



## Sidepodradio (Part 22) – F1 Minute Compilation

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**Lisa:** You're listening to Sidepodradio, and now it's time for F1 Minute.

*1pm*

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Welcome to the first of eleven very special Sidepodradio F1 Minutes, it's the 20th September 2009 and it's half past one.

Following on from the news that BMW are concerned their drivers will have to have grid drops due to engine changes before the end of the season, Sebastian Vettel has confirmed that he hopes he can escape without penalty. He said they plan to continue limiting Friday running and other than that all they can do is hope for the best. The suggestions that the team might change the engine a couple of times in one weekend and thus suffer just one penalty is not one that appeals to Vettel. He admits they could have done it at Monza, when he started low down and finished with just one point, but to try and predict when the best time to take a penalty is almost impossible. Clearly he hasn't met RG.

In not-quite-so F1 news, it is Montoya's birthday today. The Columbian ex-Williams driver turns 34 today, so he can celebrate that and reaching the Chase in NASCAR, whatever that is.

That's all for now, I will be back in half an hour with another F1 Minute.

**Me:** Ah, you love it. You love it, be honest. You love it.

**Christine:** That was fun.

**Me:** Sidepodradio is going to kill us. It's actually going to break the two of us.

**Scott:** Hi, this is Scott Woodwiss and you're listening to Sidepodradio on Sidepodcast.com. F1 for all, and all for F1.

*2pm*

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Welcome to F1 Minute, the second of the Sidepodradio series for the 20th September 2009 - it's two o'clock.

Although all sizz... Although all silly season decisions are being left until after the Renault hearing, once again everything rests on Alonso's shoulders, drivers are starting to look to the future. Williams driver Kazuki Nakajima has said that he knows he needs to buck up his ideas a bit if he's going to get a race seat next year. He admits that he hasn't had any offers yet, and says: "I need to get better results; I'm sure my performance is better than last year but I haven't had the results, so that's a bit of a problem.

He is slightly torn as well, being part of the Toyota Young Driver programme but also very happy at Williams. The team are hoping to move away from Toyota engines next year, which does leave Kazuki in a rather difficult position.

In other news, it is still Montoya's birthday today. He isn't on Twitter officially, but there is a fake Montoya if you want to wish him a good day. I wonder what kind of cake he will have.

That's all for now, join me in 60 minutes for another F1 Minute.

**Me:** 1 minute 3 seconds. It was the stumble. You would have had that on the money. Is Montoya going to get a mention every hour?

**Christine:** Sizzy season.



*3pm*

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This is Sidepodradio, F1 Minute. It's the 20th September and it's three o'clock.

Next week is the second ever night race in Formula 1, that doesn't have quite the same ring to it as the first, does it? Anyway, McLaren have confirmed they will be bringing their last big development package of the season to the Singapore Grand Prix. Martin Whitmarsh said: "For this race, we are introducing our last major upgrade package of the season before fully devoting our efforts and resources towards next year's car. Everybody at McLaren is looking forward to these final four flyaway races, the climax to a thrilling, eventful and unexpected title battle and our own steadily improving fortunes."

Hamilton, meanwhile, isn't phased by his crash in Monza, and says he will still attack the next few races, quote: "pushing for as many victories as I can." He wants to make up for last year, when he was being cautious to protect his championship challenge.

Finally, we are still celebrating the fact that it is ex-F1 driver Juan Pablo Montoya's birthday today, and I am wondering what presents he received. What do you buy for the man who has everything?

That'll do it for now, stay tuned and we'll be back in an hour for another F1 Minute.

**Me:** Where's the jingle?

**Christine:** Oh yea!

**Me:** Oh, that was so on schedule. Argh! I don't care.

**Christine:** I can't do everything.

**Me:** You were on like 55 seconds, I thought it's a 5 second jingle, she's gonna get it on schedule and it went silent.

*4pm*

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This is the four o'clock edition of F1 Minute for Sidepodradio and it's the 20th September 2009.

McLaren launched their kidswear range Living The Dream a few days ago, with Heikki Kovalainen and Lewis Hamilton both doing their bit for the advertising campaign. Heikki was at the Westfield Shopping Centre in London yesterday, talking to fans, signing autographs and launching the range - available exclusively through Marks & Spencer and on the web.

The launch also includes the website LivingYourDream.com, in which there is a competition for kids. Every month, the winner gets to live out their dream for a day, which will be filmed and put on the website. All they have to do is draw their dream. Sadly, I am too old to enter this competition, and I can't actually draw Franck very well, so this is no good for me.

Elsewhere, Montoya is celebrating his 34th birthday today, plus the fact that he's doing quite well at NASCAR. Do you think he will have a party? What kind of music would they play at that party? Do you think they'd do the Conga?

Anyway, that's all for now, please join me again in an hour for another F1 Minute.

