.228
8 Button **Honda** 1:16.608
9 Barrichello **Honda** 1:16.912
10 Massa **Ferrari** 1:17.209
11 Villeneuve **BMW-Sauber** 1:15.832
12 Klien **RBR-Ferrari** 1:15.833
13 Heidfeld **BMW-Sauber** 1:15.885
14 R Schumacher **Toyota** 1:15.888
15 Liuzzi **STR-Cosworth** 1:16.116
16 Coulthard **RBR-Ferrari** 1:16.301
17 Webber **Williams-Cosworth** 1:16.985
18 Speed **STR-Cosworth** 1:17.016
19 Monteiro **MF1-Toyota** 1:17.121
20 Albers **MF1-Toyota** 1:17.140
21 Sato **Super Aguri-Honda** 1:19.088
22 Montagny **Super Aguri-Honda** 1:19.152

1st qualifying / 2nd qualifying / Final qualifying

THE FIGURES

$5 FOR JV'S DEBUT SINGLE, OUT TOMORROW

70 LAPS

5 LEFT TURNS

9 DIFFERENT RACES THIS WEEKEND

37TH CANADIAN GP

15 CANADIAN GPs FOR SCHUMI

FASTEST TIMES FROM THE SESSIONS

QUALIFYING:	FERNANDO ALONSO	1:14.942
PRACTICE 3:	FERNANDO ALONSO	1:15.455
PRACTICE 2:	ROBERT KUBICA	1:16.965
PRACTICE 1:	ROBERT KUBICA	1:16.390



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HEAD TO HEAD

Midland's afternoon was short-lived after Monteiro and Albers collided with each other on lap one.



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HOW TO GET AHEAD

Headwear doesn't just provide protection, it can show where you've come from... and where you've been.



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ALL EYES ON...

The one driver everyone has been watching all weekend. Make that all season.





WHITE HEAT

The rumour mill hotted up as BMW prepared to start, but both Nick and JV were only concerned about one thing: the race to the flag.

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ACTION STATIONS!

The one thing Super Aguri can never be accused of is a lax attitude. And the faster they are in the pits, the faster they'll be on the track.

PHOTO: MURIEL BROUSSEAU

LA UNA CANADA SANDRINE

It was a close call, but the secret Una Panel has decided it will be 24-year-old Sandrine Balthazard who represents Canada in the Formula Una final in Sao Paulo at the end of the season. Nice work.



PHOTO: THOMAS BUTLER

INDY: IS F1'S RACE RUN?

Winner Michael Schumacher had the sense not to celebrate, hardened F1 fans vowed to never return, Michelin tried to make amends and Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials struggled to contain their outrage. But that was a year ago. How have attitudes towards us changed in Indy? Are we going to be welcomed back or shown the road out of town? Our American sources spoke with the people who matter to discover if Formula One has run its course in Indianapolis.

PHOTO: CRASHPA.NET

Formula One racing has always been an acquired taste in America, frequently consumed at Watkins Glen and Long Beach, but barely touched in Las Vegas or Phoenix. When the United States Grand Prix pitched its tent at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) in 2000, it appeared this often-abandoned, wayward orphan had finally found itself a happy home.

But, of course, that was before last year's US Slap In The Face. With 14 of the 20 starters slithering into the pits like a big bag of snakes after the formation lap instead of taking their place on the grid, the USGP instantly became an endangered species again in the US.

The estimated 100,000 spectators showered the track with booze and boos as Ferrari finally found somebody it could beat in 2005 and staged what amounted to a glorified tyre test with Jordan and Minardi.

It was a world-class rip-off for the paying customers, an expensive insult to IMS president Tony George and a classic display of indifference, mismanagement and arrogance from a group which truly cares nothing about anything outside its insulated little world.

FIA president Max Mosley couldn't prevent the Michelin boycott because he was back in Europe trying to screw up F1 qualifying and even F1 power-broker Bernie Ecclestone stood by helplessly as this travesty took the green light.

Winner Michael Schumacher had the good sense not to celebrate, hardened F1 fans vowed to never return, Michelin tried to make nice afterwards and IMS officials struggled to contain their outrage in a post-race press conference.

Of course, the most staggering fact about what transpired last June is that IMS ownership and management agreed to have this dysfunctional lot back at 16th & Georgetown over the July 4 weekend.

> "I'M NOT GOING BACK THIS YEAR AS A SHOW OF PROTEST FOR WHAT THOSE DOGS DID TO US LAST YEAR"

Joie Chitwood, president and chief operating officer of IMS, said: "Obviously, we were pretty upset the first two days. But, after we calmed down, we started thinking that whatever decision we made doesn't just affect us. This was going to affect a lot of people in our community – our food and beverage business, our hotels, our transportation system and our caterers.





> "WE OFFER THE MOST ANYBODY COULD IN TERMS OF SETTING AND TRADITION AND I'D BE SURPRISED TO SEE IT MOVED TO ANOTHER VENUE"

"So we decided we were going to continue. We didn't want last year to be the last experience in Formula One racing in the United States."

