

Q & A with **Eric Boullier**, McLaren's racing director

MP4-29 is not race-winning car. What is its biggest weakness?

Eric Boullier: Lack of aero down force and a non-perfect balance.

Was part of the problem chasing peak aero performance instead of sensitivity and stability under all racing conditions?

EB: Not exactly but it is all related at the end

How deep into technical details have you to go with your understanding as a racing director? Do you know the D/L numbers of various downforce MP4-29 packages?

EB: Of course! And much more ;)

How are you getting along with Gerard Lopez? Was he angry with you as he came to know you are leaving Lotus?

EB: No, there is too much respect. Disappointment but not angriness

Do you still have time for driver management and looking for young talents? Are you still taking care of Romain Grosjean?

EB: No, I am working 100% for McLaren and not doing anything else any more. Gravity is in charge of RG, I am not part of gravity any more.

Will you make a driver announcement before the end of the 2014 season in Abu Dhabi?

EB: Eventually!

You are using Twitter and even replying to the fans which they appreciated – great example for other team principals. What can F1 improve do to attract more young people?

EB: Very long debate, I don't think this is the right place for that. First we need to understand how the new generations are using media and all supports

What is your most favourite race of the season and why?

EB: I don't have really a favourite one; they are most of them unique with a very owned atmosphere. I enjoyed Australia, Canada, Silverstone, Austin for the fans atmosphere, I enjoy Monaco for his street racing, I enjoy Singapore for his unique 'night' and business atmosphere, but all the others have also something unique which I like.

What French thing are you missing in Britain most?

EB: Maybe some cheese? ;)

How do you spend your time in the plane?

EB: Working, watching films (as I don't have time to go out to cinema) and enjoying some relaxing time with no phone and emails!!

Thank you very much for your time, Eric!

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