



# Race Preview

## 2016 BRITISH GRAND PRIX

08 - 10 July 2016

Following a grandstand finish to an eventful Austrian Grand Prix, the action continues this week at Silverstone, home of the British Grand Prix, Round Ten of the 2016 FIA Formula One World Championship.

While Silverstone features similar top speeds to those seen in Austria, the British track does not favour horsepower over downforce to the extent seen at the Red Bull Ring. Drivers will still require a car that is fast in a straight line – but also one with a strong aerodynamic package to cope with the high-speed corners and swift changes of direction.

The centrepiece of the lap tests out both: in between the Luffield and Stowe corners, cars will be at full throttle (or close to it) for around 40s in qualifying, taking in the high-speed Copse corner and the famous Maggotts-Becketts-Chapel sweepers.

To cope with the high lateral forces placed on the tyres, Pirelli switches to its most durable compounds this weekend, bringing the Hard, Medium and Soft to the UK. The soft tyre is a step into the unknown, Pirelli having come to the British Grand Prix with its two hardest compounds for each of the last three seasons. The soft tyre is, however, the most popular discretionary choice this weekend, with every driver choosing to take between six and nine sets of the yellow-banded compound. At the other end of the scale, expected front-runners Mercedes are giving their drivers each only a single set of the hard compound.

With three consecutive Silverstone victories and eight wins from nine races in 2016, Mercedes come to Great Britain the presumptive favourites. The last-lap drama in Spielberg saw Lewis Hamilton take his third victory in four races, cutting teammate Nico Rosberg's Drivers' Championship lead to 11 points. Despite failing to secure the 1-2 finish that had looked likely in the second half of the race, Mercedes were nonetheless able to extend their Constructors' Championship advantage and thus the team comes to Silverstone with a 103-point margin over nearest challengers Ferrari.



### 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

- ▶ New artificial grass has been added in Turns Nine (Copse), 15 (Stowe) and 18 (Club).

### DRS ZONE

- ▶ There will be DRS zones at Silverstone on the Wellington and Hangar Straights. The detection point of the first zone is 25m before Turn Three (Village), with the activation point 30m after Turn Five (Aintree). The second detection point is at Turn 10 (Maggotts) with the activation point 55m after Turn 14 (Chapel).

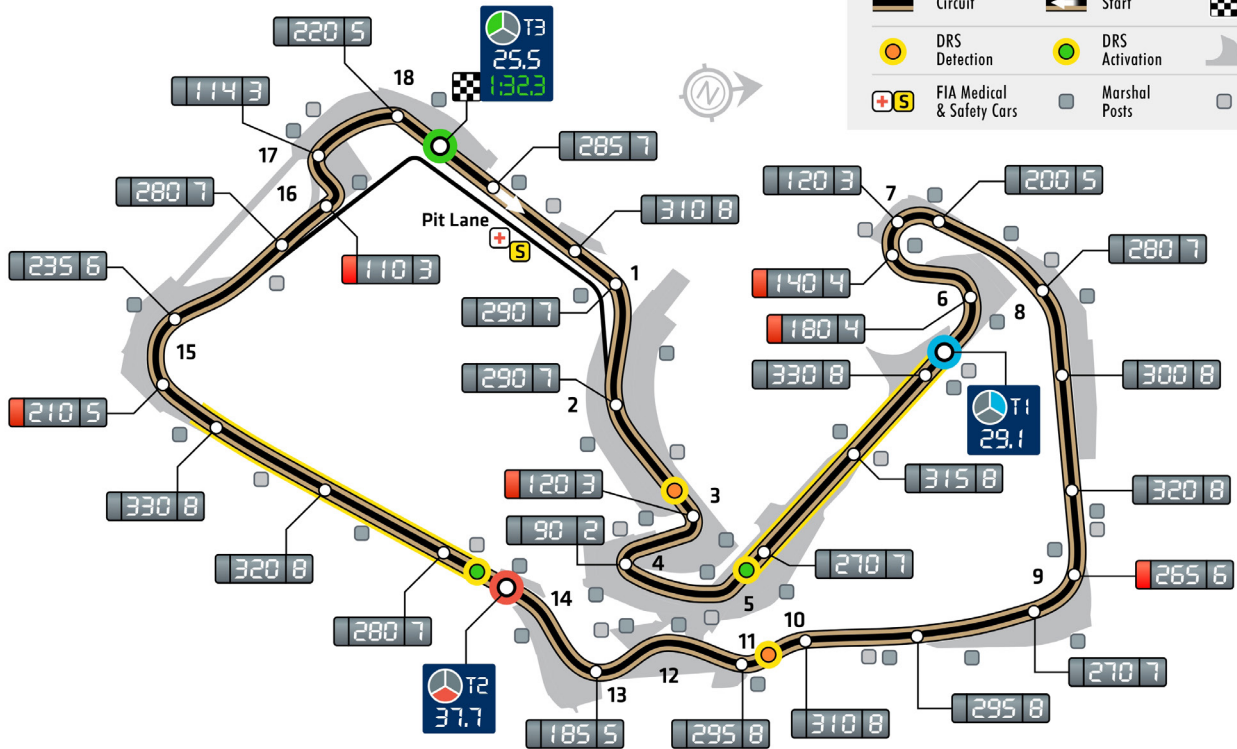
<b>ROUND 10</b>	<b>BRITISH GRAND PRIX</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	13:00 Local - 12:00 GMT
<b>RACE DATE:</b>	10 JUL 2016	<b>CIRCUIT LENGTH:</b>	5.891KM
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**KEY**