Now, what remains to be seen is whether the racing public will forgive and forget quite so quickly.

Tom Hovanec, a longtime open wheel fan who resides in Indianapolis said: "I hate what happened last year and it still pisses me off, but I'm coming back because I love Formula One. My brother and I have eight tickets and we kept them because I want to see this race stay here.

"Could the track layout be better? Absolutely. But is there a better place for F1 than Indianapolis? I don't think so."

Which is not the opinion shared by a young man named Fred of F1 Freaks, an internet club of gearheads who attend Canada and the USGP religiously.

"The first year of Indy was awesome because it was a packed house and there was such electricity in the air," he said via e-mail. "It was cool to be at Indianapolis but I think it's lost that lustre. And let's be honest, the track sucks for F1.

"I'd love to see it go back to a true road course like Watkins Glen or Laguna Seca or Elkhart Lake, but I'm sure Bernie wouldn't allow that because there's no place for him to spend $1,000 on dinner.

"But I'm not going back this year as a show of protest for what those dogs did to us last year."

The Speedway has never released attendance figures, but there were an estimated 200,000 for the inaugural show in 2000. That number dropped off drastically over the past three years and 100,000 might be an optimistic guess for 2004 and 2005.

In an effort to try and soothe the angry mob that began streaming out of the exits on Lap 2 a year ago, Michelin offered full refunds plus two free tickets to anybody re-ordering their seats for this year.

> "INDIANAPOLIS WOULD DEFINITELY MISS IT"

PHOTOS: SUTTON IMAGES, GETTY IMAGES

OFF THE RADAR

Indianapolis and the US may be obsessed with motorsport, but much of the country will ignore the Formula One circus.

Michelin began apologising for last year's tyre debacle shortly after 14 grand prix cars pulled off the track prior to the start of the US Grand Prix at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Free tickets could help the fans who are considering a return to this year's event, but what about the rest of the United States? IMS officials are waiting to see. Part of what makes the future of the event in question is the uncertainty of what the public reaction will be to last year's 'race'. F1 didn't register much with Americans before that, and the sight of two-thirds of the field sticking their noses in the air (and their car noses towards pitlane) did not sit well. Americans care as much about entertainment as sport, which helps explain why poker has become the national television pastime and why the World Cup is a non-issue. IMS president Joie Chitwood said: "America is the most cluttered sports market there is. There is a sport to watch on television every day of the year. How do you compete with that? We're trying to help F1 make a difference with one event per year. That's a challenge."

Monaco was one of four F1 races to be shown on a free, over-the-air TV network in the States. It drew a rating of 0.8 per cent, the equivalent of about 900,000 households. An average Indy-car race generates those numbers; NASCAR officials panic at numbers five times those. "Actually, that's not bad all things considered, but it's obviously not what we'd like to see," Chitwood said. "But this is a very big hurdle to clear, and we have to be patient."

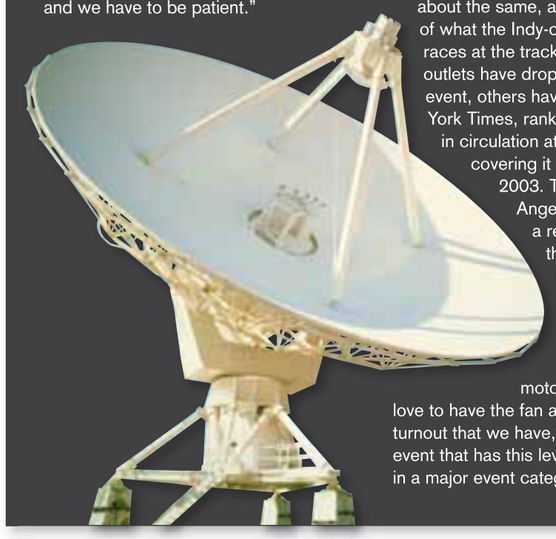
The national newspapers are not. The Dallas Morning News is a good example. It sells 450,000 newspapers a day, with an award-winning sports section. But it won't be sending a reporter to Indianapolis and it didn't last year, either. Its motorsports emphasis continues to be NASCAR, which is why Terry Blount expects to be covering the Nextel Cup night race at Daytona Beach, Florida, that weekend: "So many more people would rather read what I've written from a Cup race," said Blount, who has covered motorsports for the Morning News since 2001. "I'll write a column about the USGP that week, wondering what kind of crowd they'll have, but we won't do much more than that."

Blount said the Morning News runs two or three paragraphs for most F1 races, sometimes more if the news is particularly sexy, like Michael Schumacher's qualifying at Monaco. "But I only get one or two e-mails a month about people wanting to read more about F1. They just aren't clamouring for it."

