



# Race Preview

## 2015 BRITISH GRAND PRIX 03-05 July 2015

Round nine of the 2015 FIA Formula One World Championship sees teams make what, for most, is the short journey to Silverstone for the British Grand Prix.

With seven of the grid's 10 teams based within a 110km radius of the Northamptonshire circuit, this weekend's race constitutes something of a home event for many but even for those teams that have travelled across the channel the British Grand Prix remains one of the calendar's most historically significant events and one its most challenging.

One of only two ever-present races on the F1 calendar, the British Grand Prix enjoys a rich grand prix tradition and it is a heritage enhanced by Silverstone's reputation as one of F1's few remaining power circuits. With an average speed of around 225km/h and with over 65 per cent of the lap taken at full throttle, Silverstone is one of F1's fastest tracks. With the bulk of the circuit consisting of medium- or high-speed corners it is a configuration that provides a tough test of driver nerve, as well as car set-up.

Here, teams tend to run medium to high levels of downforce to obtain good cornering speeds. Such downforce levels don't unduly disadvantage competitors in terms of raw speed, as the circuit has relatively few long straights, but the sweeping nature of the track can make overtaking a tricky business. High-speed turns also mean that lateral loads through the tyres are significant and to cope with the demands tyre supplier Pirelli will bring its most durable medium and hard compounds this weekend.

In the race for this year's world titles, a one-two victory for Mercedes in Austria stretched their lead in the Constructors' Championship even further. However, in the race for the drivers' crown, Nico Rosberg's win in Spielberg means the German has closed the gap to Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the top of the standing to just 10 points, setting up an enthralling battle this weekend.



### CIRCUIT DATA

#### SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

**Length of lap:** 5.891km

**Lap record:** 1:33.401 (Mark Webber, Red Bull Racing, 2013)

**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

- ▶ A 50cm-wide strip of asphalt has been laid behind the kerb on the exit of Turn One and also behind the kerb on the apex of Turn Seven. A 1m-wide strip of asphalt has been laid behind the kerb on the exit of Turn Four.
- ▶ A 1m-wide strip of artificial grass has been laid behind the kerbs on the exit of Turns 9 and 18.
- ▶ Two 70mm-high kerb elements have been added behind the kerb on the apex of Turns 9 and 11.
- ▶ On the exit of Turn 13 the Grass-Crete has been replaced by an area of asphalt and a new experimental negative kerb, which then blends in the Turn 14 apex kerb.

### DRS ZONES

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones. The detection point of the first is 25m before Turn Three, with the activation point 30m after Turn Five. The second detection point is at Turn 10 with the activation point 55m after Turn 14.

<b>ROUND 09</b>	BRITISH GRAND PRIX	<b>START TIME</b>	13:00 Local - 12:00 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	05 JUL 2015	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	5.891KM
<b>CIRCUIT NAME:</b>	SILVERSTONE	<b>RACE DISTANCE:</b>	306.198KM
<b>NUMBER OF LAPS:</b>	52	<b>LAP RECORD:</b>	1:33.401 M Webber [2011]

