



Singapore F1 track

Spotlight on Singapore

The race under lights at Marina Bay will be critical for championship positions this weekend.

THERE are only 5 races left in this year's championship and Sebastian Vettel, Jenson Button, Fernando Alonso and Mark Webber are still very much in contention.

The drivers are separated by only 24 points, so a win in Singapore is critical. Last year's race was won by Lewis Hamilton in the McLaren Mercedes and he is on form to do it again.

He will face tough opposition from teammate Jenson Button and Red Bull drivers Webber and Vettel also have a good chance of winning.

Ferrari come away from their win at Monza on a high and provided they can adapt the car to a

Red Bull between Webber and Vettel is at fever pitch as driver two is leading driver one. It



street circuit, both Alonso and Felipe Massa are capable of a top position.

Competition is really close and the rivalry at

can be any one's race and really should be very close.

News off the net is that Kimi Raikkonen is

trying hard to get a seat alongside Robert Kubica at Renault while they don't want to pay too high a price. Sounds like business as usual!

Lotus meanwhile has negotiated an engine deal with Renault for next year which should make them more competitive.

McLaren says that Singapore will be a good measure of where everyone is on the higher downforce circuits.

Michael Schumacher, who has not raced at Singapore, is excited at the prospect, saying he likes street circuits and that he should learn the track very quickly.

Teammate Nico Rosberg is equally keen to show his prowess at the street track after finishing second there last year.

Nick Heidfeld is due to return to Sauber in place of

Pedro De La Rosa.

This is a deserved result for a very able driver and he can't wait to get back in a car.

Sunday's race will be hard on cars and drivers, particularly brakes and concentration.

As at any street circuit, there will be kerb riding and the smaller run off areas will be ready to catch the unwary out.

It will be an exciting night-time spectacle for the survival of the fittest.

TV times: practice on Friday - noon on SS2.

Practice 2 at 3.30pm on SS2, with highlights at 7.30pm on SS5.

Saturday practice 3 is at 1pm on SS2, with qualifying at 4pm on SS2.

The race on Sunday is at 2pm on SS2.