



# Race Preview

## 2018 BRITISH GRAND PRIX

06 – 08 July 2018

Following hard on the heels of races in France and Austria, this week teams reach the final act of F1's first triple-header, the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, Round 10 of the 2018 FIA Formula One World Championship.

The wide-open spaces of Silverstone couldn't be more different to the undulating Red Bull Ring. The Northamptonshire circuit is a driver favourite, with a barrage of fast, flowing corners, of which high-speed Copse and the ultra-quick changes of direction through Maggotts, Becketts and Chapel are the standouts.

That said, ever since Silverstone adopted its new 'Arena' layout in 2010, extra variety has been added to the circuit, with the intricate low-speed infield section offering a choice of racing lines and also complicating the set-up decisions teams have to make.

Silverstone is one of the easiest circuits on the F1 calendar for braking but one of the toughest on tyres, the unrelenting sequences of high-speed turns putting vast amounts of lateral energy into the rubber. Accordingly, Pirelli have chosen to bring the ice blue hard compound tyre to a race for the first time. With the circuit having recently been resurfaced, this weekend's tyres will also be the thinner-gauge tread variant, as used in Spain and France. This is designed to reduce surface overheating and the type of blistering which heavily influenced the outcome of last weekend's Austrian Grand Prix.

Coming to Great Britain, both championship tables are very tight. Sebastian Vettel has retaken the lead in the Drivers' Championship, ahead of Lewis Hamilton by a solitary point. Ferrari's double podium, combined with Mercedes' double DNF in Austria, has likewise changed the order at the top of the Constructors' Championship, with the Italian team now 10 points ahead of their rival. It is notable also that nine races into 2018, Ferrari, Mercedes and Red Bull each have three victories. This is not simply a two-horse race.



### SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

**Length of lap:**

5.891km

**Lap record:**

1:30.621 (Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes, 2017)

**Start line/finish line offset:**

0.134km

**Total number of race laps: 52****Total race distance:**

306.198km

**Pitlane speed limits:**

80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

**CIRCUIT NOTES**

- ▶ The entire track has been resurfaced.
- ▶ The longitudinal and lateral cambers of the track have been changed to assist drainage in Turns 1, 6, 16, 17 and 18.
- ▶ New kerb elements have been added behind the existing kerb on the exit of turn 15 and at the apex of Turn 17.

