



Race Preview

2016 HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX

22 - 24 July 2016

Round 11 of the 2016 Formula One World Championship sees teams journey to one of the sport's most visited venues, the Hungaroring, home of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

The 4.381km circuit, which has been a regular stop on the calendar for more than three decades now, is in stark contrast to the last round at Silverstone, in that the high speed sweeps of the British circuit are replaced by a tight and twisting layout that accents aerodynamic stability and good traction.

The slowest permanent facility on the Formula One calendar the Hungaroring sees average speeds of just 190km/h. Only the winding street circuits of Singapore and Monaco have lower averages than the Budapest track. And as such teams will bring the kind of aerodynamic packages last seen in Monte Carlo in order to make the most of the this track's snaking layout.

Good mechanical grip is also key to meeting the circuit's demands. In recent years the Hungaroring provided an abrasive surface, which across the last three events led Pirelli to supply Soft and Medium tyres, but with a new surface in place and with the tyre regulations broadened to encompass a third compound, the tyre manufacture is adding the supersoft compound to its Hungary selection.

Despite the high temperatures prevalent in Budapest at this time of year the supersoft is the overwhelming choice of drivers - with Ferrari's driver heading the list with nine sets of the red-banded tyre each. The majority of drivers (14) have selected seven sets of the supersoft.

And as Formula One prepares for the challenge of the Hungaroring, the battle for top spot in the Drivers' Championship is finely balanced, with just one point now separating Nico Rosberg, who has led since the opening round of the season, from team-mate Lewis Hamilton. And while Mercedes are in a league of their own in the race for the Constructors' crown, the fight for second has also got closer, with Ferrari now just six points clear of Red Bull Racing. In Hungary, the heat is definitely on.



HUNGARORING

Length of lap:

4.381km

Lap record:

1:19.071 (Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 2004)

Start line/finish line offset:

0.040km

Total number of race laps: 70

Total race distance:

306.630km

Pitlane speed limits:

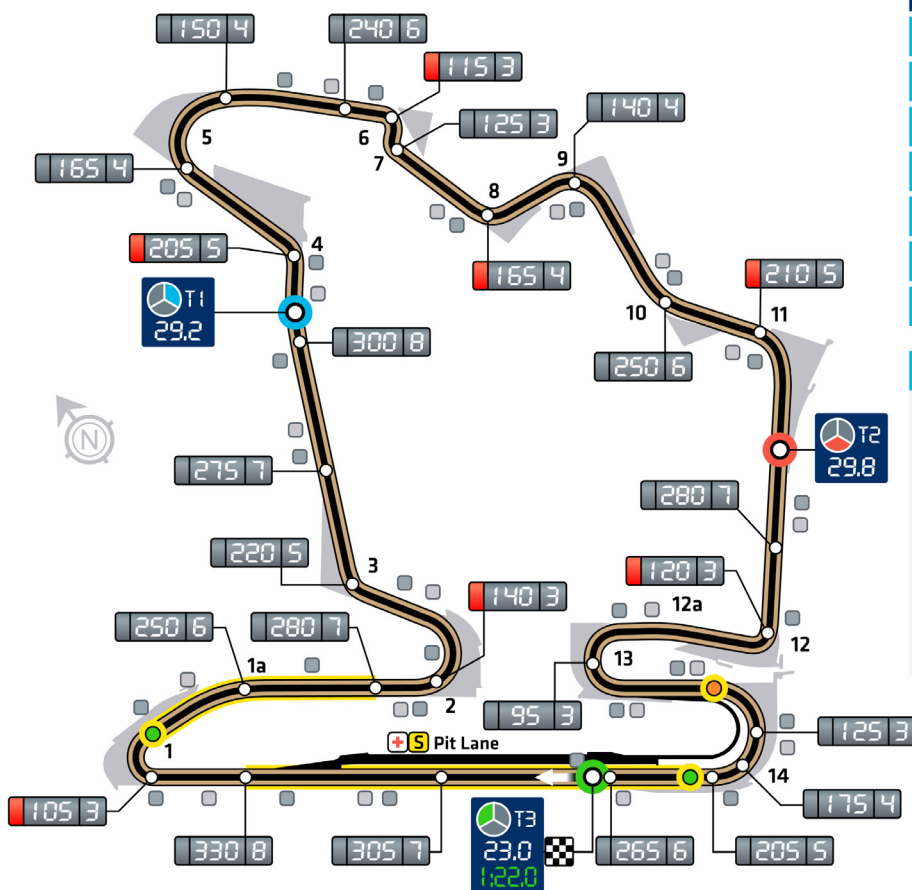
80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

CIRCUIT NOTES

- ▶ The track and the pit lane have been re-surfaced.
- ▶ The pit entry has been adjusted and now has a larger radius than before. It is now aligned with the fast lane after the corner.
- ▶ A large number of kerbs have been renewed, with emphasis on improved drainage.
- ▶ In Turns Four and 11, new double kerbs (as seen at Turn Nine of the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya) have been installed and the artificial grass removed. The 'sausage' kerbs on the apex of Turns Six and Seven have been replaced by a 50mm high 'Abu Dhabi' kerb on the apex, behind the 50mm positive kerb.

DRS ZONE

- ▶ There will be two DRS zones at the Hungaroring, sharing a detection point 5m before Turn 14. Activation points are 130m after the apex of Turn 14 and 6m after the apex of Turn One.



