

# Ferrari



GESTIONE SPORTIVA

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Dear friends,

I start my comments on this GP, which was as usual full of spectacle, with a note of great sadness relating to what happened right at the end of the race when a marshal was killed. He was a fan like all of us, one of those volunteers without whose dedication and enthusiasm there would be no Formula 1 races. The incident came during the standard procedure of moving a car and while it's true that the show must go on, we should at the same time pay our respects to these people who give so much of their time to the sport. So, we send our most heartfelt condolences to his family.

Moving on to the weekend itself, despite the fact we have dropped 15 points to our strongest rival in the Constructors' Championship and 8 in the Drivers', I feel that today we can look at the glass as being half full. Starting from 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> positions and ending up 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> is not at all bad and shows just what a great race both our drivers delivered.

What can one say about Fernando, and indeed before the race I said to my colleagues that he was like "a lion let out of the cage." He produced a race that only he is capable of these days. Felipe also delivered an excellent performance, always on the limit against rival drivers and cars that were particularly competitive at this circuit.

For both men, it was a rather tricky GP on a psychological level and both reacted like the champions they are, which is therefore a great sign for the future. However, we cannot ignore another side to the story, namely the problems that clearly manifested themselves on Saturday in qualifying. I think that, on Sunday, Vettel was more or less untouchable, but we'd like to start from the front row to see if that really is the case. We must do better and we're working on it.

The next round is at Silverstone, a circuit where if we could be sure of a sunny weekend, I'd bet on the Prancing Horse. While it's true that winning at Monza is unique, it's also true that winning in what is considered the home of F1 would have a nice ring to it...

Forza Ferrari!

Massimo Rivola