

Belgium: the battle for the first bend



Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps, August 29

Bad weather can turn this smooth, fast circuit into a nightmare for drivers. The tight hairpin bend, only 200 yards from the start, presents a major challenge at the first corner whatever the weather

Lap distance: 4.29 miles

Race distance: 44 laps, 189.74 miles

Qualifying lap record: A. Senna (McLaren)
1m 47.81s

Race lap record: M. Schumacher (B'ton)
1m 53.79s; 137.09mph

1992 winner: M. Schumacher (B'ton)

