



Sidepodpanel – Holding Out for a Timo

Christine: Welcome to the penultimate of Sidepodpanel, Season 2. [Intro music] This is a bumper show today, with two hosts: Jackie and Lou, and four panellists on each team. Jackie will tell us more. Take it away.

Jackie: I'd just like to say a big hi to everyone, to the eleventh panel of the year, and we've got two teams tonight, we've got Team Man Flu and on that team we have Amy.

Amy: Hello.

Jackie: Alex Andronov.

Alex: Hello.

Jackie: We've got Scott Woodwiss.

Scott: Hello.

Jackie: And we have Lukeh.

Lukeh: Hello.

Jackie: And in Team Sniffles, we've got Gavin Brown.

Gavin: Good evening.

Jackie: Mr C.

Mr C: Hello.

Jackie: Steven Roy.

Steven: Hello.

Jackie: And Shaun.

Shaun: Hello.

Jackie: So, oh yea, of course we also have to introduce the other host, Lou.

Lou: Hello!



Jackie: We'll ask a range of questions, Lou and I will alternate between us a range of questions, and the scores will be tallied by Christine and her decision will be final. But there are a few sound effects you should be aware of before we start. So firstly, if you say something funny, you'll hear this sound [Laughing ping]. And if you say something that Christine doesn't like, and especially if you diss Franck or now Rob, you'll hear this sound [No ping]. And if you take too long to give your opinion, you will hear this sound [Tick tock ping]. And finally, if you make a blooper, you might hear this sound ['He's fallen in the water' ping] And I'd like you just to remember that those in the comments can also score points, so keep the comments rolling in. That's about it for the introductions, out of the way, so without further hesitation, we'll hand over to Lou and she'll ask the first question.

Lou: Okay, I hope you're ready. First question: Eddie Jordan seems to think that KERS is a bit of a waste of money and time, what do you think about this? Do you agree? And first question goes to Amy.

Amy: I think that this year, KERS is a good thing, obviously the cars that have got KERS are slow and it's giving them something back to fight with. The problem, I think, will be next year, if they do go down the route of the standardised KERS, it'll be like what they said on the panel after Bahrain, everyone would use it at exactly the same time thus it would give no benefit to anybody, and they might as well not have it. [Yes ping]

Lou: Brilliant. Okay, and the same question to Mr C.

Mr C: I think that KERS as it currently is, is wonderful. It's probably missing a little bit of headroom in the fact that they can't recover as much as they'd like to and they can't use as much as they're capable of recovering. So the rules do need tweaking. Like Amy, I think standardised KERS is a terrible, terrible idea, and it defeats the point of Formula One using it in the first place. I think what they should do is what they're doing for the budget cap teams in the future, which is basically to allow unrestricted KERS in the future and teams should be allowed to recover as much as they can and then reuse it as often as they can, because that is how you can promote Formula One as being useful to the rest of the world. [Yes ping]

Lou: And the same question to Lukeh.

Lukeh: I'm extremely mixed on KERS, because on the one hand, you've got people like Nelson Piquet using it and working, and on the other hand you've got people like Nelson Piquet working and using it, so... and I'm just, something about KERS bothers me, I don't... maybe it's because of the fact he used it on Barrichello and that's just put a sour taste in my mouth. [No ping.] That's just rude. But no, plus Eddie Jordan says a lot of crazy things, so I'm just gonna see how the season plays out with KERS. [Yes ping.]

Lou: And Shaun, what do you think?

Shaun: I think KERS is very good at the moment, it's quite exciting whenever you talk to anyone that doesn't know a lot about Formula One about KERS, they'll always say well that's like something that you have on a computer game. The only problem I've got with KERS, I'm a big fan of Robert Kubica and I think that they should up the weight limits of the cars so that it can be fitted into all the cars and very talented drivers like Kubica then can get on with doing what they do well [Yes ping] which is driving Formula One. But I'm sure that, I don't quite know why they can't up the weight the cars so easy, maybe there's other things that the teams can do with lighter drivers, to give them an advantage. I don't know.



Lou: Scott, do you have anything?

Scott: Sorry, I'm back. Yea. I think KERS is pretty good, it's good for things like using it off the line, out of corners. It does give something to the racing, it obviously makes it more exciting and it's good to see a whole mix of cars with cars and without it, because it kind of adds a lot of variance in the field, and I think it's generally a good thing. But as has been said a couple of times already now, standardised KERS would just defeat the object of racing because then... [Skype drops]

Mr C: We've lost Scott. Okay, no worries, move on to the next one, Lou.

Lou: Okay, Steven, do you have anything to add?

