



Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and arch rival Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) took their feud to the asphalted streets of Baku

Azerbaijan Grand Prix sees F1 full of incident

The second Azerbaijan Grand Prix on 25 June on the Baku City Circuit saw the German Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) pip Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) to fourth place, extending his championship lead to 14 points. However, the battle on this occasion became acrimonious – and solely due to the actions of Sebastian Vettel. The race provided numerous talking points for F1 pundits, but the biggest was undeniably the clash between the Ferrari driver and Lewis Hamilton.

Vettel slammed his car into the back of Hamilton as they prepared for one of three restarts, damaging his front wing and the floor of the Mercedes. Then Vettel pulled his Ferrari alongside Hamilton, gesticulated and swerved at him, banging wheels. This was a shocking moment, as this was one driver making a conscious angry decision to turn his steering wheel to collide with another.

Speaking during a press conference, Vettel

provided some insubstantial excuses: “F1 is for grown-ups. I drove alongside and we had a small amount of contact. I wasn’t happy with the ‘brake-testing’. I drove alongside him and raised my hand to say that is not the way to do it.”

The technique of ‘brake-testing’ is when the driver in front deliberately slows down to cause problems for the car following behind. It is a risky tactic, because contact in such an incident can damage either or both cars.

Hamilton was livid, replying: “If he wants to prove he’s a man, we should do it out of the car face-to-face.” He added that he felt the German had “disgraced himself”, and continued: “I don’t fancy seeing him. It might turn into something else.”

It was already developing into a thrilling season, with two greats of the sport locked in combat in evenly-matched cars, set to duel it out through a marathon 20-race

season. However, this action added an extra dimension to the battle, which Vettel now leads by 14 points after finishing a place ahead of his rival in fourth.

Following the race, Vettel explained that he would seek out Hamilton once they had left Baku to talk the incident through. He continued: “It is still respectful. I don’t have a problem with him – it is just one action today that was wrong. I am willing to sort it out with him. I don’t think there is much to sort out. I will talk to him when you (the media) are not there and then we move on.”

Speaking to Channel 4, Hamilton was resolute about carrying on the struggle. He predicted: “I am going to keep going. We had the upper hand this weekend. We can continue to move forwards in the future. Through difficult times, true colours show, so it is a good day for me.” Go to <http://bit.ly/azgrandprix2017> to see highlights from this exciting race.

Educational development in the spotlight

The 11th Azerbaijan International Education Exhibition, the only education sector event in the country organised with the support and active participation of the Azerbaijani Education Ministry, will run from 6–8 October at the Baku Expo Centre. Exhibitors will include universities, colleges and other educational institutions from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Hungary, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Singapore, and Slovakia, amongst others. In particular, the Polish Foundation for the Development of Educational Systems will provide information on opportunities for the education of Azerbaijani students abroad.

Local exhibitors will include the Azerbaijan State University of Oil and Industry; Azerbaijan Technical University, Sumgait State University, Azerbaijan University of Technology (Ganja), National Aviation Academy, and Western University.

During the exhibition, visitors will be presented with bachelors, masters and postgraduate programmes, including secondary higher education and MBA courses, foreign language for business courses, internships and training sessions. Exhibition visitors will also have the opportunity to speak to representatives from leading higher educational institutions directly.

The exhibition will also include laboratory equipment, interactive whiteboards, computers for secondary and higher education institutions, and hardware and software for language and multimedia laboratories.

For the first time, the exhibition will also host B2B meetings between foreign universities, local education centres and parents who are interested in overseas education for their children. Visit www.eduexpo.az to find out more.

Zetter brings the pain of Khojaly to Central London

Superfit Lionel Zetter, Director, TEAS, participated in the Virgin British 10k race, finishing the course in an enviable one hour and ten minutes. After catching his breath in the sweltering heat, Lionel commented: “It was great to be able to run around the many magnificent sights of Westminster, and to raise funds for the charity Operation Smile, which assists those born with

cleft palates around the world.” As with his Brighton Marathon run, Lionel wore a black armband commemorating the 613 civilians killed by Armenian forces during the Khojaly Massacre 25 years ago, being the worst single incident of the Armenian–Azerbaijani conflict. Go to www.operationsmile.org.uk to contribute to the invaluable work of Operation Smile.



Lionel Zetter ran to raise funds for Operation Smile – focusing on cleft palates – but also to raise awareness of the Khojaly Massacre victims