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KEY	
Speed Kmh	Timing Sector
Braking	Sector Time
Gear	Lap Time
Sector 1	Sector 2
Sector 3	Finish
Circuit	Start
DRS Detection	DRS Activation
FIA Medical & Safety Cars	Run-off Areas
Marshal Posts	Light Panels

FAST FACTS

- ▶ This will be the 31st Hungarian Grand Prix. The race, which has always been held at the Hungaroring, joined the Formula One calendar in 1986 and has been ever present since.
- ▶ The most successful drivers here are Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton, both of whom have four wins. Schumacher's came in 1994 with Benetton and then in 1998, 2001 and 2004 with Ferrari. Hamilton's wins have also been scored with two teams, in 2007, 2009 and 2012 with McLaren and in 2013 with Mercedes.
- ▶ Behind Schumacher and Hamilton, Ayrton Senna took three wins here in Hungary, while Nelson Piquet, Damon Hill, Jacques Villeneuve, Mika Häkkinen and Jenson Button have two apiece.
- ▶ Six previous Hungarian Grand Prix winners are set to compete this weekend. Apart from Hamilton and Button, Fernando Alonso, Kimi Räikkönen, Sebastian Vettel and Daniel Ricciardo have all won here once.
- ▶ McLaren is by far the most successful constructor at this race, with 11 victories, five more than next closest, Williams. Apart from Hamilton's wins for the team, Senna's three wins (1988, 1991-'92) were scored with McLaren, as were Häkkinen's in 1999 and 2000. McLaren have also won with Räikkönen (2005), Heikki Kovalainen (2008) and Button (2011). Ferrari have six wins, while Red Bull Racing are third on the list with two wins.
- ▶ Button's 2006 win, his first in the sport, was also the only victory for Honda in its second stint as a constructor in the sport. The Briton's win is also notable for being the victory scored from the furthest back on the grid. Button started the race in 14th place but navigated torrential rain to take maximum points.
- ▶ Kovalainen's 2008 victory was also his first in Formula One. It was to be the Finn's only grand prix victory from 111 grand prix starts. He appeared on the podium on three other occasions – in 2007 in Japan (P2) for Renault and in 2008 in Malaysia (P3) and Italy (P2) for McLaren.
- ▶ Aside from Button and Kovalainen, this race has also seen debut wins for Damon Hill (1993) and Fernando Alonso (2003).
- ▶ Michael Schumacher is out on his own at the top of the list of pole winners here, with seven. His first was with Benetton in 1994 and the rest came with Ferrari (1996-'97, 2000-'01 and '04-'05). Lewis Hamilton is second on the list with five pole positions at the Hungaroring (2007-'08, 2012-'13 and last year).
- ▶ Apart from Hamilton, four other current drivers have started from the front of the grid here – Alonso (2003, 2009), Sebastian Vettel (2010-'11), Räikkönen (2006) and Nico Rosberg (2014).
- ▶ Last year, Toro Rosso's Daniil Kvyat scored his first career podium finish here with second place for Red Bull Racing. Kvyat isn't the first driver to take a maiden podium in Hungary. Jos Verstappen finished third in 1994 for Benetton, Pedro de la Rosa took second in 2006 for McLaren and Timo Glock was second for Toyota in 2008.

RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

GERD ENNSER

MEMBER OF THE DMSB'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR AUTOMOBILE SPORT, FORMULA ONE AND DTM STEWARD

Dr Gerd Ennsler has successfully combined his formal education in law with his passion for motor racing. While still active as a racing driver he began helping out with the management of his local motor sport club and since 2006 has been a permanent steward at every round of Germany's DTM championship. Since 2010 he has also been a Formula One steward. Dr Ennsler, who has worked as a judge, a prosecutor and in the legal department of an automotive-industry company, has also acted as a member of the steering committee of German motor sport body, the DMSB, since spring 2010, where he is responsible for automobile sport. In addition, Dr Ennsler is a board member of the South Bavaria Section of ADAC, Germany's biggest auto club.



BAHAM LEKHAL

CROSS COUNTRY RALLY AND ENDURO CHAMPION AND WTCC STEWARD

Making his Formula One stewarding debut here in Hungary, Mauretanian Baham Lekhal's motor sport career encompasses both two and four-wheel competition. In his homeland the 37-year-old is a three-time national rally and enduro champion. He has also competed on the international stage, most notably winning the Togo International cross country event in 2004 and finishing in second place at the 6 Hours Du Lac Rose and at the International Cross Country de Mboud the following year. In 2007, Lekhal became the first Mauretanian to take part in the Dakar Rally and three years later the first to participate in the FIM Cross Country World Championship, Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge. For the past three years Lekhal has acted as a steward at FIA World Touring Car Championship events. He has been President of the Fédération Mauritanienne des Sports Mecaniques since 2008.



ALAN JONES

FORMER FORMULA ONE DRIVER AND 1980 FORMULA ONE WORLD CHAMPION

Best known as the 1980 Formula One World Champion, the Australian raced far and wide, competing everywhere from Can-Am and Formula 5000 to Le Mans and Australian Touring Cars. In his F1 career Jones started 116 grands prix, won 12, took six pole positions and set 13 fastest laps Jones made his grand prix debut at the wheel of a privateer Hesketh at the 1975 Spanish Grand Prix. He switched to Graham Hill's team for the remainder of the season and then in 1976 moved to the Surtees team. He scored first grand prix victory at the following season's Austrian Grand Prix, racing for Shadow. In 1978 he moved to Williams and the following year scored four wins on his way to third in the championship. His finest hour came in 1980 when he won five grands prix on his way to being crowned champion.



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 11.00-12.00

Qualifying 14.00-15.00

Followed by unilateral and press conference

SUNDAY

Drivers' Parade 12.30

Race 14.00

Followed by podium interviews and press conference

ADDITIONAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

QUALIFYING

All drivers eliminated in Q1 or Q2 will be available for media interviews immediately 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 in front of the entrance to the media centre.

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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