

World champ favorite, Alonso, wins Shanghai race

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Favorite to win this year's Formula One world championship, Fernando Alonso won his first race of the season in Shanghai this past weekend. The Spaniard held off Kimi

Raikkonen and Lewis Hamilton, who finished in second and third place respectively, to climb into third place in the season's standings.

In his 31st career victory, Alonso stated how important it had been to secure second and first in his last two races following his forced retirement in Malaysia earlier this year. The Ferrari driver won by an impressive 10.1 seconds and will be happy about his performance on this difficult track and confident

going into the remainder of the season. Alonso stated, "I still had some pace in my pocket. But it was not always easy to understand the race."

England's Lewis Hamilton will be happy with his second consecutive podium finish. Starting from pole position, the Mercedes driver did not have enough pace to challenge the more powerful Ferrari or Lotus. After being overtaken by Ferrari drivers Alonso and Felipe Massa early in the race, Hamilton never

had the chance to retake the lead, let alone consolidate his pole position.

As the race wore on, it became abundantly clear that it was all going to be about who could make their tires last, and knowing when to attack and when to ease. Alonso's team read the race perfectly and will now hope that he can build on this win, and justify most punters' early belief in his title challenge.

Bulls remain in 6th after falling to Miami

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LeBron James registered 20 points before missing his first shot, as the Miami Heat comfortably defeated the Bulls 105-93 in Flor-

ida. James finished with 24 points, Dwayne Wade with 22, and another four Heat players reached double figures.

The Bulls, who have suffered from many injury problems this season, were without Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah, Taj Gibson, or Richard Hamilton. The latter of these was sus-

pending for one game following an elbow during Friday's defeat by the Raptors. Nonetheless, the Bulls fought passionately and showed the same kind of physical play which frustrated James and his teammates the last time they visited Chicago.

Trying to deflect criticism for over-

physical play and creeping nerves about playoffs, Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau stated, "It fell right in line with every game that we've played against them. It's been hard fought. They have great competitors; I think we have great competitors. It's great competition, so that's the way it is."



Tuesday, April 16

Baseball
@ St. Xavier University
1:30 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

Thursday, April 18

Baseball
@ Robert Morris College
5 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

Friday, April 19

Baseball
@ Judson College
4 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

Baseball
@ Judson College
12 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)

Men & Women's Track & Field
@ University of St. Francis
CCAC Championships

Monday, April 22

Baseball
@ Trinity International University
1 p.m.
(game 1, game 2 to follow)



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