



# Race Preview

## 2015 MEXICAN GRAND PRIX 30 October – 1 November 2015

Following last Sunday's dramatic US Grand Prix, which saw Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton seal his third World Drivers' Championship title, Formula One is set for an equally exciting outing this weekend, as Round 17 of the 2015 Formula One World Championship sees the sport head to Mexico City for a revived Mexican Grand Prix.

The new incarnation of the race, the first for 23 years, takes place at the city's famed Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez. The circuit has hosted all of Mexico's grands prix to date and in the past was the scene of some of F1's most dramatic moments, from John Surtees' final-round title win in 1964, through to Nigel Mansell's 1990 heroics in passing Gerhard Berger at the fearsome final corner, the Peraltada.

That high-speed, banked curve may not feature on the new layout but the 2015 version of the track should still prove an exacting challenge for drivers and a tough test for engineers who will arrive with little information about how the cars will behave on the new surface and in the rarefied atmosphere of a city that sits 2,250m above sea level.

The new circuit retains much of the DNA of the original through its high-speed first sector and a fast and flowing mid-section, where rapid changes of direction will put a premium on aerodynamic efficiency and balance. The final sector's Peraltada curve, meanwhile, has been transformed into a technically-demanding stadium section, which should provide a thrilling sight for fans, with drivers racing between the grandstands as they power towards the start-finish line.

While Hamilton wrapped up his third Drivers' title in Austin, the fight for the Championship's runners-up spot continues and Sebastian Vettel goes into this weekend's grand prix with a slim four-point advantage over Nico Rosberg. With the circuit presenting plenty of unknowns the battle for superiority between the two, and elsewhere in the standings, should prove enthralling.



### CIRCUIT DATA

#### AUTÓDROMO HERMANOS RODRÍGUEZ

**Length of lap:** 4.304km

**Lap record:** N/A

**Start line/finish line offset:** 0.230km

**Total number of race laps:** 71

**Total race distance:** 305.354km

**Pitlane speed limits:** 80km/h in practice, qualifying, and the race

### DRS ZONE

- There will be two DRS zones at the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez. The single detection point will be at the exit of Turn 15. The first activation point will be 425m after Turn 17 and the second activation point will be 120m after Turn Three.

<b>ROUND 17</b>	<b>MEXICAN GRAND PRIX</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	13:00 Local - 19:00 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	01 NOV 2015	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	4.304KM
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**KEY**

Speed Km/h    Sector Time    Timing Sector    Lap Time

Braking    Gear

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 16th Formula One Mexican Grand Prix. The race was first held in 1963 at the circuit then called Magdalena Mixhuca. The circuit had held a non-championship race the previous year during which local hero Ricardo Rodríguez, a rising star of Ferrari's works programme, was killed. The circuit was later renamed the Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez in honour of Ricardo and racing driver brother Pedro, who scored two grand prix wins in a career that encompassed 54 grand prix starts between 1963 and his death in a sports car race in 1971.
- ▶ Mexico has hosted Formula One in two phases, from 1963-1970 and then from 1986-1992.
- ▶ The 1963 race was won by Jim Clark, driving for Lotus. The Scot added another victory in 1967, for the same team, and he sits at the top of the list of multiple winners alongside Alain Prost (1988 and 1990) and Nigel Mansell (1987 and 1992).
- ▶ Lotus, Williams and McLaren all have three Mexican Grand Prix wins to their name. Lotus' victories came in 1963, '67 and '68, the last courtesy of Graham Hill. Williams took wins in 1987, 1991 and 1992, the first and last being delivered by Nigel Mansell and the other by Riccardo Patrese. McLaren's trio came courtesy of Denny Hulme in 1969, Alain Prost in 1988 and Ayrton Senna in 1989.
- ▶ John Surtees won the 1964 Drivers' Championship title at the Mexican Grand Prix. In so doing he became the only man to win world championships on two and four wheels, having taken four 500cc and three 350cc motorcycle titles between 1956 and 1960.
- ▶ The 1965 race saw the first win for Honda as a constructor in Formula One, with American Richie Ginther scoring his only F1 win. Since then Honda has taken just two more wins as a constructor, at the 1967 Italian Grand Prix, with Surtees at the wheel, and in Hungary in 2006, with Jenson Button driving. As an engine supplier, however, the Japanese marque has taken another 69 wins.
- ▶ Gerhard Berger took his maiden grand prix win at the 1986 Mexican Grand Prix. He would go on to claim a further nine victories across a 210-start career, the last coming at the 1997 German Grand Prix. Berger's 1986 Mexico win was also the first for Benetton. Racing under that name the team took a further 26 victories. The team's lineage continues to this day as Lotus.
- ▶ Michael Schumacher claimed his first career podium finish here in 1992, also for Benetton. He would appear on the podium a further 154 times, with the last coming at the 2012 European Grand Prix, at which he finished third.
- ▶ Six Mexicans have raced in F1. Force India's Sergio Pérez has the most starts, with this weekend set to be the Guadalajara native's 91st since 2011. Next on the list is current Ferrari test driver Esteban Gutierrez, who made 38 starts for Sauber between 2013 and 2015. He is followed by Pedro Rodríguez, who raced for Lotus, Ferrari, Cooper and BRM. Hector Rebaque made 41 starts from 1977-1981 driving a Lotus and racing for Hesketh, his own Rebaque team and Brabham, while Moisés Solana made eight starts between 1963 and 1968 driving a BRM and racing for Lotus and Cooper. Ricardo Rodríguez made five starts for Ferrari in 1961-1962.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## DR GERD ENNSER

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

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.