Steven: What, apart from the fact that Scott obviously wasn't wearing his marigolds to answer that question? I think that the problem with KERS as has been said is, if you're going to bring in KERS, bring it in and let the teams do what they like with it. If they want to put a lot of money in it and to recover lots of energy and use lots of energy whenever they want to use it, let them do it, and that way it'll develop. [Yes ping] And the same should go for any other energy recovery. If they want to take the heat out of the engine, instead of putting it in the radiator and venting it out to the air, take that, use the power from it, great. The more stuff like that they do, the better. But the idea of bringing in this year something which is optional, which is of marginal benefit, and then next year going to a standard plug in unit, complete waste of time, just adds complication and cost, and okay, may gain a little bit in racing but in general it does nothing for anyone.

Lou: Thank you. And lastly for Man Flu is Alex.

Alex: Well the thing that's really unfortunate is, that next year there's a fantastic opportunity here. If they bring in this rather interesting restriction on fuel, I know, I'm sure that'll be debated later on, but if they did bring in the restriction on fuel use, then it's kind of interesting that they'll have KERS because the people who can take the less fuel throughout the race might actually go faster because they could actually use KERS to actually do what it would do on a car. Which is to use, be more efficient on fuel, and that to me would make it a much more road relevant technology and that could actually be something quite exciting. [Yes ping.] But only if they also allow everybody to go and be as efficient as possible. Imagine that, the idea that, you know, you could get to the end of the race as fast as possible because you actually used the least fuel because that meant you were fastest all the way through, because you didn't have to put as much fuel in at the beginning. That sort of thing would be really interesting, and actually incredibly popular I'd imagine, with people who don't understand Formula One. Of course, maybe we shouldn't be trying to make Formula One interesting to people who don't like it in the first place, but that's a different thing.

Lou: Thank you. And lastly, Gavin.

Gavin: Yea. I don't want to repeat what everyone else said, because they're all good points. But I was thinking earlier on that when turbos were first introduced, not everyone could see the value in them. Not everyone could see that they were going to be beneficial to Formula One, and then eventually it became the thing to have and you weren't going to win without a turbo, and I think, if we allow unrestricted KERS, in a year or two's time, you can already see that it's going to be the thing you have to have to win, so I



think it's gonna be a good thing. I think anything that allows Nelson Piquet to actually race somebody and show a bit of skill has to be a bonus because I've never, ever seen him race anybody and the way he raced against Barrichello, maybe it was a little bit artificial but he could actually do something in a race, so it's got to be a good thing. [Yes ping.]

Lou: Thank you, some great answers there. I'm gonna hand over to Jackie for the next question.

Jackie: Okay, just before we get on to the next question, could we get a recap of the scores please, Christine?

Christine: Absolutely, the scores after the first round. Team Man Flu have 2, and Team Sniffles have 4. It looks like our bumper show has already fallen off because Scott has disappeared.

Mr C: Can he come back?

Christine: It doesn't look like, it keeps going to voicemail, so I was thinking for now you can just disappear.

Mr C: Okay, no, I will sit out. Until Scott comes back, I will sit out. That sounds like a very good plan. Especially when we get to the killer question.

Jackie: Okay, so question two: Virgin are in talks with Brawn GP about extending their sponsorship to become title sponsors. It's also announced that Virgin Galactic have started selling seats on these flights and that Rubens Barrichello and Niki Lauda, who it's suggested will pilot the craft, have paid for tickets. So my question is, who would you most like to send into space and why? [Laughter ping] And that question, first of all, goes to Lukeh.

Lukeh: I'm just gonna have to say Flavio Briatore at the moment, because, at the moment he's just... the past few weeks, the comments he was saying, and the ridiculous things... well, the past few years really. If anyone could just get off this earth, it would be lovely to see Briatore fly off into space. And he'd probably still complain it was Brawn's fault he was in space or something. [Laughter ping] I don't know, I'd be happy to see Briatore go.

Jackie: Okay, would you like to see him come back?

Lukeh: That's erm, that's erm... no. [Yes ping]

Jackie: Okay, for Team Sniffles, can we hear from Shaun please?

Shaun: Yea, I was wondering, does it mean they have to come back again, you know? Because the obvious ones are Max Mosley and Ecclestone and they can go into space and keep going, couldn't they? I don't know, Richard Branson. He's okay, on one hand he's very good, on the other hand he's on television so much, he's always trying to get into the pictures with the winners of the races and things like that. [Yes ping] I just think he should be sent off into space, you know, until the season ends, then come back and they tell him how well, or how much money the sponsors have generated. Something like that, there we go.



Jackie: Excellent. So for Team Man Flu, could we hear from Alex please?

Alex: Yea, oh god, it's a difficult one. Who do you send into space? I think, er... I think probably, it's probably going to have to be Michael Schumacher for me. I think I'd like to send him into space because obviously he would probably try and break all kinds of records and then on his return, we'd realise that he'd probably been filming all of those scenes in the New Mexico desert and hadn't really been true.

Jackie: Okay. For Team Sniffles, Gavin please?

