

Humble Pie Anyone? *Update*

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Well like an abused wife, I keep going back for more - the more F1 messes with my head, it seems the more I have to watch it ... just in case it gets better.

So, this morning at 05h00 the TV switched on and I woke. I loved the opening titles of course, but the presentation was rather lack-lustre for me. Coulthard and Jordan obviously know more than almost anyone else, but they lack the enthusiasm and presentation skills that would have made the things they said interesting.

I love "The Chain" (theme music) but did anyone else notice that all the other background music was something like 10-25 years old? It seemed to me that the producer must have been at school with my dad.

And then came the cars ...

Ugly as sin, but boy were we in for an unusual treat! As times and positions were exchanged, and then improved on, something strange was happening. The cars at the front in October started changing places with the cars that were at the back. Unbelievable. I was actually enjoying it again.

And so to humble pie. I have to admit that after berating Rubens he certainly showed he is a fast old man still. Not sure I bring myself to congratulate him or Button - but as I lay there exchanging texts my Brawn GP friend, I was very impressed with what the team has done. If I was Brawn looking for an emblem, then it would have to be a phoenix in overalls.

Tomorrow's race is of course what the whole weekend is about - but there must be a lot of people who already feel like winners today, and so they should. For at least 24 hours they are heroes.

****UPDATE**** Well, they did it, in spectacular 1-2 style. Rubens was driving a dodgem car, and he did well to escape enquiry - but Button drove a good race. The real heroes though are the 700+ employees, and perhaps especially the 250+ facing hard times as they are cut from the team, having done their job and given two has-beens an amazing car. A party is deserved but I doubt it will happen. In difficult times the British feel guilty for celebrating as friends walk. A lot of small celebrations and happy hearts are there though, and maybe later in the season the employees left will have their day. Who knows what joy is yet to come to them?