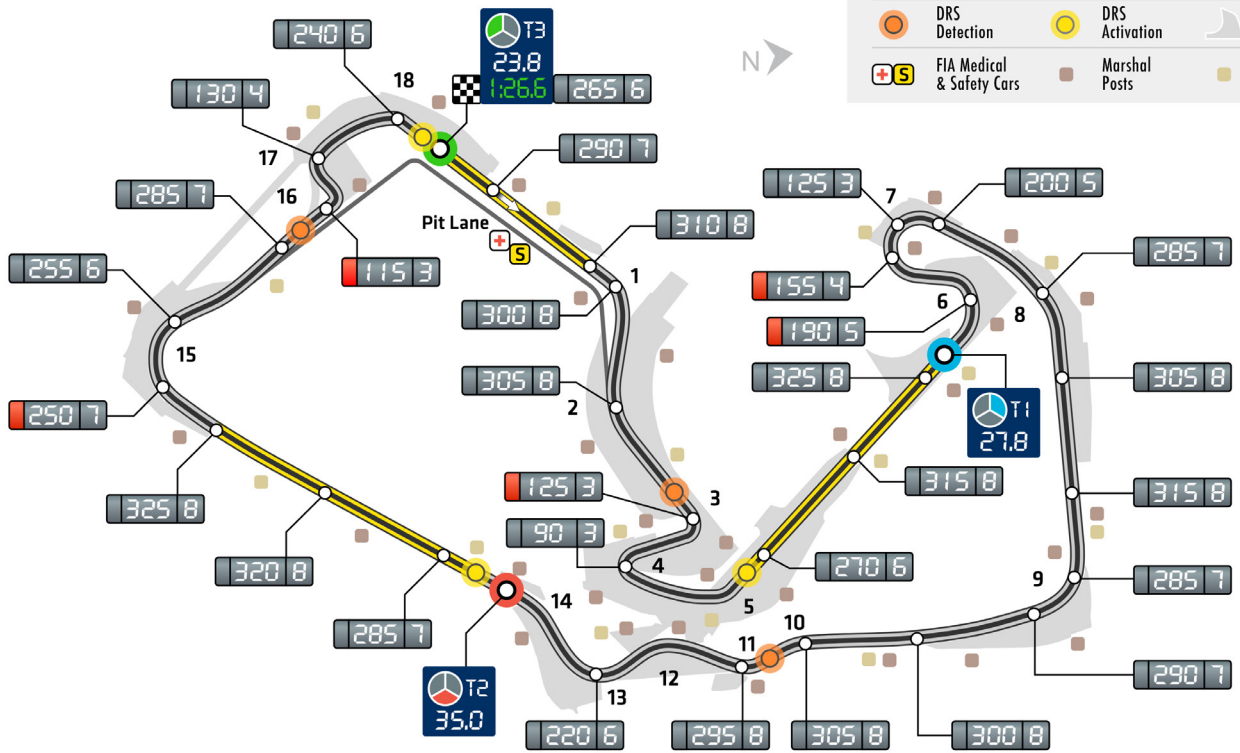
**DRS ZONE**

- ▶ Silverstone has three DRS zones this year. The detection point of the first zone is 25m before Turn 3 (Village), with the activation point 30m after Turn 5 (Aintree). The second detection point is at Turn 11 (Maggotts) with the activation point at the exit of Turn 14 (Chapel). The final zone has a detection point 83m before Turn 16 (Vale) and activation 62m after Turn 18 (Club).

<b>ROUND 10</b>	BRITISH GRAND PRIX	<b>START TIME</b>	14:10 Local - 13:10 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	08 JUL 2018	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	5.891KM
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<b>NUMBER OF LAPS:</b>	52	<b>LAP RECORD:</b>	1:30.621 L Hamilton [2017]

Note: Speeds, Gears, Lap & Sector times are based upon 2017 Qualifying data

<b>KEY</b>		Speed Km/h	Sector Time	Timing Sector	
Braking	125 3	Gear	T3	23.8	
			Lap Time	1:26.6	
●	Sector 1	●	Sector 2	●	Sector 3
—	Circuit	—	Start	—	Finish
○	DRS Detection	○	DRS Activation	—	Run-off Areas
+	FIA Medical & Safety Cars	■	Marshal Posts	■	Light Panels



## FAST FACTS

- ▶ This is the 69th F1 World Championship British Grand Prix. It is one of two ever-present races on the calendar, the other being the Italian Grand Prix. This is the 52nd race to be held at Silverstone. The British Grand Prix has also been held at Aintree (1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1962) and Brands Hatch (even-numbered years from 1964 to 1986).
- ▶ With 16 victories, Ferrari are the most successful team at the British Grand Prix, two ahead of McLaren. At Silverstone, they're likewise ahead of McLaren with 13 victories to 12. Ferrari's first F1 victory came at this circuit, José Froilán González winning the 1951 British Grand Prix for the Scuderia.
- ▶ This was also González's first F1 victory. Three other drivers have taken a debut win at Silverstone. Giuseppe 'Nino' Farina won F1's first world championship round in 1950 for Alfa Romeo. Peter Revson won for McLaren in 1973, and Johnny Herbert took victory for Benetton in 1995. Three other drivers have taken a debut win at the British Grand Prix. They are Stirling Moss at Aintree in 1955 for Mercedes, Tony Brooks for Vanwall (in a car handed over to Moss after 26 laps) at Aintree in 1957, and Jo Siffert at Brands Hatch in 1968 for Lotus.
- ▶ The victory for Brooks/Moss in the 1957 British Grand Prix was Vanwall's first win and therefore the first F1 win for a British constructor. It was also the final time a victory was shared, and the third time overall that had happened, following shared wins for Juan Manuel Fangio and Luigi Fagioli at the 1951 French Grand Prix and Fangio with Luigi Musso at the 1956 Argentinian Grand Prix.
- ▶ Jim Clark, Alain Prost and Lewis Hamilton are tied on five victories apiece at the British Grand Prix. Prost (1983, 1985, 1989-90, 1993) and Hamilton (2008, 2014-17) have taken all of their wins at Silverstone, Clark won at all three venues, beginning at Aintree in 1962, taking Silverstone wins 1963, 1965 and 1967 and a Brands Hatch victory in 1964. Prost's 1993 victory made him the first driver to win 50 grands prix.
- ▶ A sixth victory this weekend would not only give Hamilton the outright record for British Grand Prix wins but also be a fifth consecutive win, beating the record of four he currently shares with Clark.
- ▶ Nigel Mansell has a record seven consecutive British Grands Prix fastest laps, beginning at Brands Hatch in 1986, followed by six more at Silverstone. Mansell also took another fastest lap on home soil, his first also came at Brands Hatch, in the 1983 European Grand Prix.
- ▶ Daniel Ricciardo made his F1 race debut at Silverstone. The Red Bull driver was loaned to the Spanish HRT team for the second half of the 2011 season.
- ▶ The Williams team had their first ever F1 victory at Silverstone, courtesy of Clay Regazzoni in 1979. In 1997, they won their hundredth at the same venue, courtesy of Jacques Villeneuve.
- ▶ While the track has been used in this configuration since 2010, the grid has only been in its current location since 2011. Hamilton is the only driver to win from pole position, doing so in each of the last three years. He is also the winner from furthest back on this layout, winning from P6 in 2014. In the entire history of the race at Silverstone, that has only been bettered by Emerson Fittipaldi, the Brazilian winning from P7 for McLaren in 1975.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## TIM MAYER