**Me:** Yes! Yes!

**Christine:** Do we have proof?

**Me:** Yea, do you want to hold that up to the camera? I've got it at 1 minute, and like 25 hundredths of a second.

**Christine:** Tell me when you can see it.

**Me:** Bit closer. Stop. One minute, 25 hundredths of a second. How did you do that? I never thought you'd get that



right once. Wow. Let alone this early.

**Christine:** I never thought I'd get it right either.

**Me:** That is incredible, and honestly, I didn't do anything. I just started that, and you can watch the replay, because obviously you can watch all the replays.

**Christine:** Well you can't really fluke something like that anyway.

**Me:** I guess I could have stopped it if you overran.

**Christine:** You should be able to hear the beeping.

**Me:** The way my fingers react, it's a miracle I stopped it when you did. Just wow. How much do I owe for that? Another pound?

**Christine:** Let's see, what did you say?

**Me:** Another pound, I think.

**Christine:** Alex and Chris will donate £1 for every F1 Minute that lasts exactly one minute. So we've got one.

**Me:** Right. Good stuff. Alex said he's doing ten for that.

**Christine:** Ten pounds? Wow.

**Me:** Pressure's on to do more correctly.

### 5pm

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Welcome to Sidepodradio and the fifth of our special F1 Minutes. It's the 20th September and it's five o'clock.

The calendar for next year still hasn't been officially announced, and we're not expecting it to be so for a couple of months yet. Organisers in South Korea have said they are still hoping to host a Grand Prix in the 2010 season, with some added assistance from the government. They were recently awarded funding for the event, despite not appearing on any provisional calendars we have seen.

Korea Auto Valley Operation are behind the event and the CEO says: "By maintaining strong co-operative relationships with the central government and with the support on a national level we will do our best to make the 2010 F1 Korean Grand Prix an event of unprecedented success."

Finally, it's Montoya's birthday today, and I mentioned last hour that you should send good wishes on Twitter. It turns out he does have a Twitter account, jpmontoya - thanks Gavin for finding that. Go and wish him Happy Birthday now.

That's it for now, we'll be back in 60 minutes for the next F1 Minute.

**Me:** Two seconds over.

**Christine:** Rubbish.

### 6pm

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This is F1 Minute for six o'clock on the 20th September 2009.

Towards the end of last week, the subject of engine homologation came up. After Renault were allowed to bring their engine up to scratch ahead of this season, some of the teams are wondering if they might be allowed to do the same thing before 2010 gets underway. This has particularly come to the fore because Mercedes dominated the last couple of races, particularly in Italy. Six out of the top seven on the grid were Mercedes powered cars, which hasn't gone unnoticed.

Stefano Domenicali has said that it is something they will discuss, presumably in a FOTA meeting, but adds: "Before giving the final sentence on that we need to understand exactly and see the numbers and the power curve and everything connected to that."



A quick snippet to finish, you'll never believe it, it's Montoya's birthday today and he's celebrating 34 years on this planet. I don't know what gifts he has received today, but I would probably give him a tennis racket.

That'll do it for now, please join me in an hour for another F1 Minute.

**Me:** One minute, one second.

**Christine:** Oh, for god's sake.

**Me:** Shall I tell you what's annoying? What's really, really, the worst thing about this?

**Christine:** Yea.

**Me:** Your minutes are perfect and every time you've been let down by rubbish jingle cueing. Every time I think, yep, she's on this one, and every time you fluff the jingle cue.

**Christine:** Yep.

**Me:** Unreal.

*7pm*

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You're listening to F1 Minute on Sidepodradio for the 20th September 2009 - it's seven o'clock.

The team principal of the new Lotus entry has said that he won't be running the team by the time next season begins. Tony Fernandes says: "My job is AirAsia and I just want to make sure that we have the right direction, the right imaging and the right future, the right strategic plan and marketing." He said he might continue being team principal for a couple of races just for the experience, but he will definitely be handing the job over to someone else.

Meanwhile, when asked about any thoughts he had about potential drivers for next year, he said: "My personal preference would be to try to get someone with lots of experience, even though he may be ending his career, who can add a lot of experience and develop the car." He added that personality is very important, and it's no point bringing in someone young who just isn't ready.

Elsewhere, we're still celebrating Montoya's birthday. It's 7pm now, so it must be time for a drink. I wonder what Montoya's tippie of choice is.

That's all for now, stay with us for the next 60 minutes and I'll be back with another F1 Minute.

**Me:** That's got to count.

**Christine:** What is it?

**Me:** 59 seconds, and 85 one hundredths of a second. That's so close. Can you just hold that up? That's just beyond.

**Christine:** Where you can see it?

**Me:** That's close enough for me, I'll give you a pound for that.

*8pm*

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This is F1 Minute, it's eight o'clock on Sidepodradio for the 20th September.

On Friday, the Renault Roadshow team turned up in Sochi, Russia to give the city a fabulous demonstration. Romain Grosjean and demo driver Adam Khan both took their cars along a special course created around the city streets for the event. Afterwards, Khan said: "Driving a Formula One car is always a special experience, but to do it on the streets of a city is even more exciting. This event gave a lot of fans in Sochi their first chance to see a Formula 1 car up close, so I hope that they enjoyed the show."

