



## 2016 Formula 1 season - GP of Belgium

### Grand Prix of Belgium (28 August 2016)

- The Grand Prix of Belgium will be held for the 61st time. Since 1985 the Grand Prix has been continually held at Spa-Francorchamps.
- Only the Grands Prix of Great Britain (67), Italy (66), Monaco (63) and Germany (62) have been held more often.
- The Belgian Grand Prix has been staged every year since 1972, except for 2003 and 2006. In 2003, several teams were sponsored by tobacco companies, which was against Belgian law and in 2006 there were problems with the infrastructure.
- Belgium hosts the Grand Prix with the longest track on the 2016 calendar. Spa-Francorchamps has a length of 7.004 kilometres.
- **Michael Schumacher** has won this Grand Prix a record six times.
- **Stirling Moss** claimed his first ever F1 podium spot in the Grand Prix of Belgium as he finished third in 1954.
- **Jim Clark** recorded his first Formula 1 victory in 1962 in the Belgian Grand Prix. It was his first of a total four consecutive wins at Spa. The four consecutive wins are still a record for the Belgian Grand Prix only matched by **Ayrton Senna** between 1988 and 1991.
- Local hero **Jacky Ickx** claimed his first ever podium spot (finishing third) in Formula 1 in the 1968 Grand Prix of Belgium.
- **Max Verstappen** was born in Hasselt, Belgium although he competes under the Dutch flag.
- In 2009, Giancarlo Fisichella claimed **Force India's** only pole position in history.

### Hamilton looking to continue pace after summer break

- **Lewis Hamilton** won the last four races before the summer break and can win five in a row for the second time in his career following his winning streak in 2014 when he won in Italy, Singapore, Japan, Russia and United States.
- Hamilton can become the second driver to win five consecutive races more than once in his career. Only Michael Schumacher enjoyed multiple such streaks (3).
- Lewis Hamilton can win seven races in a single season for the third time in his career. Only Michael Schumacher (7 times) and Alain Prost (3 times) have won at least seven races in a single season in at least three seasons.
- Hamilton has won the Grand Prix of Belgium in 2010 and 2015. Belgium can become the ninth Grand Prix he has won at least three times. Only Alain Prost (9 different GPs) and Michael Schumacher (16 GPs) have won a single Grand Prix at least three times at least nine times.
- Hamilton is on 49 Grand Prix wins, only trailing Schumacher (91) and Prost (51). He has claimed 55 pole positions, in which he only trails Schumacher (68) and Senna (65).
- He can record pole position for a record fourth time in the Belgian Grand Prix, equalling Juan Manuel Fangio, Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost.
- Hamilton can start at the front row for the seventh time in the Belgian Grand Prix, equalling the record for most front row starts set by Alain Prost.
- Hamilton has started from the front row in 98 Grands Prix. Only Schumacher (116) started in first or second place more often.
- Hamilton is on 96 podiums and can equal Fernando Alonso in third place all-time. Only Schumacher (155) and Prost (106) recorded more podium finishes.
- Hamilton needs one more hat-trick (pole, win, fastest lap) to equal Jim Clark (11) in second place. Only Michael Schumacher (22) registered more hat-tricks.



- Hamilton needs one more fastest lap in the race to surpass Nigel Mansell (30) as British driver with most fastest laps. If Hamilton achieves this feat he will be the outright best British driver in terms of victories (49), pole positions (55), fastest laps (31) and podiums (96). He can also become the first British driver to win four Formula 1 championships, surpassing Jackie Stewart.
- **Mercedes** have won most championship points in every single race this season except for Spain, in which they scored none. Red Bull duo Max Verstappen (25) and Daniel Ricciardo (12) scored most points in that race (37) ahead of Ferrari (33).

