



# McLaren twins are tops in China

Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton gave McLaren a well deserved one-two at a very wet Shanghai track last Sunday.

AFTER leading from the front row of the grid, the Red Bulls of Sebastian Vettel and Mark Webber were upset by the rain.

The deployment of the safety car and subsequent rush for new rubber put an end to their race hopes.

Meanwhile, Button made good tyre decisions and drove well in bad conditions winning the race and now leading the championship by 10 points.

Teammate Hamilton had to make an extra tyre stop but had a typical gutsy drive, scything through the field into second spot.

Nico Rosberg drove well, securing third place for Mercedes.

Fernando Alonso did particularly well in his

Ferrari, coming back through the field into fourth position after jumping the start and receiving a drive through penalty. Michael Schumacher finished a disappointing 10th and is really having a difficult time after three years away from Formula 1.

The so-called 'F duct' system which results in a blown rear wing down the straights, causing a high speed stall, was a definite advantage for the McLarens, which posted the highest top speeds down Shanghai's long main straight.

Sauber, Williams, Renault and others will soon have a similar system which will become a necessity for all tracks with long straights.

There is now a three week break before the European season starts in Spain.

**Results:** 1 J Button; 2 L Hamilton; 3 N Rosberg; 4 F Alonso; 5 Robert Kubica; 6 S Vettel; 7 Vitaly Petrov; 8 Mark Webber; 9 Felipe Massa; 10 Michael Schumacher.

**Drivers' points:** 1 J Button 60; 2 N Rosberg 50; 3 F Alonso 49; L Hamilton 49; 5 S Vettel 45; 6 F Massa 41; 7 R Kubica 40; 8 M Webber 28; 9 Adrian Sutil 10; 10 M Schumacher 10.

**Constructors' points:** 1 McLaren Mercedes 109; 2 Ferrari 90; 3 Red Bull Renault 73; 4 Mercedes 60; 5 Renault 46; 6 Force India Mercedes 18; 7 Williams Cosworth 6; 8 Toro Rosso 2.