Selected guests also got a chance to have a go in the Renault two and three seater F1 cars, whilst fans were given



access to F1 simulators and a Batak training wall to try and match the times set by Romain and Adam.

Elsewhere, it's Montoya's birthday, and we're tracking his progress through the day - we've covered presents, cake and drink. Now, it's time to ponder what he would wear for his evening out. Gold medallions ahoy, or perhaps a loud shirt and slicked back hair?

That's all for now, please join me again in an hour for another F1 Minute.

**Christine:** Oh.

**Me:** No.

**Christine:** I got it wrong anyway. I messed that one up properly anyway.

**Me:** Okay. One minute and six.

*9pm*

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Welcome to F1 Minute for Sidepodradio - it's the 20th September and it's nine o'clock.

The F1 in Schools event says, say... oh dear.

**Me:** Want to start that again? Woah. Start it all again.

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The F1 in Schools event saw it's fifth annual champions crowned this week, as the Koni Kats team from Ireland won the technology challenge. The finals were held in London this Thursday, with teams bringing their wood models of F1 cars, designed on CAD software and built and tested for speed. The awards ceremony saw Lewis Hamilton in attendance, and he said: "I've really enjoyed meeting the students and finding out more about this exciting global initiative... I hope F1 in Schools encourages a new generation of students into Formula One and helps to continue to develop the sport as one of the most technologically advanced in the world." It certainly will help, as the winning team get a tour of the McLaren Technology Centre plus scholarships for Motorsport Engineering courses in London.

Elsewhere today, we're celebrating Juan Pablo Montoya's 34th birthday, by examining how he could be spending his day. I wonder how many volunteers we'd have for a celebration that included birthday punches?

That's all for now, I'll be back in 60 minutes for the penultimate F1 Minute.

**Christine:** Oh. Dammit.

**Me:** One minute, six. You really don't like jingles, do you?

**Christine:** I don't even want to know.

**Me:** Right.

*10pm*

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It's half past ten on the 20th September. You're listening to Sidepodradio and it must be time for F1 Minute.

We have talked about the F1 Rocks events that will kick off in Singapore, but as that is now only a week away, the lineup has been confirmed and the build up has begun. The full line up on Thursday is Jacky Cheung, A-Mei, Da Mouth and Sodagreen. I have never heard of any of them. On Friday it's ZZ Top, No Doubt, Simple Minds and N\*E\*R\*D. I have heard of them. On Saturday, Havana Brown, Black Eyed Peas and of course, Beyonce, take to the stage. Apparently that day has already sold out.



It will be quite embarrassing if the race can't be run, though. As I reported this week on F1 Minute, organisers are slightly concerned about a smog haze coming in from nearby forest fires, and the very dry weather they're having. They say the FIA have to make the decision and liken it to the conditions in Sepang - uncontrollable.

Finally, don't forget that it's Montoya's birthday and this is your second to last chance to wish him a good day. The Columbian is celebrating his 34th, and the fact that he got into the Chase thing on NASCAR. There's a reason this isn't NASCAR minute.

Join me back here later for the final F1 Minute of Sidepodradio.

**Christine:** Have you turned my ears down, I can't hear as well, or have I just gone deaf? Ah, that's better.

**Me:** 1-2, I don't think I've turned them down. It must be a long day.

**Christine:** Gone deaf.

**Me:** That was a minute and nine seconds.

**Christine:** Yea.

**Me:** Worst ever. You're getting tired.

**Christine:** Yea.

*11pm*

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Welcome to the last F1 Minute for Sidepodradio. It's the 20th September 2009 and it is eleven o'clock.

For a while, we weren't sure whether the track at Abu Dhabi would be ready in time, but the first ever lap in a Formula One car has been completed. Bruno Senna had a tour of the track as part of an official ceremony, where the developers handed the circuit over to the organisers Abu Dhabi Motorsports Management. The Chairman of ADMM said: "We congratulate Aldar Properties on delivering one of the most sophisticated motorsport circuits ever built anywhere in the world, which will serve as an international centre of motorsport excellence." The scary thought is that it is now only six weeks until the first ever Grand Prix at Abu Dhabi gets underway - where has the time gone?

Talking of time flying, this is the last F1 Minute for Sidepodradio. Thank you for sharing eleven minutes of your day with me, and all that remains to be said is Happy Birthday to Montoya.

I will be back with regularly scheduled F1 Minutes tomorrow.

**Christine:** I'll tell you what happened there, this thing did its little thing and came up in front of my words.

**Me:** Can you just hold that up in front of the camera and ask if people will accept that?

**Christine:** No, that's rubbish.

**Me:** 59...

**Christine:** 59-19? No. Even I don't accept that.

**Me:** Just the two for the day then.