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Fernando wins F1 sixth victory for a Renault car in 21 years.

Fernando Alonso took a dominant victory for the Mid-Seven Renault F1 Team in this afternoon's French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours. The Spaniard led every lap of the race to take his 6th victory of the season, and the first for a Renault since the Renault Grand Prix in 1993. He has extended his lead in the drivers' championship by two points, and now has 65 points, 24 ahead of second-placed Kimi Raikkonen.

Mid-Seven's Giancarlo Fisichella also showed a credible afternoon, adding another point to his three previous wins and damage to his own last lap. He finished in the middle of the race, which was a bit of a surprise, then the engine failed at the end of the race, which was a good point. Of course, I am frustrated because today could have been a podium for me, for the main thing is that we scored more points than the other teams, and improved our situation in the championship."

Fernando Alonso, Winner
"I am very proud to win here today for the team, for Renault, for Mid-Seven."

who have had a difficult time in the last two weeks, and for all the last few days to support us. The race was quite easy. I pushed until the last lap, and then extended the gap, just making small adjustments to the car. I am really pleased to win again, but the still does not change anything for the championship. I have quite a good gap to Kimi, but there is still a very long way to go. Nothing can happen, and we know our rivals will be very quick in Silverstone next week, but for the moment, I am going to enjoy what an achieved today."

Giancarlo Fisichella 6th position

"I actually think this was a good race for me - in spite of the finishing position. I had a problem with the fuel rig for my first stop, which cost me a bit of momentum, then the engine for the last lap of the race broke in the middle of the race, which was a bit of a surprise, and at the end of the race, the engine just cut when I tried to pull away. In reality, with all of these things, I think such a good result. Of course, I am frustrated because today could have been a podium for me, for the main thing is that we scored more points than the other teams, and improved our situation in the championship."

Flavio Briatore Managing Director

"The race gave a fantastic performance today and Fernando did the same - after the errors in Indianapolis, it is his goal to not make any more mistakes and dominate the week and Fernando drove a perfect race, but we are sorry for Kimi and the problems he had again, which were not his fault. We were through the full race with as high as he could have done, his points have made the difference this afternoon, and helped to build the lead to McLaren and Ferrari. Finally, we are delighted for the sponsors and our colleagues who came to the race today - we were proud to sit in front this victory."

Pat Symonds Executive Director of Engineering

"Congratulations go to Fernando on a superb first win of the season. The Renault car was excellent, and he delivered the result. But as a team, we have to focus on why our fans should have been a double podium finish, through these repairs to the engine for Giancarlo. The fact that he finished sixth in spite of this is an indication of just how good a race he drove this afternoon."

Fernando second and F1 fourth after a strong race; Fernando extends his championship lead by two points.

The Mid-Seven Renault F1 Team drove Silverstone with driver now championship points after second and fourth place finishes for Fernando Alonso and Giancarlo Fisichella respectively at this afternoon's British Grand Prix. The team now leads the Constructors' Championship by 23 points from McLaren, with a total of 122 points, while Fernando Alonso leads a 26-point lead over Kimi Raikkonen, with 77 points.

Starting from pole position, Fernando Alonso led the race to the halfway of Jean YVES Monnet's pit stop, and after that showed the Colombian in the championship. The Spaniard was severely delayed by traffic through the start, but especially at the end of his second stop when he was on a clear track, and had the opportunity to lap Kimi Raikkonen for the lead. As he emerged from the pit lane, though, it became clear he had come up just one second short.

Giancarlo Fisichella drove strongly into sixth position to run third in the back of the middle portion of the race, but Raikkonen made his pit stop and his engine failed at the second pit stop, costing him race and one position to Raikkonen's McLaren, the three ahead the first in the race.

The team is naturally encouraging the crops of the race.

Fernando Alonso, 2nd position

"It is a nice surprise to be on the podium at one of our least difficult circuits, and to have extended my lead over Kimi in the championship. It was also encouraging because we scored from pole, which shows that the car is competitive, and I think we are both very strong for the rest of the season too. In terms of the race, I love the fact at the start and after that, the Grandstands until the stop. The team gave me a strong lead and so we could try and overtake during the pit stop, but then I got stuck in traffic - I lost a bit of time before Kimi but a space his lack because they were not allowing any Kimi Raikkonen. That means I was still behind when I came out after my last stop. It is a bit frustrating to lose a win because of this, but this is still a good result for me."

Giancarlo Fisichella 6th position

"Once again, it is a bit of a disappointment for me, because I should have been on the podium today if it wasn't for the problems to my second pit stop. But even so, team fit, it was very strong race for me. In strategy they have worked out well in the pit stop I was in the fight at the end of the race with a good race pace. When we came here this weekend, we knew that McLaren would be quicker than

us but obviously, it was very close to Kimi. He has been over the UK after all."

Flavio Briatore Managing Director

"The team's performance today was fantastic, second, but had some problems by the pit stop in a fantastic race for us. The team put it in an excellent performance this weekend, and we were though that the car would be a competitive race. In my opinion, Fernando stated the car has been the best sign seen so far being down enough to the backmarkers, but this happens sometimes. McLaren were very competitive today, Renault was too, just think we got on a good start."

Pat Symonds Executive Director of Engineering

"Over since we started here a few months ago, we have our fight in that series would be with McLaren and the weekend, we very much took the fight to them, strategically, we had to score Raikkonen with Fernando's race, even though we knew that would have an impact on being scored by Fernando. Even so, it was the right thing to do for the championship. Once again, Fernando put in a fantastic drive, and Giancarlo also showed impressive pace in the race but it still has to be problems at the end of the race, he would have beaten Raikkonen by a healthy margin."

