



Video 24 – A Maiden F1 Victory

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Christine – Voiceover

8th June 2008. Canada. Robert Kubica and BMW Sauber's Maiden Win. In celebration of their achievement, we catch up with various BMW team members on their way back from the podium.

[Cut to Dr Mario Theissen.]

Mario: It's been a fantastic feeling. Obviously with 20 laps to go, we had both cars 1 and 2 already but then anything can happen and only when the flag drops, you know it has happened, and that was a fantastic feeling.

[Cut to Robert Kubica.]

Robert: It was a tough race, especially the last 15 laps where I was not pushing really hard, I have a big gap, but the track condition was very difficult so fantastic moments for myself, for the team, for everybody who has worked for this success. 1st and 2nd for BMW Sauber which I have to thank a lot for providing a really good car, quick car, a car able to win the race here in Canada.

[Cut to Dr Mario Theissen.]

Mario: Well, we have taken a very systematic approach when we started with the new team to develop the team, to develop the car. I have drivers who can win races and then if it all comes together, it's very rewarding to see and it makes us very confident for the future.

[Cut to Nick Heidfeld.]

Nick: A great result for the team definitely. We did set our goals quite high over the last couple of years. We've already lead the constructors this year, now Robert is leading the drivers championship, and it's a fantastic day. Also for myself, finishing 2nd is good, especially starting from 8th and seeing a good pace, especially in the beginning of the race. Obviously later on it was a bit difficult with the high fuel on board but I think I can be happy with 2nd as well. Obviously, not perfectly because if you see your team mate winning the race, you would prefer to be in that position.

[Cut to Robert Kubica.]

Robert: Very important moment is winning your first F1 Grand Prix, it's something very special, but I'm the kind of person who is looking forwards so I will keep pushing. This victory jumped me to leader of the championship after seven races, so it's a really important moment. We have achieved the target of the team to win a race this season and I hope the team will shift, or will think about shifting the target of next year – which was fighting for the championship – to this year. Because in the end after seven races, we are there, we have the opportunity. It might happen that after fifteen races we are not any more there, but I think we have to give maximum as always and try.

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