The story is repeated elsewhere. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram is skipping the USGP for the first time since it moved to Indy in 2000. The Kansas City Star is missing it for the second year in a row. Reader interest just isn't there. Their reporter John Sturbin said: "I pushed for it, my boss pushed for it, but the decision-makers say our readers care more about NASCAR."

Ron Green, the director of media relations for IMS, said the number of credential requests for this year's race is about the same, although it's a fraction of what the Indy-car and NASCAR races at the track draw. Where some outlets have dropped coverage of the event, others have added it. The New York Times, ranked third nationally in circulation at 1.13 million, is covering it for the first time since 2003. The fourth-ranked Los Angeles Times is making a return, too. Number 5, the Washington Post, is not and the second best-selling paper, the Wall Street Journal, never has.

"Several motorsports events would love to have the fan and national media turnout that we have," Green said. "Any event that has this level of interest puts it in a major event category."



"We're pretty pleased with the response of our customers," said Chitwood. "And Michelin has really stepped up to try and make things better with driver autograph sessions and extra hospitality."

Local ticket scalpers don't count on F1 to make a living and claim last year's debacle really softened the market.

Scott Kinnett of Front Row Tickets said: "The retail pricing is down about 20 per cent because of last year but you've got to remember that we only do about a fifth of the business with F1 compared to the Indy 500 and Brickyard 400. The more events the better but F1 is definitely a buyer's market."

Reny Harlin of Circle City Tickets: "Last year really left a bad taste in people's mouths and it's a tough ticket to sell. We're doing OK but I think we're one of the few places handling F1 tickets. I'd like to see F1 return but will it affect my business significantly? No, it's not a huge affect either way."

And while ticket brokers don't have any strong feelings, the majority of Indy's merchants desperately want Formula One to stay beyond 2006.

Bob Schultz of the ICVA (Indpls. Convention Visitors Association) declared: "Indianapolis would definitely miss it. That's 100,000 people coming to our town in the middle of summer who wouldn't normally be here and it's a sweet piece of business for this city. Grand Prix fans like to stay a little longer, sample our restaurants and spend money. The F1 race blows the Final Four (NCAA basketball tournament) away in terms of generating revenue. The Final Four is $40-50 million in direct visitor spending and the Formula One race is $100 million."

When the Indy Racing League v Championship Auto Racing Teams war started in 1996, it had a devastating affect on the Indy 500 in terms of local business during May. But

> "LAST YEAR REALLY LEFT A BAD TASTE IN PEOPLE'S MOUTHS AND IT'S A TOUGH TICKET TO SELL"

F1 rejuvenated the downtown economy and the 'hotel gouge' was restored.

And, it appears, the 2005 race has not hurt business.

Chris Ratay of the Omni Severn said: "We were concerned at first that people might stay away but that hasn't been the case because we sold out this year about the same time frame we did a year ago."

The Downtown Mar riott and Hyatt Regency are also sold out for F1 weekend but the ➜



The American fans were quick to find targets for their wrath: the media, the tyre manufacturer, those in charge (left) and even the sport of Formula One itself. How long this collective anger, born of last year's frustrations, remains is yet to be seen. But next weekend may be the first step on the road to reconciliation.

➜ new Conrad still has rooms for $599 a night with a four-night minimum.

Which is all good news for Indy's restaurants. The general manager of Mo's Steakhouse, Jeremiah Hamman, said: "The F1 fans spend money and throw parties and it's a great weekend for us so we want to see it stay. It's not quite as good as the Indy 500 but it's way better than the Brickyard because those people just come in and leave town the same day."

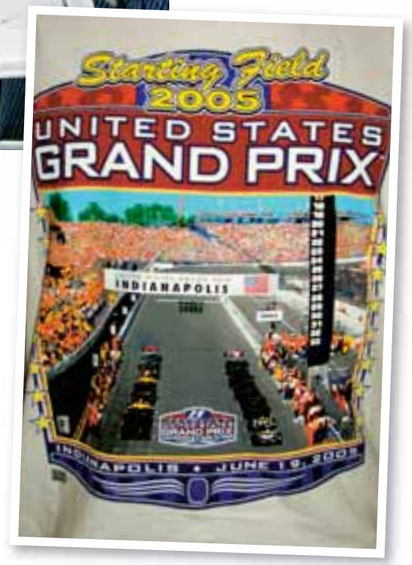
Other than the first year, when it was a novelty and sold out, the people who keep coming back are loyal and hardcore. Even though 100,000 represents half as many as the debut drew, it's still one of F1's best crowds each season.

But is it enough to sustain the Speedway? Hardly. With IMS forking out millions (some say as much as $15 million but that may now be split with Canada) to Bernie for the right to host F1, it's a financial loser for the Speedway. Ecclestone hogs the television money and kept most of the SAP sponsorship because his people found it.

That leaves IMS with ticket sales and concessions and they can't come close to breaking even with the crowds they've had lately. Tony George spent some $60-70 million tearing up the Speedway to accommodate Ecclestone & Company so when that's figured into the equation, F1 will always be a bottom-line loser. George loves the fact Indy hosts the three major disciplines almost as much as he enjoys waving the checkered flag every year at the USGP, while his sisters are thought to be less than enamored with all the money their brother spends. So at what price does it make sense to continue?