Gavin: I was just thinking, if you put DC, Piquet, Sato and Nakajima on the same spaceship, what are the odds of it actually landing without crashing? [Laughter] [Yes ping] I guess, who would I like to see go into space? 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 reaches of outer space? [Yes ping]

Jackie: Excellent. Steven?

Steven: And of course, to add to Gavin's point, Bernie likes to have a grand prix somewhere where there's no atmosphere. [Laughter] [Laughter ping] I guess the first thing, if I had the choice, is I'd go myself because I'm desperate to go up and have a look but if I'm going to avoid that, I think Christine could go because it's the one place she's not going to find someone asking her about her song. [Yes ping] Or we can send Eddie Jordan up so we can get Mike Gascoigne back on the TV.

Mr C: Yay! [Yes ping]

Jackie: Okay, and so finally for Team Man Flu, we have Amy.

Amy: Okay, from a selfish point of view, I would like to send Sebastian Bourdais into space, so that Brendan Hartley can take his drive, because there hasn't been a New Zealander in Formula One since 1980 and I would love to see another one. [Yes ping] Plus Bourdais whines a lot and we wouldn't be able to hear him if he was in space. [Yes ping]

Jackie: That's a surprise that having that little go at Mr Bourdais didn't get a uh-uh.

Lukeh: She's not a fan anymore.

Jackie: Oh dear.

Mr C: She's fickle, Jackie.

Steven: She's switched Sebastian's.

Jackie: Okay, so Christine, can we have a recap of the scores at the end of round two, please?

Christine: Team Man Flu have seven, Team Sniffles have twelve, and Jackie has two.

Steven: Just out of curiosity, who was the last New Zealander in Formula One, was it Mike Thackwell?



Gavin: Yep. I was gonna say, don't you know the answer Steven?

Steven: I just didn't associate him with 1980, I thought he was a couple of years later than that.

Amy: He was back in 1984 actually. He debuted in 1980 and then he did a couple in 1984 as well.

Steven: Okay, that's what's confusing me.

Mr C: Wow, that deserves a ping. [Yes ping] Just for confusing Steven. Doesn't happen that often. Okay, over to Lou for the next question.

Lou: It's the Spanish Grand Prix next weekend and many cars are going to have new pieces of development on the car, do you think this is going to affect the order again and if so which teams do you think will improve, and do you think any won't improve at all? And that question is to Shaun.

Shaun: Yes, there definitely will be improvement there. I think the teams at the moment are developing their cars a hell of a lot faster than anyone can predict or anyone believes. And you're gonna see, I believe, I have a feeling you're gonna see McLaren really taking on the front runners in Spain, that's just a bit of a feeling I've got. Possibly even Ferrari, sort of getting their act together a bit more this time, so we certainly will. And one team that really needs to make some improvements are BMW. So, yea, sure, sure, definitely. I can't quite think... oh of course, Brawn. [Tick tock ping] They're improving their car again, aren't they? So, oop, there we go.

Lou: Thank you. Same question to Alex.

Alex: Well I agree about McLaren, I think they probably are gonna have some big improvements. You can see that they've already been improving all the way through this season so far, but I think that actually it's probably, it's for the smaller teams to keep ahead at the moment. I think Brawn probably, Brawn and Red Bull are probably the teams that you want to look for because they probably have some advantages. They are ahead anyway and the big pushes they're going to try and make right now are gonna be crucial. The downheartedness of the BMW and Ferrari teams in all of their conversations, and Renault as well, the fact that they keep going and saying 'oh it's somebody else's fault, somebody else's fault' tells me that they probably don't have anything to bring in, whereas McLaren are keeping themselves to themselves and I think that's probably a sign that they're just getting on with the job. [Yes ping]

Lou: And Gavin? What do you think?

Gavin: I'd like to think that BMW are going to make an improvement because I've got Robert Kubica on my Fantasy Racers team and he's the worst driver. From my stats, he's the worst driver. But I don't think it's going to happen. I think Brawn are going to make an improvement because Ross Brawn's awesome, and I think McLaren are showing some really good signs of improving. This is the race where we're going to get another shift because it's the first European race, so I think probably Brawn, Red Bull a bit, and McLaren. [Yes ping.]

Lou: Brilliant. And Amy?



Amy: I'm hoping that Williams might be making an improvement because they've had so much pace, or Nico's had so much pace in practices and yet he hasn't been able to translate that at all into race pace. [Yes ping] Hopefully some aero upgrades or something might help there. As for who won't improve, I'm gonna go against the trend, I don't think McLaren are going to improve that much, they've admitted themselves that they had a lot of upgrade in the flyaway races that a lot of other teams didn't have. So they don't have as much to bring to Barcelona, and especially considering that it's a track where everybody tests, everyone else is going to have a lot more knowledge as well about what's needed there. Although I do hope that Kovalainen will have the new front wing so that he can catch up to Lewis again. [Yes ping.]

Lou: And Steven?

