

A Bobble Hats View of the Monaco slot car race!

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Mark Webber won the Monaco GP for the second time in 3 years from Rosberg and Alonso.

Jason's best friend led from the start and controlled the race, measuring his pace to ensure he stayed ahead. Lewis ran third in the early laps but lost out to Alonso and Vettel on strategy.

Jenson had a difficult race, running with backmarkers after a poor start and retiring after a spin.

Webber's victory has created a new record for F1 in that there has never been six different winners of the opening six grand prix of the season before

The top six, completed by Massa, ran nose to tail in a tense last 10 laps, enlivened by intermittent light rain.

But all kept their cool on the tricky and tight street circuit and there were no changes before the flag.

Webber's victory makes this the first Formula 1 season in history to feature six different winners in the first six races.

The result moves Alonso into the world championship lead, three points ahead of Vettel and Webber, who is classified third on results count-back.

Lewis drops from third to fourth, 13 points adrift of the Ferrari driver.

Webber shrugged off his reputation for poor starts by leading into the first corner, yes you heard it Webber lead into the first corner, WT'F1'F.....

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The Shoe Maker had qualified on pole, but was demoted to sixth place for causing that crash in Spain, sipped back to eighth on the first lap as a result of Grosjean pushing him against the wall at the start.

The Shoe Maker was seventh after the pit stops, but progressively dropped back out of the points with an engine problem, retiring on lap 64, with 14 laps to go and nice cup of cocoa no doubt!

The Shoe Maker's misfortune moved Toro Rosso's Jean-Eric Vergne into an impressive seventh, but he lost out with a late gamble to fit intermediate tyres, not a clue why they did this? That promoted Di Resta and The Hulk, with Kimi and Senna completing the top 10.

Up front, Webber pulled out a lead of about two seconds and controlled that gap, with Rosberg a similar margin ahead of Lewis.

Alonso initially dropped back a little from Lewis but he was merely saving his tyres so he could use their grip closer to the pit stops.

The strategy paid off, as when Webber and Lewis stopped on lap 29, two laps after Rosberg, Alonso stayed out for one more lap, on which he put in the two fastest sectors of the race to that point. That allowed him to emerge ahead of Lewis.

The leaders' stops left Vettel, who had started ninth, in the lead.

The world champion had started on the more durable 'soft' tyres as opposed to the 'super-softs' on the drivers at the front of the grid.

His race was made by leaping up to sixth place at the start as he took to the shorter escape road at the first corner to avoid an accident triggered by Grosjean spinning after he drove into The Shoe Makers Merc!

Race stewards investigated Vettel's move, which was echoed by other drivers, but decided to take no action.

Once he was running at the front, Vettel pulled out enough of a lead to enable him to stop on lap 46 and rejoin ahead of Lewis - he needed to chop across the McLaren on the way up the hill after the first corner Sainte Devote to consolidate his position.

From that point on, the top six stayed in close contact, nervously watching the skies for the threatening rain, and driving accordingly when it did start to fall.

Only four seconds separated Webber from Lewis at the flag, with Massa only two more behind.

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Monaco always seems like a slot car race but the venue and the people make this race something really amazing, onto Canada next to see what show the Mounties can put on!