Chitwood added: "I know this company didn't make that kind of investment for a seven-year relationship. We want to be the longterm home of Formula One in this country and we hope they agree. I think Bernie appreciates what Tony has done and hopefully we can continue our partnership."

> **"THAT'S 100,000 PEOPLE COMING TO OUR TOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER WHO WOULDN'T NORMALLY BE HERE"**



It's impossible to gauge Ecclestone's true attitude towards Indy or even the US. He didn't hesitate to drop-kick a traditional track like Spa from the schedule and one of his hobbies is threatening to end the British GP.

Derek Daly, the former driver who now calls the F1 races for CBS, said: "We know Bernie loves to hold people and cities hostage."

A lot of people seem to think the USA market is a must but, in terms of media coverage and television ratings, it barely registers on the radar screen. Even though Californian Scott Speed is now part of the regular cast, he's yet to create much of a buzz with reporters or ticket-buyers.

"In all fairness, you've got to give Scott some time," said Daly, who spent five seasons in F1 before coming stateside to CART. "Alonso started with Minardi and served his time and that's what Scott will have to do.

"But F1 here can only grow if there's a good American driver. You have to have an emotional reason to come to the USGP and the last time that happened in the was in the late '70s and early '80s with Mario Andretti."

Maybe it's a pipe dream to think the USGP will ever return to its glory days at The Glen or Long Beach. Maybe Indianapolis is its only hope of succeeding in this country. Maybe it will end up in Las Vegas again or maybe it will simply die from apathy and be replaced on the schedule by some third-world country that gives Bernie $75 million and a key to the city.

"To have a global series I think America has to be there and we think we do things the right way," said Chitwood, who anticipates himself and George discussing the future with Ecclestone next weekend.

"We offer the most anybody could in terms of setting and tradition and I'd be surprised to see it moved to another American venue."

As mentioned, the real shocker was that Indy is still willing to embrace the European elitists after 2005. Some would call it Hoosier Hospitality, others might term it chasing a bad investment. Regardless, the race's future could be riding on the crowd.

And, rest assured, that crowd won't include many citizens of Indianapolis. The majority could care less if F1 stays or goes because, frankly, they've got Indy in May and NASCAR in August. The Fourth of July weekend is for cookouts, boating and family stuff.

If this is the last time we see Bernie, Schumey and Ron Dennis, well don't let the door hit you in the ass.

PHOTOS: SUTTON IMAGES

WHY AMERICA DOESN'T NEED F1

Does F1 want to go back to Indianapolis? For that matter, does Indy even want F1 back? These minutes from a meeting of Oil Can Alley residents suggest not.

01 Gun shops were expecting a mad-rush of Europeans keen to stock up on cut-price ammo last year, but saw no increase in trade. Guess American bullets aren't good enough for snooty Eurotrash.

02 Go to an IRL or NASCAR event and you can look a driver in the eye. In F1 these guys hide behind a security fence, dog patrols and very probably land mines. What are they afraid of?

03 Tyres. If they couldn't remember tyres, what are they going to forget this year? Drivers?

04 Some of them are only pretending to be foreign. Some are actually French.

05 They may have money but does it cover the cost of having to be polite to people who sneer because the wine list recommends Californian Chardonnay? What other kind of Chardonnay is there?

06 You have to go and find where you stored the wine lists last year.

07 Do we really want to go to the trouble of cheering for Fronk Mountainy and Christy-Jan Elbows when we could have guys with proper names like Travis Kvapil and Sterling Marlin instead?

08 Who in the hell would want a steak that's blue? What's wrong with a red one?

09 They order an early breakfast and then ignore the biscuits and gravy, don't eat the hotcakes and complain that the bacon is crispy.

10 And why do they have to have both left and right-hand turns? Can't they make up their minds?

11 Just in case you were wondering, in Indy we don't consider 'Rubens Barrichello is running light' to be a good tip.

12 Why can't you all speak a language we can understand, or at least choose just one unintelligible language and all stick to that?

13 ...especially the British.

14 All the car rental agencies go to lots of trouble to fill up their compounds with executive SUVs, and all these guys want is crappy little MiniVans.

15 And then they giggle at paying $2 a gallon. We know that gas is expensive over here at the moment, but do they have to go and rub it in like that?

16 They each spend $300 million on cars that can't even overtake, but that's nothing compared to what they spend on sunglasses, wristwatches and handbags.

17 Flavio Briatore. There are still some states where you could go to jail for that – but not in the South.

18 What kind of music do they play after the race? Opera? Have they never heard of Hank Williams?

19 And what's with all the champagne? I suppose a glass of milk would kill you?

20 If it isn't enough that the British, the Japanese and the Australians all insist on driving on the wrong side of the road, they go around the Brickyard backwards. Now that's just un-American.

