

Force India eyes podium finish in Montreal

Force India is banking on Adrian Sutil's new-found confidence and Giancarlo Fisichella's cracking record at Montreal to seal their first podium finish in the seventh race of the Formula One season Sunday.

Fisichella boasts of an enviable record in Montreal where he has lapped up four podium finishes and is optimistic of an encore.

'Montreal is probably the event I enjoy the most. I love the city and the circuit and I have always done well, with four podiums in four years from 1997 to 2000 and two fourth place finishes. Although I have never won it, I did lead the 2005 race before retiring with a hydraulic problem.

'For this race we will have a new aero package that we tested three weeks ago. It felt good, and again my car was well balanced and the times were in line with our expectations,' Fisichella said.

Force India was on way to pocketing their first points in the last race at Monaco but for Kimi Raikonen, who jolted their hopes ramming Sutil's car, who was driving ferociously at fourth place.

'I still feel we could have scored points in Melbourne and Monaco. It was also a big disappointment for Adrian, but even so I think there were some positives from that weekend. We made no mistakes as a team in terms of strategy and drivers' performance,' Fisichella said.

Sutil, who burst into tears after the Monaco accident, has come out of the wreckage and is waiting to unleash his car with fury at Montreal.

'The ultimate result in Monaco was disappointing, but eventually I realised what we had achieved in Monaco was really special. We had the race under control and it's not everyday that happens. My feelings after the race were very difficult to explain, I was frustrated and upset, but now it's really made me motivated to prove that Monaco was not just a one-off.

'It's really boosted my confidence knowing we can do it,' Sutil said.

Team owner Vijay Mallya has backed the team to give their best in Montreal.

'I was delighted with how the whole team pulled together over the weekend: on the pit wall, in the garage and back at the factory, and how the old team spirit was ignited.

Team principal Colin Kolles believes that a Monaco-like performance might just be possible in Montreal.

'The team were all frustrated with the result, but there are 12 races and therefore 12 chances left that we now need to concentrate on. Canada, like Monaco, could be a good race for us with all teams developing special aero and mechanical packages that will only be used in this one race.'

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