



## Best of Sidepodpanel Series 2

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**Christine:** Welcome to the first Sidepodpanel of 2009.

**Gavin:** So on the basis that I'm still a supporter of Lewis Hamilton even though everybody hates me because they hate him and I like him, I must have a man crush on him. It's as simple as that. So, Lewis... call me. Please.

**Me:** We finished without the host that we started with. That is a Sidepodcast first, we've plumbed new depths.

**Lukeh:** It's points. Points matters. It's like Countdown. That's all I have to say about that.

**Gavin:** That's fantastic.

**Me:** What else could you say?

**Gavin:** All you can say is [does the Countdown theme]

**Lukeh:** Honestly, I can't predict anything. I'm not Mystic Meg.

**Gavin:** Okay, question five, the dreaded research question. Dun, dun, dunnn.

**Me:** He's doing his own sound effects.

**Christine:** I love it.

**Me:** Best host ever.

**Gavin:** Who needs a pinger when you've got a Gavin?

**Me:** That's the title of the show.

**Gavin:** No, didn't Honda pull out of motorsport? All the Honda lawnmowers now, they've taken the engines out and put Mercedes lawnmower engines in them instead. Called them Brawn GP mowers.

**Me:** How many points has Gavin got?

**Lukeh:** Wouldn't it be called a Brawn mower?

**Journeyer:** First question is, in one word, describe how you were feeling after today's Grand Prix? Let's start with Lukeh.

**Lukeh:** Hungry.

**Alex:** They can't have Formula 1 without Ferrari, I don't think so. Even though Steven will tell you otherwise.

**Jackie:** Okay, we'll go with Steven.

**Steven:** You can have Formula 1 without Ferrari.

**Alex:** Nooo!

**Amy:** We're gonna go for team Two-Stops, and the first question is going to go to Andy. Why does God hate Finnish people?

**Journeyer:** So, the research question I gave out, I think it was Tuesday, right? Was what do you think has been the most influential rules change F1 has ever seen and why? So this covers the entire stretch of the Formula 1 World Championship. Which has been the most influential rules change?

**Me:** At this point in time, I might have regretted not reading that when you asked.

**Lukeh:** I'm just thinking of stuff like safety we've had in the past ten, fifteen years really.



**Gavin:** I would say the most influential rule change will be the day that they banned ground effects

**Me:** I'm going to pick the change to a single tyre per race rule and then the change back.

**Steven:** I'm going political.

**Me:** I'd have put money on that.

**Steven:** The most important rule change in the last 25 years is the one that allowed Max to stand for more than two terms.

**Gavin:** I thought when Steven said he was going political, he was finally announcing his candidacy for head of the FIA.

**Lukeh:** It sounded like he was giving his manifesto out at first.

**Steven:** If that was my manifesto to stand, there's no way I would have made the first point about banning more than two terms, because if I'm going in I'm staying there.

### **Giggles Does the YMCA**

RG, there's no need to feel down, I said

RG, pick yourself off the ground, I said

RG, cos you're in a new town,

There's no need to be unhappy.

Host of Sidepodpanel, you're the host of Sidepodpanel

RG, RG, RG

### **Gavin Does Tell Me Lies**

If I could tell a fib

The stewards would rearrange a position or two

So said Davey, Davey Ryan

But they found our radios

There's no way we can get away with it now they heard us say

Lewis, let him, let him by

Tell them lies, tell them sweet little lies

Tell them lies, tell them, tell them lies.

**Me:** Just in the comments, a quick note for RG who is holding out for a Timo. He's holding out for a Timo till the end of the night.

### **Amy Does Dream**

To keep your seat for next year

To keep your seat for your career

To stay at McLaren all you have to do

Is win

### **Lukeh Does the Cornetto Song**

Just one Flavio Briatore, he says silly things

Shouting at Brawn GP, jealous of their wins

He's been at Renault for so long, it's been a while

Considering Piquet's still in the car, he's gone senile

**Journeyer:** Before I do ask the question, who wants to go first?



**Lukeh:** I want to go first.

**Journeyer:** You've thought of your favourite moment, describe it to us in the way Murray Walker would describe it.

**Me:** No.

**Lukeh:** You know when you said first...

**Christine:** We've got two teams, as usual, Fish & Chips and Alex's Trousers.

**Me:** Seems a bit random.

**Christine:** Yes, because at the Sidepodscience meetup, Alex had a bit of an incident with his plate of fish and chips. I think that's enough said really.

**Christine:** Okay, at the end of that round, Fish & Chips have three and Alex's Trousers have six. That's not a sentence I ever thought I'd say.

**Christine:** At the end of that round, Fish & Chips have 13 and Alex's Trousers have 15.

**Alex:** I'm gaining on my trousers.

**Chris Evans:** I want you to all choose a piece of F1 technology you'd like to see become part of our everyday lives.

**Andy:** Oh, I want a steering wheel with flashing lights on it.

**Steven:** Which of F1 would I like in my everyday life? Kate's Dirty Sister.

**Steven:** The start... Prost leading Senna... 180 miles per hour... he's crashed.

**Scott W:** Kimi gets out... he goes to the freezer... this isn't just a Magnum...

**Pat W:** Ayrton Senna... in the wet... puddles.

**Alex:** David Coulthard... drives... round the corner... Schumacher... next to him... he passes... a hand gesture.

**Jackie:** If you make a blooper, you might hear this sound.

[Audio Clip: "He's fallen in the water."]

**Jackie:** Who would you most like to send into space and why?

**Gavin:** I'd like to see Bernie go into space and see him try to set up a Grand Prix up there because he's tried everywhere else, so why not the vast features of outer space?

**Steven:** And of course, to add to Gavin's point, Bernie likes to have a Grand Prix somewhere where there's no atmosphere.

**Lou:** If you were able to create and enter a new F1 team, what would you call it and who would your ideal drivers be?

**Alex:** My team is going to be called The FIA Knows Best, and I'm going to have as my first driver, I'm going to have Mr C and then my second driver is going to be Sato so that Mr C then has to prove that he actually is better than Sato.

**Shaun:** So I would get Anthony Davidson in, and then I'd either have Alonso or I'd try and get Michael Schumacher back in. One of those drivers.

**Gavin:** Well, we're desperately behind in the points, so... any team, please take Franck? Please? So I can get a ping?  
[Silence]

**Gavin:** Oh, okay.

**Amy:** As much as it pains me to say this, it really does, but Heikki does look a lot like Beavis.

**Me:** He does.

**Christine:** Enormous questions.

**Amy:** First that's going to go to Gavin.



**Gavin:** Oh, no, you've got to repeat the question, because I didn't catch it, sorry.

**Bassano:** Do we have time?

**Me:** Has the host ever got a tick-tock before? It might happen today.

**Amy:** ...this weekend, even though when that happened to Massa in Malaysia no one suggested it was his fault. [Tick-tock] Kimi's just turn up and drive attitude...

**Steven:** I was very curious to see what would happen if you'd actually stopped when you got the tick-tock cos none of us would have known the question.

**Amy:** I did think about it.

**Journeyer:** Thank you very much guys, it looks like we're going to have a brilliant season on our hands, let's just enjoy it.

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