WE'RE OFF TO... INDIANAPOLIS

...or the Circle City (after Monument Circle), Naptown (short for IndiaNAPolis), or Indiana-no-place (you get this one) and you think there's nothing to do in this sleepy town. Well, you're wrong.

THE CITY



Visit Indianapolis and you'll soon realise this Midwest town is about more than just motor racing and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; it's also about an intense love affair with the sport of basketball. Hoosiers (Indiana residents) passionately embrace college basketball and there's a fierce rivalry between two of the Big Ten Conference schools at Indiana University in Bloomington and Purdue University in Lafayette. Beyond college basketball, Indianapolis is home to one of the NBA's most competitive professional basketball teams: the Indiana Pacers.

Navigate Indianapolis and residents will often give directions in relation to 'The Circle'. They're talking about The Soldiers and Sailors Monument in the centre of downtown, a tribute to Hoosiers fallen during the Civil War. Traffic flows one way, counter-clockwise around the monument with Market Street and Meridian Street intersecting. Another way to know you're there is to look down for the red brick road.

DOWNTOWN INDIANAPOLIS

Downtown Indianapolis is full of small-town charm, cosmopolitan style and Hoosier hospitality. The heart of downtown is easy to find your way around; just stay inside the four corners of North, South, East and West Street.

If you want a 'big fat Greek' time, try lunch at **Aesop's Tables** where artsy locals lounge on wrought-iron furniture and dine on traditional Greek fare. Have Wild Bill's spinach supreme sandwich. *600 Massachusetts Ave, tel: 317 631 0055.*

Fiesta on down to **Acapulco Joe's** for bottomless bowls of tortilla chips, salsa-filled ketchup bottles and authentic Mexican food. If you love their famous salsa and want the recipe, just ask. They won't tell, but they'll let you buy it by the quart for just $5.99. *365 N Illinois St, tel: 317 637 5160.*

Bring on the beef at **St Elmo Steak House**, the Circle City's top carnivore cavern. There are choice cuts of filet mignon, porterhouse steaks and prime rib, but don't neglect the creatures from the sea. The oversized shrimp cocktail and fiery cocktail sauce generate their own legendary buzz, as do the mahogany bar and 20,000-bottle wine cellar. You're guaranteed long waits at the most popular steak house in town, but once you go, you'll always go back. *127 S Illinois St, tel: 317 635 0636.*

Party at the **Rathskellar** in an authentic biergarten that has more than just beer to keep it hopping. The venue plays host to Indy's best local bands where young and old alike feast on Bratwurst, Bockwurst, Kielbasse and German Wieners and drink from a selection of over 50 imported bottled beers. Can't decipher German beer language? For a dark beer, try the Ayinger Alfbairisch Dunkel and for a light beer the Hofbrau Munchner Kindl Weissbier. *401 E Michigan St, tel: 317 636 0396.*

Where do all the beautiful people go? Visit **6 Lounge** for a who's who clientele of sophisticated and sexy patrons who frequent the upscale lounge and martini bar. Make reservations for the VIP Milk Room where local celebs chill out in a room of swanky, white décor. Don't get caught with your pants down – the glass-frosted bathroom doors only frost over when you turn the lock. *247 S Meridian Street, tel: 317 638 6660.*

BROAD RIPPLE

Whatever your pleasure, Broad Ripple Ave aims to please with an active nightlife, boutique stores and independently owned restaurants. From downtown, go north on Meridian and right on to Westfield Blvd to Broad Ripple Ave. From the north side go south on Keystone and right onto 62nd Street to Broad Ripple.

For a taste of Italy and a taste of Indy, dine on the rooftop terrace at **Bazbeaux's Pizza**. The pizzas are made from scratch and ➜

ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE

Indiana residents can't purchase beer or alcohol on Sundays at liquor stores, or even gas stations. Why do you care? The same rule applies to visitors. Your best bet is to stock up on Saturday or saddle up on Sunday at a local bar. Your visit will be short; the bars close at midnight on Sundays.

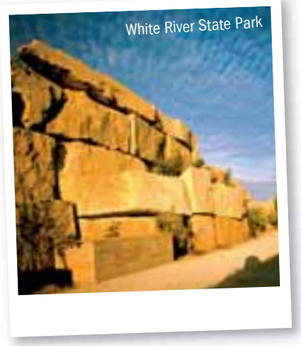




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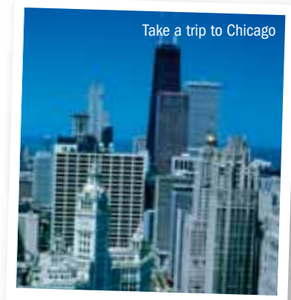
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If you're touring the Circle City after the US Grand Prix, head to the **White River State Park** on the Fourth of July and eat your way through the Taste of Freedom where music and entertainment meet Indiana cuisine. When you've finished dining, sit by the banks of the White River to celebrate America's Independence. The festivities begin at 9.45pm with a colourful display of fireworks shot from a 504ft downtown skyscraper. *White River State Park, 801 W Washington, tel: 317 233 2434.*



