



FRENCH GRAND PRIX 2003 RACE, Sunday 6th July



There was disappointment for Jordan Ford in today's race as Giancarlo Fisichella and Ralph Firman contended with the low grip levels which they experienced all weekend, Firman finishing 15th and Fisichella retiring on lap 46 due to engine failure.



RALPH FIRMAN 15th
CHASSIS NUMBER EJ13-03



"The car started off quite good on the first set of tyres but I gradually had more and more oversteer as the circuit got more grip. There was a slight hesitation with the engine after the first stop and I also had to come in for an extra stop so the team could investigate a vibration after my second stop. I'm looking forward to testing in Barcelona next week and then my home Grand Prix at Silverstone."



GIANCARLO FISICHELLA DNF (engine, lap 46)
CHASSIS NUMBER EJ13-04



"I'm very disappointed. The car had a lot of oversteer and virtually no grip, we are struggling with the whole package. Our pace is not good enough compared to everyone else. Fighting with the Minardis for the last few positions is not my target. I need a better car and hope it will come soon - we need a big step."



GARY ANDERSON
DIRECTOR OF RACE AND TEST ENGINEERING

"This Grand Prix was tough for us. We struggled with grip all weekend and it was the same story in the race. Giancarlo had an engine failure but our pace was not good so if he'd finished it wouldn't have been in the points anyway. We had to bring Ralph in for an extra stop because he experienced a vibration and we wanted to check everything was okay. Clearly our result is disappointing for all but we are all working hard to improve the whole package – chassis, engine and tyres."



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