



Sebastian Vettel

with Rod Kinsey

Sebastian Vettel takes championship title

The German drove an excellent race, leading from pole position to the finish at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi last Sunday.

IT was a race of mixed fortunes, with both Mark Webber and Fernando Alonso making the wrong strategic choice by changing tyres early.

I thought one of them was going to be crowned world champion, but such is the interesting challenge of motor racing.

The Renaults of Robert Kubica and Vitaly Petrov went extremely well and held off Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso, the latter to the end of the race and the former until his late tyre stop.

Part of the challenge was the Yas Marina track itself as it is really difficult for cars of similar

performance levels to overtake.

Tyres played a very important part in results once again.

Jenson Button managed his 'boots' very well while teammate Hamilton finished ahead of Button due to some very spirited and accomplished driving but I am sure his tyres were a pretty sore sight at the end.

Nico Rosberg had another very good drive, smooth and quick, into sixth place.

Unfortunately, he tapped teammate Michael Schumacher into a spin and retirement in a dramatic incident at the beginning of the race.

Renault had a very good race,

with Sebastian Vettel winning, Robert Kubica and Petrov finishing fifth and sixth and Webber taking eighth position.

The team scooped the manufacturer's championship title thanks to its all-round reliability.

Red Bull Renault and Sebastian Vettel proved one must never give up and keep applying pressure on right till the last race of the season, even when the odds are against you.

Very well done to the youngest ever world champion and his team.

Results: 1 S Vettel; 2 L Hamilton; 3 J Button; 4 N Rosberg; 5 Robert Kubica;

6 V Petrov; 7 F Alonso; 8 M Webber; 9 Jaime Alguersuari; 10 Felipe Massa.

Drivers' points: 1 S Vettel 256; 2 F Alonso 252; 3 M Webber 242; 4 L Hamilton 240; 5 J Button 214; 6 F Massa 144; 7 N Rosberg 142; 8 R Kubica 136; 9 M Schumacher 72; 10 Rubens Barrichello and Adrian Sutil both 47.

Constructors' points: 1 Red Bull Renault 498; 2 McLaren Mercedes 454; 3 Ferrari 396; 4 Mercedes 214; 5 Renault 163; 6 Williams Cosworth 69; 7 Force India Mercedes 68; 8 Sauber Ferrari 44; 9 Toro Rosso Ferrari 13.