

Ferrari



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Dear friends,

Unfortunately, as I'd already said in Saturday's video chat, our race pace was not as good as at previous races, which is why any hope of moving up the order would only be possible if we got off the line like a rocket, which in fact is something we've been in the habit of doing...

This time despite both cars getting away well, it all kicked off in Turn 3... with Fernando already pretty much overtaken by Hulkenberg and Felipe trying an aggressive move down the inside which ended in a spin that left him to claw his way up from the back of the pack.

Fernando tried absolutely everything to get Hulkenberg, who drove a great race, even if it also destroyed ours, as it did Hamilton's, who was as usual fighting all the way. Unfortunately, we lacked some top end speed, but above all we didn't have enough traction, something of a chronic complaint with this car, which was definitely accentuated by some tyre issues. Now, there are just five races to go and Vettel has further increased his lead, to the point where the Drivers' championship is just down to mathematics or miracles...

Mercedes is just one point behind us and Lotus has taken 23 out of our advantage, which means that there's now a real fight on for second place in the Constructors' and our rivals continue to perform more consistently than us.

There's not much to say, except that we mustn't panic and we must carry on working with plenty of motivation. We must not lose second place, but must carry on fighting to the very end, as we have always done.

Today it's easy to see everything in a negative light, but if last year's race in Suzuka was the unlucky one for Fernando, then maybe this year will be payback time. There's no giving up!

Forza Ragazzi, Forza Fernando, Forza Felipe, Forza Ferrari!

Massimo Rivola