Steven: I don't think there's going to be any significant change in the general order. I think it's going to be pretty much the same as we've seen. McLaren and Renault obviously have new floors and diffusers which they've run, I think in one race each, so they may have had time to do a little bit of tweaking in those to get a bit more performance out of them. But I don't think it's going to change much. I think Monaco's going to be far more interesting because of the nature of the track, and we've seen in the wet that the Red Bull seems to have a lot of mechanical grip so I think we might see Red Bull just fly away when it comes to Monaco. But I don't think much will change in Barcelona. [Yes ping.]

Lou: And lastly, Lukeh.

Lukeh: The only real big change I can see is Ferrari, personally. Because they really need to sort themselves out and get their season going. BMW again need to sort their season out otherwise Kubica's leaving at the end of the year, which I can see that happening as well to be honest. But in, you know, like Steven says, I can't see a huge shake up happening. Brawn just need to keep going, get a bit faster, but in general no, just Ferrari improving. [Yes ping.]

Lou: Okay, thank you. And Christine, can we have the scores for that round, please?

Christine: At the end of that round, Team Man Flu have twelve and Team Sniffles have fourteen. Jackie still has two.

Jackie: Okay, ready for round four. And I want to start with Team Sniffles. And the question is: We've just heard in the Debrief that Max Mosley and Luca di Montezemolo exchanged letters last week about the budget cap of £40 million being brought in for next season. Luca's not too keen on the idea, and now Max is quoted in the Financial Times as saying "the sport could survive without Ferrari" and "it would be very sad to lose Ferrari, it is the Italian national team." So in this three part question: do you see this argument developing? Do you agree with Max's statement? And if so, what kind of future do you envisage for Ferrari within motor racing? That one will go to Gavin please, for Team Sniffles.

Gavin: I'm just more interested in seeing what the love letters between Max Mosley and Luca di Montezemolo. Clearly Max has fallen out of love with Ferrari and Luca is trying to win back the love of the FIA because, from the comments that we've heard. But there is no Formula One without Ferrari. Whether you like it or not, Ferrari have been in it from the start. Ferrari have such a position that they can say what they want and do what they want, and it eventually works for them. To the point where there's been



changes in the rules proposed, and they've threatened to leave and the rules have gone their way. So what's going to happen is that Ferrari are going to get the teams on their side somehow, and then they're going to convince the FIA to go their way, and then it's going to go their way.

Jackie: Great, so for Team Man Flu, could we hear from Alex please?

Alex: I mean, I think it's a complete ploy. He knows that he has signed some kind of deal with the devil, him and Bernie did kind of give this huge rights to Ferrari, the last time they had a big argument with the other teams, Ferrari jumped shipped first away from the constructor's championship, and they gave this whole thing. And I think, basically, this is them putting Ferrari on message. He saw that Bernie repealed the actual extra money they gave Ferrari the last time, and that caused a bit of disturbance in the team's union. And now, again, this thing puts an extra bit of pressure on there, and I think they're just trying to put a little bit of a wedge between Ferrari and the rest of the teams again, and why not? I mean, Ferrari are Formula One to an extent [Tick tock ping] but on the other hand of course, we know that we'll, they'll just... oh, I don't know. Anyway, they can't have Formula One without Ferrari. I don't think so, even though Steven will tell you otherwise. [Yes ping.]

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

Steven: You can have Formula One without Ferrari.

Alex: Nooooo!

Steven: We had Formula One without Maserati. We had Formula One for fifty years without Mercedes. We had Formula One, or we've had Formula One for god knows how long without Lotus. If Ferrari go, they go. The thing is, they're not going anywhere. Ferrari have a whole history of putting out garbage like this and getting the governing body to jump to their tune. If you go back to 1964 when Enzo was in a huff with the CSI as it was then, before it was even the FIA, John Surtees, when he won his world championship, didn't win it in a Ferrari. [Tick tock ping] He won it in a blue and white car called a NART, which is the North American Racing Team, which is an American Ferrari importer. So if you look at the last two races of that season, he wasn't in a Ferrari, and that was Enzo just saying, we're not going to enter, so this team just happened to enter in our cars. [Falling ping] Ferrari were nowhere. Christine's trying to pile on the sound effects... Ferrari are going nowhere, Max and co are just trying to get them to dump FOTA again. I don't think it's going to happen again this time. The sooner FOTA set up their own championship and dump Max, the better.

Jackie: Okay. Team Man Flu, Lukeh's go.

Lukeh: I'm not a big fan of Ferrari, and I'm not a big fan of Luca di Mozzarella. [Laughter ping] I couldn't pronounce his name, so I thought mozzarella would be the most appropriate word to fit in there. I can't see them leaving the sport because they have got, like Steven said, such a big history with the sport. And they've got a nice red car and I like red, so I hope they don't leave. [Laughter ping]

Jackie: Great answer. For Team Sniffles, finally, we've got Shaun.



