

MONACO GRAND PRIX 2003 RACE, Sunday 1st June



A reliable car, effective strategy and strong drives from Giancarlo Fisichella and Ralph Firman went unrewarded for Jordan Ford in today's Monaco Grand Prix. Fisichella encountered oversteer for two thirds of the race and his quickest stint at the end came too late to advance beyond 10th place, while Firman experienced poor grip levels and lost time when being lapped by front runners.



GIANCARLO FISICHELLA 10th
CHASSIS NUMBER EJ13-04

"I am not happy with my result. I expected to score some points but we were not quick for most of the race and hardly anyone ahead of me retired. Our pace wasn't so good in the first and second stint but during the last stint, the car was much better and more consistent. I had good pace and was quick at the end but it wasn't enough."



RALPH FIRMAN 12th
CHASSIS NUMBER EJ13-03

"The car was good on new tyres but when we had old tyres, grip was low on entry and I had mid corner understeer. I lost loads of time with the blue flags as well. Looking at where we finished, it was difficult to score points, which is a bit disappointing. I had a reasonable qualifying session and race, and I'm glad I had no accidents in my first Monaco Grand Prix. It's positive to finish but we need to try and go a bit quicker."



GARY ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF RACE AND TEST ENGINEERING

"Everything unfolded to plan for us today and our pit stops were very good but unfortunately our plan was not sufficient to score any points, we just weren't quick enough. I think the fact that almost everybody did two stops showed we were on the right strategy, but unfortunately if the speed's not there, there is not much you can do about it in the race. I suppose it's good that we are not taking any debris home, but I would rather be taking debris and a few points!"



EDDIE JORDAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

"Everybody in the team worked hard and did a good job in Monaco. We had good reliability all weekend and the drivers didn't put a wheel wrong at this unforgiving circuit, but sadly at the moment we need to be quicker, in qualifying especially. We need to work even harder now to improve the car's performance."

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