$100

Once you've tired of Formula One get down to **Indianapolis Raceway Park**. Hop in a taxi and head 15 minutes north-west of downtown for four days of drag racing at the Buick Horse Power Nationals June 28-July 1 and a Saturday morning show with Buick big blocks, V6 turbocharged Grand Nationals and FWD Regal GS cars in all-out competition. Stick around on Saturday night for true dirt-track racing with the USAC (United States Auto Club) double-header. Featured racing includes sprint car and midget competition. *Indianapolis Raceway Park, 10267 E US Highway 136, tel: 317 291 4090.*



$1000

Get out of Indianapolis. Fly into Chicago O'Hare and head to **Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile** lined with more than 60 shops from Armani to Gap. Stop by Grant Park June 30-July 9 for The Taste of Chicago annual food, wine and entertainment festival, or get that Sao Paulo vibe early with a visit to the city's branch of Fogo de Chao, where gauchos slice 15 different types of beef, pork, lamb and chicken on to your plate and side-dishes include fried bananas. View the Windy City from the Sears Tower Skydeck, and rest your weary head at Hotel 71, a boutique hotel where luxurious bedlinen and a leopard-print chaise are the norm. *Fogo de Chao, 661 N La Salle, tel: 312 932 9330; Sears Tower Skydeck, 233 S Wacker, tel: 312 875 9696; Hotel 71, 71 E Wacker & The Magnificent Mile, tel: 312 346 7100.*


The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the site of the world's largest sporting facility and host to three of the most prestigious racing series


The famous Borg-Warner trophy

→ topped with home-made sauce cheese, sausage or vegetables. Try the Roma with ricotta cheese, prosciutto and green pepper, or substitute the sauce for basil pesto on one of their 20-plus unique combinations. *811 E Westfield Blvd, tel: 317 255 5711.*

For a restaurant that dishes up Japanese fare, head just east to **Sakura** for the grandaddy of sushi joints. If you're looking for fancy surroundings, Sakura's not your place. If you're looking for fresh fish and traditional sushi rolls, try the soft shell crab roll made of mayo, fried crab and a plethora of secret ingredients. Sit at the sushi bar to sip green tea and watch nimble-fingered chefs roll ebi, maguro and unago delicacies. *N Keystone Ave, tel: 317 259 4171.*

No matter the hour, **Chumley's Beer House** has long been a spot for students to enjoy brews and views on Broad Ripple's main drag. Enjoy pub food, beers on tap, pool tables and jukeboxes blaring tunes by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dave Matthews and U2. *838 Broad Ripple Ave, tel: 317 466 1555.*

Broad Ripple is home to clubs **Rock Lobster**, The Mineshaft Saloon and Average Joe's, but Rock is where to get the real party started. The DJs serve up crowd favourites while 20-somethings grind on an elevated dance floor. A tamer crowd can head to the VIP room or Lobster Lounge patio seating complete with beer tubs and outdoor bars. *827 Broad Ripple Ave, tel: 317 253 5844.*

The Vogue is a monster of a dance club that doubles as a concert venue where top bands have graced the stage for decades. Catch an urban vibe with Rusted Root in concert on June 30, bop to Retro Rewind on Wednesdays, or groove through weekends with hip-hop, house, techno and Top 40 hits. *6259 N College Ave, tel: 317 259 7029.*

NORTH SIDE DINING

Just north-east of Broad Ripple lies the north side of Indianapolis known for fine dining, posh homes and high-class shopping at The Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. From downtown, take I-65 N to I-465 north and exit on Keystone Avenue. From Broad Ripple, head north on Keystone and right on 82nd Street.

Café Patachou always serves with a smile the highest-quality, made-from-scratch gourmet breakfasts and brunch reminding you that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. The organic café serves a mean three-egg-white omelette, home-made cinnamon toast, smoothies and pastries. Newspaper-reading is encouraged. *8691 River Crossing Blvd, tel: 317 815 0765.*

There are options for every appetite at **The Cheesecake Factory** with more than 200 pasta, salad, fish, steak and chop items. Desserts put this restaurant on the culinary map where the only thing better than looking at decadent cheesecakes is tasting them. Go simple with fresh banana cream or brave with white chocolate caramel latte. Enjoy lavish décor with cherry wood, contemporary lighting, and French limestone floors. *8702 Keystone Crossing, tel: 317 566 0100.*

Sullivan's Steak House will put a dent in your wallet, but thick steaks, dry martinis, cigars and good jazz make it worth every dollar. The 1950s Chicago-style steakhouse décor was inspired by legendary boxer John L Sullivan who adorns the walls in black and white photos. The 20-ounce bone-in Kansas City strip steak is pushed by all the waiters for good reason, while horseradish mashed potatoes and giant onion ring side dishes are truly house specialities. *3316 E 86th Street, tel: 317 580 1280.*