Shaun: Okay, yea, it's a real complicated one. I want the budget cap but there's gonna be horrendously complicated logistics, or whatever. To make this work is gonna be virtually impossible. Ferrari, I totally agree, they are kind of half of Formula One. They'll stay in Formula One, they've got to. Formula One would have a big side-swipe if they went. It's kind of, maybe I'm being a bit naive, but maybe Mosley is trying to show that he doesn't favour Ferrari and he's really trying to stand his ground here with them, and if so, I hope he wins and I hope Ferrari kind of, maybe I'm living in cloud cuckoo land here, but I hope they go with what he wants. But I really can't see the budget cap working without teams thinking out of the box. They're all worlds within worlds, aren't they, these groups and teams and organisations. I mean, how are they gonna account for all the money that they've capped them with? I mean, even if they've got people [Tick tock ping] in the accounts. So good luck to him. [Yes ping.]

Jackie: Quick, before the bomb comes. Finally then for Team Man Flu, we have to hear from Amy.

Amy: Okay, as far as the argument developing on this one, I don't know that it can because of the fact that they have to have their entries in, in like two week's time. And anything they want to argue about after they've already made their decision and given their entry to the FIA is irrelevant. Because if they apply to go with the budget cap and then start arguing about it afterwards, it doesn't matter. As to whether Formula One could live without Ferrari, I would like to think that they can but that's probably biased because I'm not a Ferrari fan, and I guess [Yes ping] living in Melbourne, everyone in the stands is a Ferrari fan, and if there was no Ferrari, the grand prix probably couldn't exist here, which personally that would be rubbish. And Ferrari's future, if they don't go for it, like what else do they do? Ooh, they provide cars to the A1 GP which unfortunately looks like it's not coming back next year, so they don't have anything else to do really, apart from Formula One. [Yes ping.]

Jackie: Great answers, Amy. Thank you. Christine, can we have the scores at the end of round four please?

Christine: At the end of that round, Team Man Flu have nineteen and Team Sniffles have fourteen. Jackie still has two.

Lou: Okay. As you all probably know, it's possible that we might have three new teams in F1 next year, US GP, Lola and maybe even Prodrive. My question is, if you were able to create and enter a new F1 team, what would you call it and who would your ideal drivers be? [Yes ping] And that first question goes to Amy.

Amy: Ooh. I would have a team called, well, I don't know what I would call it. But the drivers clearly would have to be Franck [Yes ping] and...

Alex: Going first is such an advantage!

Amy: And Anthony Davidson. I would like a team of ex-Super Aguri drivers. That's what I'd call them. Team Ex-Super Aguri. [Laughter ping]

Lou: Okay, and next question to Steven?

Steven: Great question. I like this one. Like Amy, I don't know what I would call the team. I think what I'd like to do is have one experienced driver and one really new driver. The new driver won't come as a surprise to anyone that I'd put Paul di Resta in. I'm slightly baffled as to who I'm going to have as an



experienced driver. I'm tempted to bring McNish in and let him have a run. Or someone similar. But maybe someone like Alex Wurz, or De la Rosa. Someone who's a proven tester. [Yes ping.] Really, I should come up with a good team name, but just can't think of anything. Sorry.

Mr C: Just to jump in, Scott in the comments, we've obviously lost him off the call. He said he'd name his team after himself, he'd have Sutil and Button, and apparently we've got to sponsor him. [No ping.]

Steven: First commenter ever with minus points.

Lou: Okay, Lukeh, what do you think?

Lukeh: This is just a dream I had once. I would call the team, I don't know why, it's just a word that came to mind, I'd call them Brawn. [Yes ping.] And I'd have, oh what's his name, Jason...

Jackie: Buttocks.

Lukeh: No, no, you know. Dennis Button. [Laughter ping] And the other one. I would have them in my team and they'd be sponsored by Branson, oh I don't know, you could leave the Branson bit out, to be honest. [Yes ping.]

Lou: Okay, and Gavin, what do you think?

Gavin: I'd call my team Team Five Pints of Awesome [Yes ping]. I'd paint the cars red because red cars always seem to win, and always seem to get their way with the rules. And I'd probably have Lewis Hamilton and Scott Dixon because they're my two favourite drivers. And I think I'd get sponsored by somebody awesome.

Lou: Okay, and same question to Alex.

Alex: Okay. My team's gonna be called The FIA Knows Best and I'm going to have as my first driver, I'm going to have Mr C. I think that would be a good idea. [Yes ping.] 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. [Laughter ping]

Mr C: [Laughs and claps] Can I also jump in with RG's got a suggestion for his team, in the comments. He'd have a team called Team O'Racing. Sorry, he'd have Timo Glock in his team, somebody awfully slow to make Timo look good, and he'd call it We're Not Biased to Anybody But Timo Racing. [Yes ping.]

Lou: And lastly Shaun.

