

British Racing Green - it's coming home...

This weekend sees the Formula One World Championship coming home, with the teams arriving en masse in Northamptonshire at Silverstone. Expectations are high that the country will see a British victory to compensate for the woeful performance of our footballers in South Africa.

Meanwhile, the sports pages seem to be brimming over with leading lights in the Formula One paddock advising McLaren that the current 'love-in' between Hamilton and Button is not for much longer. So, it's all to play for, on and off the track and it will make for fascinating viewing to see who prevails, both in the championship and across the various team rivalries at McLaren, Ferrari, Red Bull and elsewhere, come the season end.

Whatever happens, it's great to see the British Grand Prix still on the calendar after 12 months of uncertainty following the Donington Park episode. Silverstone invariably provides a positive spotlight for the British motor sport industry and it's a great time for the sector to briefly do what it sometimes doesn't do well – bang the drum about how good it really is!

Across the country, a dedicated, highly-driven workforce has been working night and day to bring 24 cars to the grid. And they are supported by a skilled, intricate supply chain, constantly pushing the research and development window to provide the teams with the latest and most innovative equipment - be it brake pads, callipers, driveshafts, gearbox internals, or composites manufacture.

No other industry is able to meet such demanding timelines quite as well as the motor sport sector. That is something we should be rightly proud about. And sometimes we should shout about it a little more!

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