

Button best in Melbourne



Jenson Button's smooth driving style paid dividends on soft tyres in Australia.

WHAT a pleasure it was to enjoy an exciting GP again after the procession at Bahrain.

After everyone started in the wet on intermediate tyres, it was Jenson Button who decided to pit first for slicks.

At first the car was a bit skittish but soon settled as the track dried.

Button's smooth driving enabled him to make his super soft slicks last for the rest of the race without another stop, giving him the well-earned win.

Meanwhile, there was a lot of action, with ten cars dropping out of the race, including the original race leader, Sebastian Vettel.

Vettel was forced to retire when his car's left hand front carbon disc disintegrated.

Lewis Hamilton, who had started back in 11th place, drove a tremendous race reaching third place before he pitted for his second tyre stop.

He was challenging Fernando Alonso for fourth when he and Mark Webber collided, but fortunately was able to finish the race.

Robert Kubica drove a great race in his Renault to take second spot and I hope this spurs the

Renault team on to further develop and improve the car.

A suggestion has been put forward that drivers should be able to adjust their cars' rear wings to aid overtaking. I think this is an excellent idea and hope it is adopted.

Results: 1 Jenson Button; 2 Robert Kubica; 3 Felipe Massa; 4 Fernando Alonso; 5 Nico Rosberg; 6 Lewis Hamilton; 7 Vitantonio Liuzzi; 8 Rubens Barrichello; 9 Mark Webber; 10 Michael Schumacher.

Drivers' points: 1 F Alonso 37; 2 F Massa 33; 3 J Button 31; 4 L Hamilton 23; 5 N Rosberg 20; 6 R Kubica 18; 7 S Vettel 12; 8 M Schumacher 9; 9 V Liuzzi 8; 10 M Webber 6.

Constructors' points: 1 Ferrari 70; 2 McLaren Mercedes 54; 3 Mercedes 29; 4 Red Bull Renault and Renault 18; 6 Force India Mercedes 8; 7 Williams Cosworth 5.

Preview of Malaysian GP

The cars move to Sepang this weekend and it could be either a hot dry race or a very wet one.

Whichever is the case, we hope the overtaking is as exciting as it was in Australia.

This is a great venue with the potential to ensure a nail-biting race.

TV times: Friday practice 1 at 3.50am on SS2, practice 2 at 7.50am on SS2 with a summary at 7.30pm on SS7.

Saturday practice 3 is at 6.50am on SS3 with qualifying at 9.45am on SS2. The race is on Sunday at 9am on SS1.