Lulu's Restaurant & Cocktails is where exotic cocktails, turquoise leather bar stools, and a more sophisticated dancing crowd meet. Hearty appetisers and innovative American cuisine are prime ways to start the night. A fantastic martini menu and superb wine list attract an eclectic crowd and a long line of Mercedes, BMWs and Rolls-Royces parked outside. *8487 Union Chapel Rd, tel: 317 251 5858.*

Watch everything sports at **Champps Americana** where TVs adorn brick-exposed walls and have all the big games covered. The North-side social hub turns into a single-person's meat market on Wednesdays when local band Dave and Rae play. Expect a menu that is steps above traditional sports bars with Italian bruschetta, chicken satay, and grilled salmon. *8711 River Crossing Blvd, tel: 317 574 0333.*

SEVEN PLACES TO SPEND $10

1 The Canal Walk for pedal-powered fun on bikes, boats and surreys down 13 blocks of waterside entertainment. Spend $10 on the 'Chopper' at Wheel Fun Rentals for a laid-back cruisin' machine. *801 W Washington, tel: 317 767 5072.*

2 The IMAX Theater for larger than life 3-D movie thrills on a six-storey, 12,000-watt screen. Pilot an F-15 over the Nevada desert in Fighter Pilot: Operation Red Flag. Spend $10 on a second film – Wild Safari 3-D. *650 W Washington, tel: 317 233 4629.*

3 The Indianapolis Museum of Art for the sole reason of telling your friends you did something cultural. Spend $10 during Thursday's happy hour eating Wiener schnitzel and drinking an IMA Classic Margarita at Puck's. *4000 Michigan Rd, tel: 317 923 1331.*

4 Crackers Comedy Club to catch professional comedian Ngaio Bealum of MTV's Half Hour Comedy Hour in nightly acts June 28-July 1. Spend $10 on a Green and Horni Margarita from the full-service bar. *247 S Meridian, tel: 317 631 3536.*

5 The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum the home of the Borg-Warner trophy and 48-seat Tony Hulman Theater for watching historic race highlights. Spend $10 on a bus tour around the 2.5-mile speedway, but plan for days where there's no on-track activity. *38000 W 16th, tel: 317 484 6784.*

6 Victory Field for going to the ballgame. The Indianapolis Indians minor league baseball team take on the Rochester Red Wings in nightly games June 26-29. Spend $10 dollars on peanuts and cracker jacks. 501 W Maryland, *tel: 317 269 3545.*

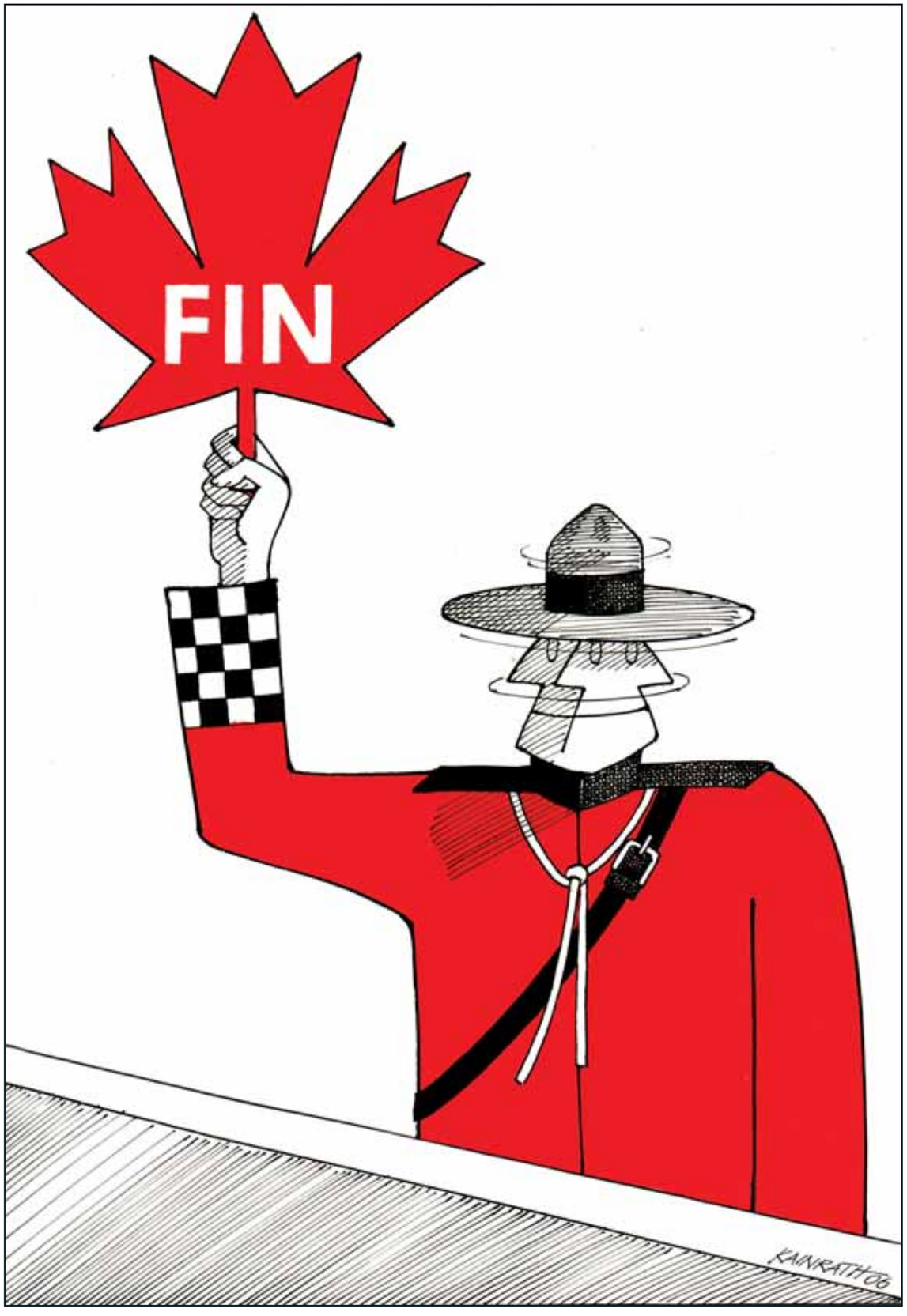
7 The NCAA Hall of Champions for appreciating Indiana's passion for basketball. Spend $10 betting friends on useless trivia. Q. Indianapolis has hosted how many NCAA Final Four tournaments? A. Four. *700 W Washington, tel: 317 916 4255.*