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Braking **110.3** Gear

Sector Time **T3 25.5** Timing Sector  
Lap Time **1:32.3**

● 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

- ▶ Great Britain is one of only two countries with a permanent presence on the World Championship calendar. The other ever-present is Italy.
- ▶ This is the 50th running of the F1 World Championship British Grand Prix at Silverstone. Aintree held the race in 1955, 1957, 1959 and 1961-2. Brands Hatch hosted in even years between 1964 and 1986. The rest have taken place at Silverstone, including the world championship's first event, held on 13th May 1950.
- ▶ There are five British Grand Prix winners in the field this weekend. Lewis Hamilton with three victories (2008, 2014-15), Fernando Alonso (2006 and 2011), Nico Rosberg (2013), Sebastian Vettel (2009) and Kimi Räikkönen (2007).
- ▶ Hamilton's victory in Austria was the 250th British win in the world championship. With 46 wins, Hamilton is the most successful British driver, followed by Nigel Mansell (31), Jackie Stewart (27), Jim Clark (25), Damon Hill (22), Stirling Moss (16), Jenson Button (15), Graham Hill (14), David Coulthard (13), James Hunt (10), Tony Brooks (6), John Surtees (6), John Watson (5), Eddie Irvine (4), Mike Hawthorn (3), Peter Collins (3), Johnny Herbert (3), Innes Ireland (1) and Peter Gethin (1). This adds up to 251 – but Moss and Brooks shared victory for Vanwall in the 1957 British Grand Prix.
- ▶ Jim Clark and Alain Prost are the most successful drivers at the British Grand Prix with five victories each. All of Prost's wins came at Silverstone. Clark won at all three venues.
- ▶ Ferrari is the most successful team with 16 victories spread between 1951 (José Froilán González) and 2011 (Alonso). Thirteen of those victories have come at Silverstone, making Ferrari the most successful team at this circuit also.
- ▶ Mark Webber holds the official lap record for the new 'Arena' layout with a time of 1:33.401 for Red Bull Racing in 2013. Fernando Alonso set a time of 1:30.874 in 2010, also on the Arena layout but that configuration featured a slightly different track alignment, including use of the old pit complex between Woodcote and Copse corners.
- ▶ Pole position has not proved significant on the Arena layout with Hamilton last year being the first driver to win from pole. The old layout likewise did not greatly favour pole, with only three other drivers winning from pole in the 21st Century, They are Rubens Barrichello (2003), Alonso (2006) and Vettel.
- ▶ Eight of the 11 F1 teams have a UK base, with seven located close to Silverstone in the region dubbed 'Motorsport Valley', owing to the heavy concentration of race-related businesses in the area. Force India are closest, based just 850m from the main gate. In order of proximity the others are Mercedes (Brackley – 14km), Manor and Haas (Banbury – 25km), Red Bull Racing (Milton Keynes – 35km), Renault (Enstone – 40km) and Williams (Grove – 65km). McLaren are based 125km from Silverstone.

# RACE STEWARDS BIOGRAPHIES

## TIM MAYER

### **FIA ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE USA, FIA STEWARD**

As the son of former McLaren team principal 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. He also became VP of ACCUS, the US ASN. In 2003, Mayer became COO of IMSA, operating multiple series at all levels, and also took on the role of COO and Race Director of the American Le Mans Series. He was elected an independent Director of ACCUS and FIA US Alternate Delegate, responsible for US World Championship events.



## NISH SHETTY

### **FIA STEWARD AND MEMBER OF THE FIA INTERNATIONAL COURT OF APPEAL**

Nish Shetty sits on the FIA International Court of Appeal as a judge and is a permanent member of the National Court of Appeal (Singapore). He is also Chairman of the Disciplinary Commission of the Singapore Motor Sports Association and a national steward of the Singapore Grand Prix. Shetty has assisted the Singapore Motor Sports Association for many years as a legal advisor and committee member. In addition to being involved in the Singapore Grand Prix, Shetty has acted as a steward in the Singapore Karting Championship. Away from motor sport, he is a Partner and Head of International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, South East Asia at global law firm Clifford Chance.



## 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 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 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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