## Rosberg poised to win races again

- **Nico Rosberg** eyeing his first win since the European Grand Prix on 19 June.
- Another win would mark his 20th race win in total, equalling Mika Häkkinen and Kimi Räikkönen in 14th place all-time.
- He can win six races in a single season for the second time in his career, after 2015.
- Rosberg can become the first driver to fail to win the championship title after winning the first four races.
- Rosberg has recorded two Grand Chelems this year, at the Grand Prix of Europe and Russia. Only Jim Clark (1963, 1965), Alberto Ascari (1952) and Nigel Mansell (1992) recorded three Grand Chelems in a single year.
- Rosberg has a total of two Grand Chelems. In the current field only Vettel (4) has more (Hamilton also 2).
- Rosberg has claimed 27 pole positions, ninth-most all time. Next up is Juan Manuel Fangio (29). Among Germans, he is in third place only trailing Michael Schumacher (68, Formula 1 record) and Sebastian Vettel (46).
- Rosberg recorded the fastest lap at the last the Grands Prix of Belgium. He can become the second driver to do this three consecutive Belgian Grands Prix after Alain Prost in 1985, 1986 and 1987.
- Rosberg has already recorded the fastest race lap five times this season, equalling his total tally from last year.

## Ferrari and Red Bull fighting for second place

- **Daniel Ricciardo** and **Max Verstappen** recorded a double podium finish for Red Bull in the last race before the summer break in Germany.
- Red Bull surpassed Ferrari in second place of the constructor's title. Red Bull is now 14 points ahead of Ferrari.
- In 2014, Ricciardo claimed his last Formula 1 win in Belgium. In the last four races this season he finished fifth, fourth, third and second.
- Ricciardo has scored championship points in the last eight races. No other driver has achieved this.
- Since Max Verstappen joined Red Bull, the team claimed 199 points, while Ferrari won 166 points.
- Since Verstappen's debut for Red Bull (GP Spain) he has scored 102 points. In this span only Lewis Hamilton (160) has scored more championship points. Verstappen teammate Ricciardo has scored 97 points since the Grand Prix of Spain.
- Verstappen has been voted Driver of the Day four times this season, more often than any other driver. Romain Grosjean and Sergio Pérez follow with two.
- Ricciardo has been voted driver of the day in Germany, while Daniil Kvyat (then Red Bull) was voted in China, which means Red Bull drivers has been voted six times as drivers of the day. No other team has more than two.
- Sebastian Vettel holds the record for youngest driver on pole position as he was 21 years and 72 days old when he qualified in first place at the 2008 Italian Grand Prix. Verstappen can break that record.
- Only Japan (20) has had more different Formula 1 drivers without a pole position than Netherlands (15).
- **Kimi Räikkönen** can become the sixth driver to amass 10 GP wins in a Ferrari, after Michael Schumacher (72), Niki Lauda (15), Alberto Ascari (13), Felipe Massa (11) and Fernando Alonso (11).



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- Räikkönen can win his 21st Grand Prix in total, which would be a Finnish record as he is currently tied with Mika Häkkinen on 20 GP wins.
- On the day of the race, it will be 13 years and 158 days since Räikkönen won his first Grand Prix. Only Michael Schumacher had a bigger time span between his first and last race win in Formula 1 (14 years - 32 days).
- Kimi Räikkönen already won the Belgian Grand Prix four times, most among all active drivers. He never won a single Grand Prix five times. Among active drivers, only Lewis Hamilton won single Grands Prix five times as he won in Canada and Hungary that often.
- **Sebastian Vettel** (84) and Räikkönen (84) are in joint-fifth place for most podium finishes. Only Michael Schumacher (155), Alain Prost (106), Fernando Alonso (97) and Lewis Hamilton (96) have more.

## Miscellaneous

- **Rio Haryanto** will be replaced by **Esteban Ocon**. The Indonesian Manor Racing driver started in 12 races. His best result in qualifying is 16th (Grand Prix of Europe) and his best race result is 15th (Grand Prix of Monaco).
- Haryanto became the first ever driver from Indonesia in Formula 1.
- Ocon will be the second French driver on the grid besides Romain Grosjean. The last time two French drivers appeared in the same Formula 1 race came in 2014 Grand Prix of Abu Dhabi.
- He will become the 71st French driver to start in an official Formula 1 Grand Prix.
- Ocon won the Formula 3 championship in 2014, winning nine races. Of the current Formula 1 grid only Max Verstappen also raced in that championship. Verstappen came third in the championship while winning 10 races.
- In 2015, Ocon won the GP3 series. Previous winners that are currently driving in F1 are Esteban Gutiérrez (2010), Valtteri Bottas (2011) and Daniil Kvyat (2013).