2007 Formula One World Championship - team by team **VODAFONE Fernando Alonso** McI aren MP4-22 McLaren is tired of underachieving and McLaren is facing up to life without Adrian **McLAREN** Spain. Age 25. Fernando Alonso could bring back Newey and this, added to the upheaval of having two drivers new to the team, means a major change, 88 starts. 15 wins the smile MERCEDES although it's true that no one man is responsible for **Lewis Hamilton** an entire F1 design. Changing to Bridgestone tyres won't England. Age 21. help, but pre-season testing form looks strong. Title 0 starts. Best result: n/a success might even encourage Ron Dennis to retire Giancarlo Fisichella Renault R27 The double champions must try to RENAULT Italy. Age 34. make it three in a row, which won't be 179 starts. 3 wins ING. easy without Alonso F1 TEAM

There's no World Champion leading the driver line-up following Fernando Alonso's departure, but the key to Renault's 2007 attack is that pretty much everything else is the same, save the move from Michelin tyres to CIF® ®HA the ubiquitous Bridgestones. Bob Bell says that he has taken few risks with the design of the R27, but why radically alter a winning formula?

Raikkonen comes in to replace the

unreplaceable, but key personnel

changes may also slow Ferrari

A first victory will have boosted

BMW's financial muscle is driving this

team to new heights and may even

A team that could vault forward, with

Running a chassis similar to Red Bull's,

but the difference lies in the choice

There's a glimmer of hope as Spyker

starts its first campaign, especially with

an Adrian Newey-designed chassis

and Renault engines

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of engine

Ferrari V8s

confidence, but team stability

could be the key

produce its first win

There will be no Ross Brawn overseeing operations, and no Michael Schumacher working wonders in the car, so things could be very different now with Mario Almondo in charge of technical matters. At least Ferrari is used to Bridgestone tyres. Raikkonen is being uraed to increase his input on the technical side as they develop the longer wheelbase F2007 with new-style front suspension

That vital first win is in the bag and team principal Nick Fry is pushing for more, but requires improved consistency to eliminate recent mid-season slumps in form. The RA107 - the first true Honda since 1968 - has been designed by a tech team led by Shuhei Nakamoto

and is said to be innovative. Time will tell if that will make Here is a team with intent, a team grinding its way to the front with the ambitious Mario Theissen at the helm and driver Robert Kubica tipped for great things. The F1.07

is the first chassis that truly bears BMW's mark and its job

is to make podiums a constant and wins a possibility as

they chase the top four teams The drivers remain the same, but what is different for the team's sixth year is the technical line-up, with Pascal Vasselon having taken the helm after Mike Gascoyne was fired last year. The TF107 is also the work of former Jaguar aerodynamicist Mark Gillan. A huge step is alleged to have been made in downforce, so the

Adrian Newey is looking to pull off a coup with his first car for Red Bull. He surprised many when it was revealed that the RB3 produced with fellow ex-McLaren man Peter Prodromou and Rob Marshall under technical director Mark Smith has been designed with a twin-keel, but it could yet be a masterstoke, as was landing a deal to run

Japanese giant may yet land its first win

It's been torrid at Williams of late and technical chief Sam Michael has had his role redefined in a bid to guide this once dominant team back to the front. Landing Toyota V8s will help. Signing Jon Tomlinson from Renault ought to make the FW29 more aerodynamically efficient than its predecessor, and having renowned test driver Alex Wurz as one of its race drivers should also help

Team boss Gerhard Berger weathered the verbal exchanges of the close-season regarding the similarity of its 2007 chassis to the RB3 fielded by sister team Red Bull Racing. The major difference may be that the STR02 has Ferrari power while the RB3 has a Renault engine. Technical director Alex Hitzinger brings valuable experience from spells at Cosworth and Toyota

Not long ago, this team had Eddie Jordan at its head. Then Alex Shnaider ran the show as Midland and now we have Spyker, the Dutch-financed team now owned by Michiel Mol. Perhaps the biggest change is that highly-rated technical chief Mike Gascoyne is back with the team for whom he impressed when it was Jordan, working again with technical director James Key

Even starting last season was an achievement, but the doubters were kept at bay and solid progress was achieved. The trick is to keep that advancement going, with pressure on technical director Mark Preston to make the SA07 competitive. The chief point of interest at its 11th hour reveal will be how similar it will be to this year's Honda RA107 with which it shares an engine

Heikki Kovalainen Finland. Age 25.

Felipe Massa **SCUDERIA** Brazil. Age 25. **FERRARI** 71 starts. 2 wins **MARLBORO**

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Kimi Raikkonen Finland. Age 27. 105 starts. 9 wins

0 starts. Best result: n/a

Jenson Button England. Age 27. 119 starts. 1 win **Rubens Barrichello**

Brazil. Age 34. 233 starts. 9 wins Nick Heidfeld Germany. Age 28. 122 starts. Best result: 2nd

Robert Kubica Poland, Age 22 6 starts. Best result: 3rd

PETRONAS **Ralf Schumacher** Toyota TF107 Germany. Age 31. 164 starts. 6 wins Jarno Trulli

Italy. Age 32.

Toro Rosso STR2

Spyker F8-VII

Ferrari F2007

Honda RA107

BMW Sauber F1.07

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Last year was a hiccough. This year is key if results are to match the major financial input Panasonic

167 starts. 1 win **David Coulthard** Red Bull RB3

Australia. Age 30.

Scotland. Age 35. 212 starts, 13 wins **Mark Webber** 87 starts. Best result: 3rd

Williams FW29 Toyota power could be the key to Williams working its way back to the 18 starts. Best result: 7th sharp end of the field

Alexander Wurz Austria. Age 32. 53 starts. Best result: 3rd

Nico Rosbera Germany. Age 21.

Vitantonio Liuzzi Italy. Age 25. 22 starts. Best result: 8th **Scott Speed**

U.S. Age 24. 18 starts. Best result: 9th

Christijan Albers Holland. Age 27. 37 starts. Best result: 5th **Adrian Sutil** Germany. Age 23. 0 starts. Best result: n/a

Takuma Sato Japan. Age 29. 70 starts. Best result: 3rd **Anthony Davidson**

England. Age 27. 3 starts. Best result: No finishes



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