

Formula 1 - Grand Prix of Brazil (11 November)

Grand Prix of Brazil

- The Grand Prix of Brazil will be held for the 46th time. It has been staged every year since the inaugural edition in 1973.
- The Grand Prix has been held at two different circuits: Interlagos (1973-1977, 1979-1980 and 1990-current) and Jacarepaguá (1978, 1981-1989).
- Alain Prost won the Brazilian Grand Prix a record six times, followed by Michael Schumacher's four wins.
- At Interlagos, Vettel can equal Schumacher as F1 driver with most victories (4).
- At Interlagos (35 GPs) the pole sitter won the race 14 times. Last year, Valtteri Bottas was the first driver who failed to win from pole since Lewis Hamilton in 2012.
- In 2016, Max Verstappen recorded his first fast lap in his career at the Brazilian GP. He became the youngest ever driver to record a fastest lap in Formula 1.
- Nico Hülkenberg recorded his only pole position at the Brazilian Grand Prix in 2010. He finished eighth in the race.
- Fernando Alonso claimed eight podium finishes in Brazil without ever winning (2nd three times, 3rd five times). Only Kimi Räikkönen also recorded eight podiums in a single GP without winning (Bahrain).

Mercedes eyeing fifth constructors' championship

- Mercedes will clinch the constructors' championship in Formula 1 if they claim at most 12 points fewer than Ferrari in the Brazilian Grand Prix.
- Mercedes won the constructors' title in the last four seasons. Only Ferrari have ever won five constructor titles in a row (6 in a row from 1999-2004).
- They will surpass Red Bull (4) in fifth place among most titles only trailing Ferrari (16), Williams (9), McLaren (8) and Lotus (7).
- None of the leading four constructors in the all-time standing have won a title since 2008 (Ferrari).
- Mercedes powered constructors can claim their seventh title, surpassing Honda (6). Only Ferrari (16), Renault (12) and Ford (10) powered cars have won more titles.
- Lewis Hamilton can claim the fifth constructor title as part of a team, equalling Niki Lauda, Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna. Only Michael Schumacher (7) and Rubens Barrichello (6) have won more.
- Hamilton has won all his team titles with Mercedes. Only Michael Schumacher (6 with Ferrari) and Barrichello (5 with Ferrari) have claimed at least five constructor titles with the same team.
- Hamilton claimed the drivers' title in Mexico by finishing fourth. The last time he did not finish on the podium in consecutive races was in Mexico - Brazil last year, after he clinched the title finishing ninth in Mexico and fourth in Brazil.
- In 2008, Hamilton won his first world title in Brazil while finishing fifth.
- Hamilton is looking for his 10th race win this year. He already reached double figures in 2014 (11), 2015 (10) and 2016 (10). All other drivers combined achieved this four times (both Schumacher and Vettel twice).
- Valtteri Bottas is the only driver in 2018 to lead a Grand Prix without winning one.
- Bottas has led for 75 laps this season. The last driver to lead more laps in a single season without winning was Vettel in 2016 (90).

Ferrari and Red Bull fighting for podiums and race wins

- Sebastian Vettel has won 13 GPs for Ferrari, joint-third most with Alberto Ascari. Only Michael Schumacher (72) and Niki Lauda (15) won more for Ferrari in F1.

- Vettel has claimed five pole positions this season. The last Ferrari driver to record at least six in a single season was Felipe Massa in 2008 (6).
- The last non-Mercedes driver to record at least six pole positions in a single season was Vettel himself in 2013, when he had nine representing Red Bull.
- The last time Ferrari won more than six Grands Prix in a single year was in 2008, when they won eight.
- Vettel won the Brazilian Grand Prix three times (2010-2013-2017). He can equal Schumacher in second place all-time among most wins in the Brazilian GP only trailing Alain Prost (6).
- The only Ferrari driver to win this Grand Prix in back-to-back seasons was Carlos Reutemann in 1977-1978.
- Max Verstappen has won the last race in Mexico and can win consecutive races for the first time in his career.
- Verstappen is eyeing his 10th podium finish this season. After Sebastian Vettel recorded 16 for the Red Bull team in 2013 only Ferrari and Mercedes drivers have claimed at least 10 podiums in a single season.
- Verstappen has a current podium streak of three and can record four podium finishes in a row for the first time ever.
- Verstappen finished third in the 2016 Brazilian Grand Prix.
- Daniel Ricciardo has retired eight times this season, most for a Red Bull driver in a single season.
- Ricciardo claimed pole position in Mexico and can record consecutive pole positions for the first time in his career.