## SILVIA BELLOT

### **MEMBER OF THE ROYAL SPANISH AUTOMOBILE FEDERATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FIA WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT COMMISSION MEMBER, F1, GP2, GP3 AND WTCC STEWARD**

Silvia Bellot began marshalling in 2001, when she was 16. She has been a steward in a number of national and international series, including the, European F3 Open, GT Open, BMW Europe, Spanish Endurance Championship, DTM, World Series by Renault and the WRC. In 2009, she took part in the FIA trainee stewards' program for GP2 and F1. She made her first appearance as an F1 steward at the 20011 Turkish GP and last year was awarded the FIA's Outstanding Official prize. She is currently a steward in GP2, GP3, WTCC and F1. Away from the stewards' room she is a member of the FIA's Women in Motorsport Commission and also works closely with RACC, the Circuit de Catalunya and the Spanish federation in event organisation.



## MARK BLUNDELL

### **FORMER F1 DRIVER, LE MANS AND CART WINNER**

Mark Blundell raced for McLaren, Tyrrell, Ligier and Brabham in an F1 career that encompassed 61 grands prix between 1991 and 1995 and included three podium finishes. He is a three-time winner in IndyCars and won the Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race in 1992, driving for Peugeot. While still occasionally seen behind the wheel of a racing car in endurance events, the 21st Century has seen Blundell forge a second career as a TV commentator and analyst. He first appeared as a driver steward in F1 at the Spanish Grand Prix of 2011.



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## DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	CHINA	BAHRAIN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	AUSTRIA	GB	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	JAPAN	RUSSIA	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
1. Lewis Hamilton	25	18	25	25	18	15	25	18	25	8	25	25	0	25	25	25	--	--	--	327
2. Sebastian Vettel	15	25	15	10	15	18	10	12	15	25	0	18	25	15	18	15	--	--	--	251
3. Nico Rosberg	18	15	18	15	25	25	18	25	18	4	18	0	12	18	0	18	--	--	--	247
4. Kimi Räikkönen	0	12	12	18	10	8	12	0	4	0	6	10	15	12	4	0	--	--	--	123
5. Valtteri Bottas	--	10	8	12	12	0	15	10	10	0	2	12	10	10	0	0	--	--	--	111
6. Felipe Massa	12	8	10	1	8	0	8	15	12	0	8	15	0	0	12	0	--	--	--	109
7. Daniil Kvyat	--	2	0	2	1	12	2	0	8	18	12	1	8	0	10	0	--	--	--	76
8. Daniel Ricciardo	8	1	2	8	6	10	0	1	0	15	0	4	18	0	0	1	--	--	--	74
9. Sergio Pérez	1	0	0	4	0	6	0	2	2	0	10	8	6	0	15	10	--	--	--	64
10. Max Verstappen	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	4	0	4	2	1	12	--	--	--	45
11. Romain Grosjean	0	0	6	6	4	0	1	0	0	6	15	0	0	6	0	0	--	--	--	44
12. Nico Hülkenberg	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	6	0	0	6	0	8	0	0	--	--	--	38
13. Felipe Nasr	10	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	2	--	--	--	27
14. Pastor Maldonado	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4	--	--	--	26
15. Carlos Sainz	2	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	6	--	--	--	18
16. Jenson Button	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	8	--	--	--	16
17. Fernando Alonso	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	11
18. Marcus Ericsson	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	9
19. Roberto Merhi	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0	--	--	--	--	0
20. Will Stevens	--	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	0
21. Alexander Rossi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0	--	0	--	--	--	0

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## CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

	AUSTRALIA	MALAYSIA	CHINA	BAHRAIN	SPAIN	MONACO	CANADA	AUSTRIA	GB	HUNGARY	BELGIUM	ITALY	SINGAPORE	JAPAN	RUSSIA	USA	MEXICO	BRAZIL	ABU DHABI	POINTS
<b>1. Mercedes AMG Petronas</b>	43	33	43	40	43	40	43	43	43	12	43	25	12	43	25	43	--	--	--	<b>574</b>
<b>2. Scuderia Ferrari</b>	15	37	27	28	25	26	22	12	19	25	6	28	40	27	22	15	--	--	--	<b>374</b>
<b>3. Williams Martini Racing</b>	12	18	18	13	20	0	23	25	22	0	10	27	10	10	12	0	--	--	--	<b>220</b>
<b>4. Infiniti Red Bull Racing</b>	8	3	2	10	7	22	2	1	8	33	12	5	26	0	10	1	--	--	--	<b>150</b>
<b>5. Sahara Force India F1 Team</b>	7	0	0	4	0	6	4	10	8	0	10	14	6	8	15	10	--	--	--	<b>102</b>
<b>6. Lotus F1 Team</b>	0	0	6	6	4	0	7	6	0	6	15	0	0	10	6	4	--	--	--	<b>70</b>
<b>7. Scuderia Toro Rosso</b>	2	10	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	12	4	0	6	3	1	18	--	--	--	<b>63</b>
<b>8. Sauber F1 Team</b>	14	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	8	2	--	--	--	<b>36</b>
<b>9. McLaren Honda</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	2	8	--	--	--	<b>27</b>
<b>10. Manor Marussia F1 Team</b>	--	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	--	<b>0</b>

# FORMULA ONE TIMETABLE & FIA MEDIA SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

**Press conference** 11.00

## 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 interview pen will be located in the paddock close 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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