**KEY**

Speed Kmh  
Braking 110.3 Gear

Sector Time  
T3 24.8  
Lap Time 1:30.2

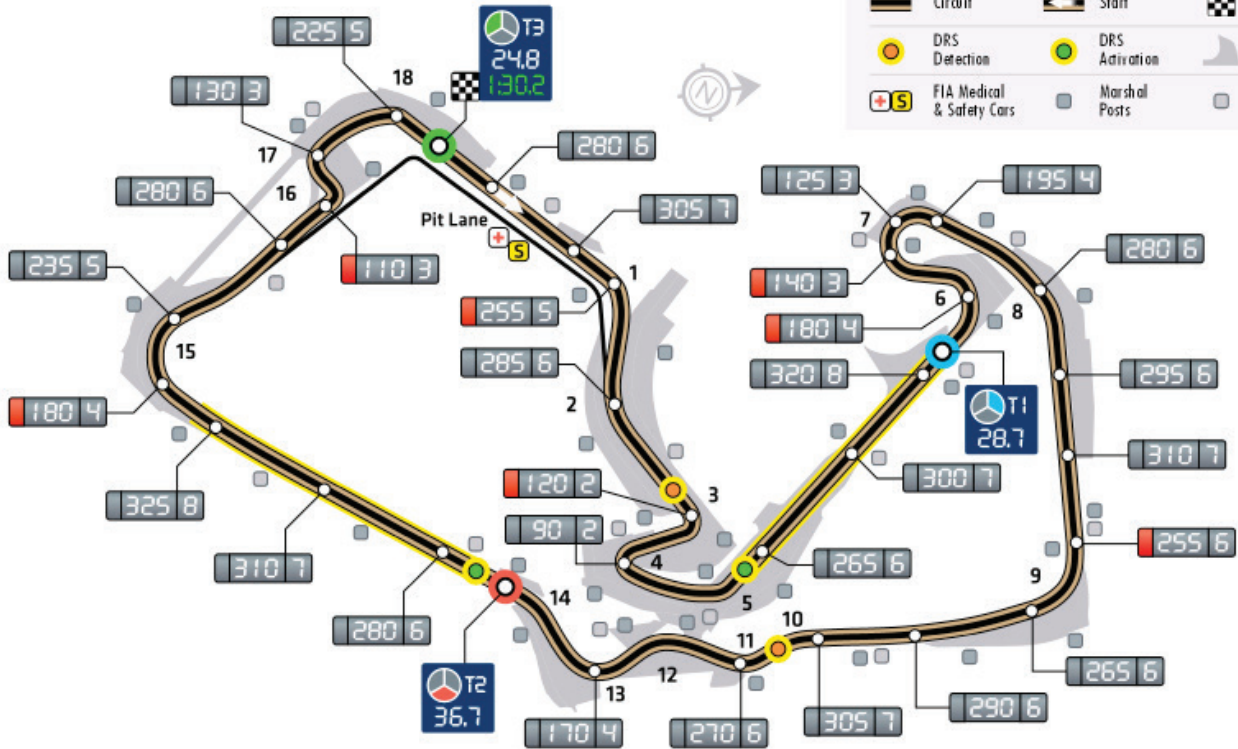
Timing Sector  
Lap Time

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 will be the 66th British Grand Prix in total and the 49th time that the FIA Formula One World Championship has visited Silverstone.
- ▶ Silverstone hosted the first British Grand Prix of the modern era in 1950 and remained the host venue until 1954. It thereafter shared the event with Aintree from 1955 until 1962. From 1963 until 1986 it shared the race with Brands Hatch. From 1987 onwards Silverstone has been the only venue for the event.
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton could break a 45-year-old record this weekend. The Briton might not have won last time out in Austria but he did lead the race on laps 33, 34, and 35, which allowed him to match Sir Jackie Stewart's record of 17 consecutive race led. Hamilton's run of consecutive races led began at last year's Hungarian Grand Prix and if he leads at any point this coming Sunday he will break the Scot's record, set in 1970. The odds on Hamilton achieving the milestone are reasonably good. He has competed in eight British Grands Prix, completing 416 laps and has led 110 of those laps.
- ▶ The most successful drivers at the British Grand Prix are Jim Clark and Alain Prost, with five wins each. Clark's victories came at all three host venues – Aintree in 1962, Brands Hatch in 1964 and at Silverstone in 1963, '65 and '67 – while Prost's were all achieved at Silverstone. His five wins from nine outings at the Northamptonshire circuit contrast with a best result of third from four British GP outings at Brands Hatch.
- ▶ The most successful team at the British Grand Prix is Ferrari, with 16 wins – one at Aintree, two at Brands Hatch and 13 at Silverstone. The first was courtesy of José Froilán Gonzalez in 1951 and the most recent with Fernando Alonso in 2011. The next most successful team is McLaren with 14 wins- two at Brands Hatch and a round dozen at Silverstone.
- ▶ Five drivers on this year's grid have won this event- Fernando Alonso, Kimi Räikkönen, Lewis Hamilton, Sebastian Vettel and Nico Rosberg. Only Alonso and Hamilton are repeat winners with the Spaniard winning in 2006 and 2011 and the Briton winning in 2008 and last year. Räikkönen won in 2007, Vettel in 2009 and Rosberg in 2013.
- ▶ At 5.891km Silverstone is the second longest circuit on the 2015 F1 calendar, though not by much. Russia's Sochi circuit is just 43 metres shorter, while Japan's Suzuka is 84 metres shorter. Spa-Francorchamps is the longest at 7.004km.
- ▶ Pole position is not of great significance here. Over the past decade the man starting at the front of the grid has won just twice – Alonso in 2006 and Vettel in 2009. It has been won from second place four times since 2005 (Räikkönen in 2007, Mark Webber in 2010 and 2012 and Rosberg in 2013) and from third place twice (Juan Pablo Montoya in 2005 and Alonso in 2011).
- ▶ Lewis Hamilton's victory from sixth place at the start last year is the lowest grid slot of a British Grand Prix victor since Carlos Reutemann won after starting in eighth place back in 1978, though that was at Brands Hatch. To find a Silverstone winner who started from a lower starting position than Hamilton last year you have to go all the way back to 1975, when Emerson Fittipaldi took McLaren's second British GP win from seventh place on the grid.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## LARS ÖSTERLIND