Inside the Speedway Museum

FOOD ALERT

Whether you're heading towards the track at the crack of dawn or heading home at shameful hours, you won't want to miss out on **Charlie Brown's Pancake & Steak House** in Speedway. Order silver dollar pancakes, country fries and hot cocoa – and keep your eyes peeled for drivers and pit crews who thought their secret was safe. *1038 Main Street, tel: 317 243 2502.*

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THE RACE RESULTS

1 ALONSO RENAULT

2 M SCHUMACHER FERRARI

3 RAIKKONEN MCLAREN-MERCEDES









RESULTS IN FULL

	DRIVER	TEAM	LAPS	TIME	POINTS
1	Fernando Alonso	Renault	70	1hr 34:37.308	10
2	Michael Schumacher	Ferrari	70	+2.1 secs	8
3	Kimi Raikkonen	McLaren-Mercedes	70	+8.8 secs	6
4	Giancarlo Fisichella	Renault	70	+15.6 secs	5
5	Felipe Massa	Ferrari	70	+25.1 secs	4
6	Jarno Trulli	Toyota	69	+1 lap	3
7	Nick Heidfeld	BMW-Sauber	69	+1 lap	2
8	David Coulthard	RBR-Ferrari	69	+1 lap	1
9	Jenson Button	Honda	69	+1 lap	
10	Scott Speed	STR-Cosworth	69	+1 lap	
11	Christian Klien	RBR-Ferrari	69	+1 lap	
12	Mark Webber	Williams-Cosworth	69	+1 lap	
13	Vitantonio Liuzzi	STR-Cosworth	68	+2 laps	
14	Tiago Monteiro	MF1-Toyota	66	+4 laps	
Ret	Takuma Sato	Super Aguri-Honda	64	+6 laps	
Ret	Jacques Villeneuve	BMW-Sauber	58	+12 laps	
Ret	Ralf Schumacher	Toyota	58	+12 laps	
Ret	Juan Pablo Montoya	McLaren-Mercedes	13	+57 laps	
Ret	Rubens Barrichello	Honda	11	+59 laps	
Ret	Franck Montagny	Super Aguri-Honda	2	+68 laps	
Ret	Nico Rosbeg	Williams-Cosworth	1	+69 laps	
Ret	Christijan Albers	MF1-Toyota	0	+70 laps	

Fastest Lap: Kimi Raikkonen 1:15.841

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	DRIVER	PTS
1	F Alonso	84
2	M Schumacher	59
3	K Raikkonen	39
4	G Fisichella	37
5	F Massa	28
6	JP Montoya	26
7	J Button	16
8	R Barrichello	13
9	N Heidfeld	12
10	R Schumacher	8

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	TEAM	PTS
1	Renault	121
2	Ferrari	87
3	McLaren-Mercedes	65
4	Honda	29
5	BMW-Sauber	19
6	Toyota	11
7	Williams-Cosworth	10
8	RBR-Ferrari	9

PIOLA WINNER

The winner of this weekend's Piola Challenge is Peter Nygaard, who works for Grand Prix Photo. He'll get his special prize at Magny Cours. The correct answers are:

1 A
2 C
3 B
4 A
5 C
6 C



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