Shaun: Okay, for what it's worth. I think I would have to, the company that I work for that I can't mention their name, they would own the team and sponsor the team and then what I would do is, I would need a subordinate driver and I'd need a really fantastic driver so I would get sort of Anthony Davidson in, and he could be the consistent subordinate driver and then I'd have to have Alonso or I'd try and get Michael Schumacher back in. One of those drivers. [No ping.]

Gavin: Oh no.



Alex: Oh no!

Shaun: Get it going again, you know, something like that. Or get John Surtees or someone like that to drive for them, I don't know. There you go.

Alex: Chris has just pointed out in the comments that having Mr C as a driver will cause real problem in the post-driver's press conference.

Mr C: Why?

Alex: Because you'd have to be on screen.

Mr C: Oh no! [Laughter ping] That's a silly idea.

Jackie: You could always wear a panda suit. [Yes ping]

Alex: It would be the first driver's press conference sponsored by LG, with LG and not you.

Lou: Okay, the scores at the end of that round are, Christine?

Christine: Team Man Flu are running away with it now, they've got twenty-nine points to Team Sniffles' fifteen. Jackie has three, Lou has one, and from the comments, RG has one, Chris has two and Scott has minus one. He started off on the show, and now he's in the comments on minus one.

Gavin: Can I call a stewards' inquiry? I think the other team are using an illegal use of humour? They should only be using six seconds per answer [Laughter ping] and I believe they are using more per answer and that's just not acceptable and we're going to refer you to the council for it.

Alex: Gavin, there's a two-tier system in Formula One these days.

Mr C: You're in a lower tier.

Alex: We're not subjected the budget cap, we're allowed to use humour.

Shaun: We'll have points taken away some time next week.

Jackie: Okay, ready for round six? We're only four races into the season and already there are calls for Piquet to lose his seat at Renault. Räikkönen doesn't seem to be particularly a happy bunny right now at Ferrari, and Lewis has seemed a bit disillusioned at McLaren. We've had for the first time in years, a very stable grid last season, with no changes in team personnel at all. With the current teams pecking order well and truly mixed up this year, some drivers like Button and Barrichello are enjoying a turnaround in fortunes. Whilst others like Kubica must be rueing missed opportunities. So my question is this: if you could change any of the current drivers and put them into any team on the grid, would you just mix them up a bit or bring in new talent? Who would you replace and why? And that's to Team Man Flu, and we'll start with Lukeh, please.

Lukeh: The obvious answer straight away would be Piquet. He'd be straight out that Renault and in a little £3.99 buggy from Toys R Us or something. Just let him drive around the circuit, do whatever he likes, just get him out that Renault, please. [Yes ping] The other driver, I think the obvious one as well would be Bourdais, because he's just not getting the job done at Toro Rosso and Buemi is just... he's doing so well, Buemi, he can actually go off the track, swear on the pit radio, and sound comedic and still beat Bourdais, that's how bad Bourdais is doing. [Yes ping.] So it would definitely be Piquet and Bourdais going out, and bring in, oh I don't know, Spiderman and Batman, anyone. Just whatever.

Jackie: Excellent. For Team Sniffles, we'll hear from Gavin please.

Gavin: Well, we're desperately behind in the points, so any team please take Franck, please, so I can get a ping... [long pause] Oh, okay.

[Laughter]

Gavin: Oh a proper answer then. The fact that Buemi was in GP2 last year, and did pretty much nothing and was average and got a Formula One drive and he's pretty good, means there's at least five drivers in GP2 that should deserve to be in Formula One right now. There's three drivers in Formula One that I really think are endangered species'. One is Piquet, just by the fact that we've coined the phrase 'a little bit Piquet'. That says enough about Mr Piquet, how good or bad he is. Another is Fisichella, he may be driving for free but clearly that's too expensive because he's just terrible. And Bourdais is having such a bad start that clearly he's got to be on borrowed time as well. I think Romain Grosjean, Lucas di Grassi, Bruno Senna, they should be in Formula One car out of GP2 because... [tick tock ping] Okay, I'm going to stop now. [Yes ping]

Jackie: Excellent, can we hear from Amy next for Team Man Flu?

Amy: Oh my answers are gonna be, I guess, similar to everyone else's in that you've got your usual suspects like Piquet and Fisichella. Obviously, Nakajima is another one, maybe there's something about drivers who had fathers who were drivers, I don't know, but yea, Nakajima's really unimpressing me. [Yes ping.] To be honest, I'm not that impressed with Rosberg either, I know everyone loves him but he's done nothing for me since he's been there. As to who I would put in in place of these people, yea, anyone really. I know everyone wants to see Bruno Senna in a car, so I don't know if I do. I think he's another one with the last name thing. Yea, anybody. Just get rid of them. And Fisichella who's been in it since I was born. [Laughter ping]

Jackie: For Team Sniffles, Steven please?