### **FIA STEWARD, ORGANIZER OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE USA**

As the son of former McLaren founder Teddy Mayer, Tim Mayer grew up around motor sport. He organised IndyCar races internationally from 1992-98, aided the construction of several circuits, and produced international TV for multiple series. In 1998 he became CART's Senior VP for Racing Operations then in 2003, Mayer became COO of IMSA, operating multiple series at all levels, including the American Le Mans Series. In 2009 he left IMSA, working independently for several US series and focusing on coordinating US motorsports with the FIA. He was elected an Independent Director of ACCUS and US FIA Delegate, responsible for World Championship events in the US. He Stewards the FIA's F1, WEC and World RX championships as well as teaching and working on multiple commissions.



## MÜMTAZ TAHINCIOĞLU

### **FIA STEWARD**

Mümtaz Tahincioğlu is an FIA Steward in Formula One, F2, WRC and regional rally championships. He is also a former steward for the WTCC. He served on the World Motorsport Council, and as vice-president of the FIA Single-Seater commission and president of the Volunteers and Officials Commission. In his native Turkey, he is a former president of the Turkish Automobile Sports Federation (TOSFED) and former general secretary of the multi-discipline Galatasaray Sports Club. He was Turkish karting champion three times, and a Turkish and European Formula 3 driver.



## TOM KRISTENSEN

### **1980 NINE TIMES LE MANS WINNER, GERMAN F3 CHAMPION (1991), JAPANESE F3 CHAMPION (1993) ALMS CHAMPION (2001); PRESIDENT OF THE FIA DRIVERS' COMMISSION, FIA WORLD MOTOR SPORT COUNCIL MEMBER**

Denmark's Tom Kristensen is the most successful driver in the history of the Le Mans 24-Hour race having won the endurance event nine times before retiring from competition in November 2014. Kristensen's outstanding career saw him race in single-seaters, touring cars as well as testing in Formula One. However, it is for his achievements in sportscars that he is correctly most lauded. His first Le Mans win came in 1997, driving for the Joest Racing team. After two years competing with BMW, he rejoined Joest, now racing as Audi Sport Team Joest, in 2000, winning three Le Mans 24-Hours in succession with the team. He won again with Bentley in 2003 before returning to the wheel of Audi machines to win in 2004-'05, 2008 and 2013. In 2013 he also won the FIA World Endurance Championship title.







# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 1500

## FRIDAY

**Practice session 1** 1000 - 1130

**Press conference** 1200

**Practice session 2** 1400 - 1530

## SATURDAY

**Practice session 3** 1100 - 1200

**Qualifying** 1400 - 1500

Followed by unilateral and press conference

## SUNDAY

**Drivers' Parade** 1230

**Race** 1410

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

## ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

### QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews after the end of each session, as will drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the post-qualifying press conference. The TV Pen is located at the end of the paddock, next to the FIA hospitality unit .

### RACE

Any driver retiring before the end of the race will be made available at the TV pen interview area. In addition, during the race every team will make available at least one senior spokesperson for interview by officially accredited TV crews. A list of those nominated will be made available in the media centre.

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