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Sergio "Checo" Perez Interview

Without considering you did a great work, it must have been fantastic to compete in the Mexican Grand Prix. What are your best memories from that experience?

Simply the fact of being surrounded by all my people, all their positive energy from my fans, it was without a doubt a very crucial and special moment for me. I think I did a great race. I got an excellent result for me, considering the circumstances and the difficulty. An eighth place may not seem the best but it was a tremendous race and I keep for myself that I did my best.

The drivers parade must have been a wonderful experience.

That lap was very special, since you can feel all the audience's energy. I was one of the most special moments in my career and undoubtedly the most special lap I have taken in Formula 1.

This year there will be a grandstand called 'Sergio Perez'. How does it make you feel?

It makes feel really special. It is a grandstand in which all my people will be wearing my cap and my flag. It will be a very special moment I really want to enjoy with all my fans.

As for this year race, for Force India the battle versus Williams is the most important. With the information you have about the circuit, how do you expect this may affect you? Do you think you can get a better result than last year?

I think we can be very close to our competition. I hope to get a better result. Williams is going to be very competitive in this circuit but I expect we can get great results there.

How would you evaluate your season so far?

I am very pleased. I think we have managed great results and great races. I am in the seventh position of the championship. I think we are on the right track.

The events occurred to McLaren could have affected other drivers however you showed a spirit of fight and resoluteness. You have a great professional career which is why you are now in a very strong place. Many teams aim to include you in their ranks, why do you think is that for?

You must never give up. I think in this life you will never be judged for your triumphs but for those times you fell and were able to rise again, not only in sports, but life in general. I think every time life beats you and knocks you down, you've got to stand up, rise again and return stronger.

Is there anything you want to say to your Mexican fans before the race of this year?

I want to thank all of them with all my heart. I hope they are ready to enjoy the great F1esta of this Grand Prix.

Last year you stayed in the motor home. Do you think you'll do it again?

I don't know if I will do it this year. We are checking the logistic to determine what the most convenient thing to do is the best, if staying on the track or in a hotel.

On the track, fans will be supporting you and Esteban. Do you consider that interest for motor racing in Mexico has increased since last year, are there more children karting?

Definitely, since I began in Formula 1, it has grown so much and keeps growing, then I don't see the reason why not to continue that way and getting more and more fans of Formula 1 in Mexico.

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