Steven: I think the first thing I'd say is on your intro, I think Kimi's gonna do well this year. I know everyone thinks he's down but I reckon he's gonna beat Massa this season. I think certainly there are a lot of very good young drivers around who need to get a break and Piquet's had way too long, Bourdais just doesn't look like he's gonna cut it, Fisichella has been mentioned. Nakajima. But the people like Di Grassi, Hülkenberg, Adam Carroll, who won A1 GP, Bruno Senna, all sorts of people who deserve a break, so let's get them in there and get rid of the dead wood. [Yes ping.]



Jackie: Can we have Alex please?

Alex: I don't really want him to go but I think I'm desperately trying to think of someone who hasn't been mentioned, so I'm going to go for Bernd Mayländer, simply because I'd like to have some more races without a safety car involved. I think that may be a good option. [Yes ping.]

Jackie: And finally, Shaun, please.

Shaun: Right okay yea, definitely Piquet, Nakajima and Bourdais out of Formula One. But to be fair on them, it's so competitive now that drivers like them used to be in the kind of diesel Manardi and all of that, back in those days, so maybe when this budget cap comes in they could come back in in the Lola and those sort of cars at the back. Kubica should get out of BMW, get him into Brawn and get Barrichello out of Brawn. So Jenson Button and Kubica would be quite an awesome pairing there, I think. I think Kubica's one of the better drivers in Formula One [Yes ping] so he would really show everyone what he could do then. And I tell you something... [Tick tock ping] There we go, there's my answer.

Jackie: Excellent, some excellent stuff there. Christine, could we have the scores please at the end of round six?

Christine: Team Man Flu have thirty-five, Team Sniffles have twenty, Jackie has three and I think the rest are all the same.

Gavin: Yay, we're still winning the second tier, guys.

[Laughter]

Lou: Okay, so I think it's about time we moved on to the three killer questions. [Yes ping] It was pointed out to me a while ago that Mario Theisson looks very similar Ned Flanders from The Simpsons.

Gavin: Lukeh!

Lou: Can you think of anyone else from the F1 paddock who acts like a... acts or looks like a cartoon character? And first question to Lukeh.

Lukeh: Oh Jesus.

[Laughter]

Lukeh: I'm just laughing at the image of Ned Flanders and Mario Theissen again. Every time it gets me. Can I skip that and answer that in a minute?

Lou: Yea, okay. We'll move on to Alex.

Alex: Well not currently from the paddock but I can think of Montoya as Homer Simpson, obviously, for the "Mmmm, donuts".



Lou: And Steven?

Steven: When you think of lookalikes in the paddock, Bernie looks like Andy Warhol, but you know Andy Warhol more like... [unintelligible] The only thing I can think of is Kimi and his enormous hat, reminds me of a cartoon that used to be on the TV years ago, called Calimero, which is a little black bird with its eggshell on its head. No one else remembers.

Jackie: I do!

Lou: Amy, what do you think?

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

Mr C: He does.

[Laughter ping]

Lou: Shaun?

Shaun: Well, the only one I can think of is David Coulthard looks like Peter Perfect out of the Wacky Racers. [Yes ping.]

Lou: And Lukeh?

Lukeh: The only one I can think of, and I don't know why this comes to mind, is, I don't know if anyone remembers, oh what was his name? The guy who used to present on CBBC, I think it was Otis the Aardvark. It was basically a puppet aardvark and it reminds me of Robert Kubica for some reason.

[Laughter]

Shaun: How??

Alex: Something about the nose.

Lukeh: The other one I was thinking of, I mentioned it earlier, it's Martin Whitmarsh looks like the Demon Headmaster. Just thinking he's got creepy eyes, apparently.

Lou: And Gavin?

Gavin: I can't believe no one's said this yet, Sébastien Buemi looks like Mr Potato Head! [Yes ping.] But also, Jonathan Legard looks like Frankenstein, Kubica looks like Lurch. [Tick tock ping]

Alex: I have one more, which is, he's also left as well. But Jean Todt did look an awful lot like Greenback from Danger Mouse. [Yes ping]

Gavin: Oh that was the other one! I was gonna say Jean Todt looks like Mr Toad from Beatrix Potter.



Steven: There's one in the comments from Flibster, saying Massa looks like Ernie from Sesame Street.

Mr C: He's also got Jean Todt as the Count. Flibster deserves a point for that one. [Yes ping]

Shaun: Kovalainen looks like someone out of the Munsters, doesn't he? Grandpa, he always reminds me of him.

Lou: Okay, so at the end of that round, what are the scores Christine?

Christine: Team Man Flu have thirty-eight and Team Sniffles have twenty-two.

Mr C: I did just think of another one. Totally off the wall, but Holly Samos looks like a Teletubby when she walks around the pitlane with her little aerial on her head. [No ping] Oh.

Alex: You're so mean! So mean!

