

## Brazilian Grand Prix - Report

Race Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2007



Team mates Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso finished the Brazilian Grand Prix in seventh and third place respectively. The result meant that neither of the Vodafone McLaren Mercedes drivers' was able to clinch the 2007 Formula One World Championship title.

Vodafone McLaren Mercedes drivers' Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso finished second and third respectively in the overall ranking for the 2007 Formula One World Championship, one point behind the new Champion Kimi Raikkonen. Lewis came home seventh due to a temporary gear shifting problem on lap eight, which put him to the back of the field. Fernando finished the race third behind Kimi and Felipe Massa.

Both Vodafone McLaren Mercedes drivers are on 109 points each; Lewis took the runner-up position because he has more second places than his team mate. Fernando was on a two-stop strategy; he came in on laps 22 (8.7 seconds) and 52 (6.2 seconds). Lewis pitted on laps 22 (5.8 seconds), 36 (6.5 seconds) and 56 (5.4seconds).



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Car Number: 2  
Nationality: British  
Date of Birth: 07/01/1985  
Championship Position: 2  
Championship Points: 109



Car Number: 1  
Nationality: Spanish  
Date of Birth: 29/07/1981  
Championship Position: 3  
Championship Points: 109



## LEWIS HAMILTON

"Obviously I am pretty disappointed with the result today, having lead for so much of the season and then not to win the Championship. However I have to put the result into perspective, this is only my first year in Formula One and overall it has just been phenomenal. I am still very young and have plenty more years in me to achieve my dream of becoming World Champion. I have to thank absolutely everyone in the team for everything they have done for me this year, without them and all their hard work I wouldn't have even been in this position today."

## FERNANDO ALONSO

"The result today is of course disappointing but we already knew that it would be difficult starting from fourth to win the race and the Championship today. I predicted at the start of the season that it was going to be very close and that it would come down to the race here in Brazil, I just hoped that it would have been in my favour, but that is not the case and I just have to accept that for this year. It was a difficult race for me. During the first laps, I thought I was able to match the Ferraris' speed; however, when they began pushing they were just too fast. Our car was fast and competitive throughout the year and I won four races. I am still satisfied with this season"

## RON DENNIS, TEAM PRINCIPAL, CHAIRMAN, VODAFONE McLAREN MERCEDES

"Having fought a close and thrilling battle in the Drivers' Championship all year and then not to win it at the final hurdle is obviously extremely disappointing. However, we as a team can only feel very proud of all our achievements this season and the way in which we have conducted ourselves. To come into this Championship showdown with two drivers both with a chance of winning is a testament to all the hard work and dedication everybody in the Vodafone McLaren Mercedes team has put in throughout this difficult year. We would like to congratulate Kimi on his achievement today."



## NORBERT HAUG, VICE PRESIDENT, MERCEDES-BENZ MOTORSPORT

"Not the result today we wanted to achieve with both Lewis and Fernando having been so close to winning the World Championship. It hurts very much if you are missing just two points to win a Championship. However, I want to thank the entire team for their hard work during this season. It is sad for everybody in the team that we couldn't capitalise on our chance following China. Congratulations to Kimi and Ferrari on winning the World Championship."



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## Driver's Championship

After 17 of 17 races

Pos	Driver	Team	Points
1	Kimi Räikkönen (FIN)	Scuderia Ferrari	110
2	<b>Lewis Hamilton (GB)</b>	<b>Vodafone McLaren Mercedes</b>	<b>109</b>
3	<b>Fernando Alonso (ESP)</b>	<b>Vodafone McLaren Mercedes</b>	<b>109</b>
4	Felipe Massa (BRA)	Scuderia Ferrari	94
5	Nick Heidfeld (GER)	BMW Sauber F1 Team	61
6	Robert Kubica (POL)	BMW Sauber F1 Team	39
7	Heikki Kovalainen (FIN)	ING Renault F1 Team	30
8	Giancarlo Fisichella (ITA)	ING Renault F1 Team	21
9	Nico Rosberg (GER)	AT&T Williams	20
10	David Coulthard (GB)	Red Bull Racing	14
11	Alexander Wurz (AS)	AT&T Williams	13
12	Mark Webber (AUS)	Red Bull Racing	10
13	Jarno Trulli (ITA)	Panasonic Toyota Racing	8
14	Sebastian Vettel (GER)	Scuderia Toro Rosso	6
15	Jenson Button (GB)	Honda Racing F1 Team	6
16	Ralf Schumacher (GER)	Panasonic Toyota Racing	5
17	Takuma Sato (JPN)	Super Aguri F1 Team	4
18	Vitantonio Liuzzi (ITA)	Scuderia Toro Rosso	3
19	Adrian Sutil (GER)	Spyker F1 Team	1
20	Rubens Barrichello (BRA)	Honda Racing F1 Team	0
21	Anthony Davidson (GB)	Super Aguri F1 Team	0
22	Sakon Yamamoto (JPN)	Spyker F1 Team	0

## Constructor's Championship

After 17 of 17 races

Pos	Constructor	Points
1	Scuderia Ferrari	204
2	BMW Sauber F1 Team	101
3	ING Renault F1 Team	51
4	AT&T Williams	33
5	Red Bull Racing	24
6	Panasonic Toyota Racing	13
7	Scuderia Toro Rosso	8
8	Honda Racing F1 Team	6
9	Super Aguri F1 Team	4
10	Spyker F1 Team	1



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