### **FIA WORLD COUNCIL MEMBER; HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDISH AUTOMOBILE SPORT FEDERATION**

Lars Österlind is a highly experienced FIA steward who has officiated at more than 100 grands prix and a similar number of World Rally Championship rounds. A social sciences graduate and lifelong motor sport enthusiast, Österlind was President of the Swedish Rally Commission from 1978-1982, then President of the Swedish Automobile Sport Federation from 1982-1996. He became Honorary President in 1996 and has been a member of the FIA World Council since 1984. Outside motor sport Österlind has specialised in management, working as a consultant and pursuing his own business interests. He is also experienced in local government at city council level.



## ANDREW MALLALIEU

### **PRESIDENT OF THE BARBADOS MOTORING FEDERATION; MEMBER OF THE FIA RALLY COMMISSION; F1, WRC AND F3 STEWARD**

Andrew Mallalieu's 30-year plus involvement in motor sport spans rallying, hill climbs and circuit racing in Barbados and the greater Caribbean region. He is currently President of the Barbados Motoring Federation. Andrew has served as a steward at a wide variety of events including rounds of the World Rally Championship and European F3. A Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Surveyor his non-motorsport activities include ownership of the Terra Caribbean Group where he is the Chief Executive. He has also been an advisor to the Barbados Government on real estate development issues.



## NIGEL MANSELL

### **1992 FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPION, 1993 CART CHAMPION**

From 187 grand prix starts Mansell took 32 pole positions, 31 victories and 28 other podium finishes. He raced for Team Lotus, Williams, Ferrari and McLaren, winning the FIA Formula One World Champion in 1992 with Williams. The following season Mansell took a sabbatical from F1, racing in the CART championship. He became the first rookie to win that title and the only man to hold the Formula One and CART titles simultaneously. Mansell is a four-times winner of the British Grand Prix, with three of those victories coming at Silverstone.







# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 15.00

## FRIDAY

**Practice session 1** 10.00-11.30

**Practice session 2** 14.00-15.30

**Press conference** 16.00

## SATURDAY

**Practice session 3** 10.00-11.00

**Qualifying** 13.00-14.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

## SUNDAY

**Drivers' Parade** 11.30

**Race** 13.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

## ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

### QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 are available for media interviews immediately after the end of each session, as are drivers who participated in Q3, but who are not required for the postqualifying press conference. The TV Pen is located inside the paddock, next to the FIA hospitality area.

### 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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