Jackie: Okay. My killer question. Christine penned and sung an absolutely brilliant good luck song for Felipe Massa, to the music of Santa Baby. Which driver or F1 personality would you like to compose a song for, what would you sing and can you suggest any suitable soundtrack? And maybe, if you're very, very good and sung a little bit, Team Sniffles, Christine might give you an extra point or two. That question, first of all, is going to go to Gavin.

Gavin: I have thought of a song. I've been thinking about the lie-gate, and I'm thinking, seeing as Lewis is my favourite, I'm gonna have to sing a song about Lewis. And I was thinking, maybe a little rendition of Little Lies by Fleetwood Mac might do the trick here. [Sings] If I could tell a fib, the stewards would rearrange a position or two. [Yes ping.] 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. [Yes ping.] Tell them lies, tell them, tell them lies. You can't disguise, oh no, you can't disguise. Shall I do a bit more?

Mr C: No, that's great. That's perfect.

Jackie: That was fantastic. I love that.

Gavin: Let me just do the next bit of it, because you'll like this bit. [Sings] Although Matt is the making plans... [Tick tock ping] He said I hope you don't understand there's a reason why, Davey, Davey's fired. [Falling ping] [Falling ping]

Jackie: Absolutely brilliant. For Man Flu, can we have Alex please?

Alex: Oh dear. I'm starting to go for Nick Heidfeld, BMW, and I hope that you'll recognise the song as I start to sing it. [Sings] Don't stop me now, I'm the only driver with KERS, in my team. Don't stop me now, my name is Nick Heidfeld, I wanna believe, don't stop me now. You can give me the KERS, don't give the KERS to Robert, he goes too fast. Don't stop me now. [Laughter ping.] My only chance of winning is because of Robert's fat ass. [No ping.]



Mr C: Oh dear. That was unexpected. Just in the comments, a quick note for RG who's Holding Out for a Timo. [Yes ping.] He's holding out for a Timo till the end of the night.

Steven: I was gonna steal that one.

Jackie: Brilliant. God, I can't see now, Shaun please.

Shaun: Oh right, this is the worst sort of question for me. I really, terrible this. There's... look, I'm not gonna do anything controversial this time. There's a song that's called Every Loser Wins, which could apply to quite a few drivers, isn't there? And then, getting right back to the 1970s, there's a group called The Sweet did a song called Hell Raiser, that could apply to Lewis Hamilton, I think. And that's about it. [Yes ping.]

Jackie: Smashing. Amy, now, please, for Team Man Flu.

Amy: Oh, my song writing debut, okay. I'll give you one guess who I wrote a song about, to the tune of The Everly Brothers, their song All I Have to Do is Dream. I've written a song called All You Have to Do is Win. It goes a little like this. [Sings] 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. [Yes ping.] Win, win, win, win, ignore that your teammate's Lewis and your car, is number two, to stay at McLaren, all you have to do is win. [Yes ping.] The end.

Jackie: Fantastic, thank you.

Mr C: [claps]

Jackie: Steven, for Team Sniffles.

Steven: Oh my god. I thought maybe Bernie, do something like D.I.V.O.R.C.E. [No ping.]

Mr C: Ooooooh.

Steven: The other one that I came up with, and I notice a couple of people have come up with the same thing in the comments. I thought for Kimi and his taste in desserts, we could have Ice, Ice Baby. Or as someone's changed it to Ice Cream Baby. [Yes ping.]

Jackie: And finally, for Man Flu, Lukeh.

Steven: [Laughs]

Lukeh: I haven't even said anything yet!

Steven: Sorry, Andy put one in the comments, for Kubica we could have Firestarter.

[Laughter]

[Yes ping.]



Lukeh: Does anyone remember the Cornetto adverts? Alright, the song from the Cornetto adverts then, about a certain team boss. [Sings] 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. [Yes ping.]

Shaun: Good one.

Jackie: Fantastic, I loved that round. Cheers, well done everyone for doing that. Christine, could we have the scores please at the end of the second killer question.

Mr C: Is there anyone in the comments who hasn't got a point yet?

Christine: There's a lot of points. Okay, Team Man Flu have 42, Team Sniffles have 26, Jackie has 3, Lou has 2, and from the comments, Chris has 3, Flibster has 1, Andy has 1, RG has 2 and Scott and Mr C have minus one each.

Mr C: Well done to... which team one? Sorry, I wasn't listening. Well done to Man Flu. I was just trying to work out how the hell so many people in the comments got so many points. So, of the two hosts, Jackie beat Lou by a point. That's good going. Thank you for hosting this week, you two.

Jackie: You're welcome.

Mr C: Did you enjoy hosting?

Jackie: Yea, it was good fun.

Lou: Yea, it's been fun. Yea.

Mr C: And thank you to Kathi for managing to host nine simultaneous Skype conversations, which is absolutely fantastic. We are moving to Finland, it's official. Thank you to everyone who joined the call, sorry we lost Scott halfway through, although I'm quite glad that I missed out on the killer questions. Are we gonna do one more panel this year? One more to go.

[Outtro music]