

**MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX
FREE PRACTICE
Friday 19 March 2004**



A technically trouble-free day for Jordan Ford allowed all three drivers to complete their planned laps for tyre evaluation and race set-up preparation. However in the searing heat at Sepang International Circuit, with track temperatures rising as high as 56°C, both Heidfeld and Pantano felt they had not yet found the best balance for the EJ14 at this circuit. The team will analyse today's data carefully to understand and make the best choices for the rest of the weekend.



FREE PRACTICE 1

Timo Glock (EJ14/01)	19 th	1:38.788	18 laps
Nick Heidfeld (EJ14/03)	20 th	1:38.831	8 laps
Giorgio Pantano (EJ14/02)	21 st	1:39.860	14 laps

FREE PRACTICE 2

Nick Heidfeld (EJ14/03)	20 th	1:37.725	19 laps
Timo Glock (EJ14/01)	23 rd	1:38.796	27 laps
Giorgio Pantano (EJ14/02)	24 th	1:39.324	16 laps



NICK HEIDFELD

"It's positive that we had no technical problems today and did the planned amount of laps. However, the car is quite difficult to drive and we are struggling to find a good balance. We were hoping for some different tyres this weekend however Bridgestone are working hard to achieve this for us at the next race. We will look at the data now."



GIORGIO PANTANO

"I have to say I'm not happy about today. We need to understand what's happening because I don't feel good with the car at the moment - whether it's me or the car I don't know yet so we will look into everything and try and make sure we can be better tomorrow."



TIMO GLOCK

"It is unbelievably hot! I had a productive test, finding good set-up variations for the different tyres. It was really good for me to drive in both sessions to the end, finding data for the race and qualifying. My engineer Oilly (*Oliver Knighton*) did a good job and the car was quite positive in the programme we worked on."



JAMES ROBINSON

HEAD OF RACE AND TEST ENGINEERING

"It was a day of usual Friday homework; evaluating the two Bridgestones, looking for a race tyre. The heat we saw today is similar to what we expect to experience on Sunday so it was important to get some longer runs in, which Timo carried out successfully. It's a difficult decision on which way to go so tonight we will carefully study data from the three drivers."

