

# A balance of speed and spectacle

San Marino Grand Prix,  
Imola, April 25

Lap distance:	2.6 miles
Race distance:	72 laps, 192.3 miles
Qualifying lap record:	N. Mansell (Williams) 1m 37.08s; 156.71mph
Race lap record:	R. Patrese (Williams) 1m 43.56s; 146.91mph
1992 winner:	N. Mansell (Williams)

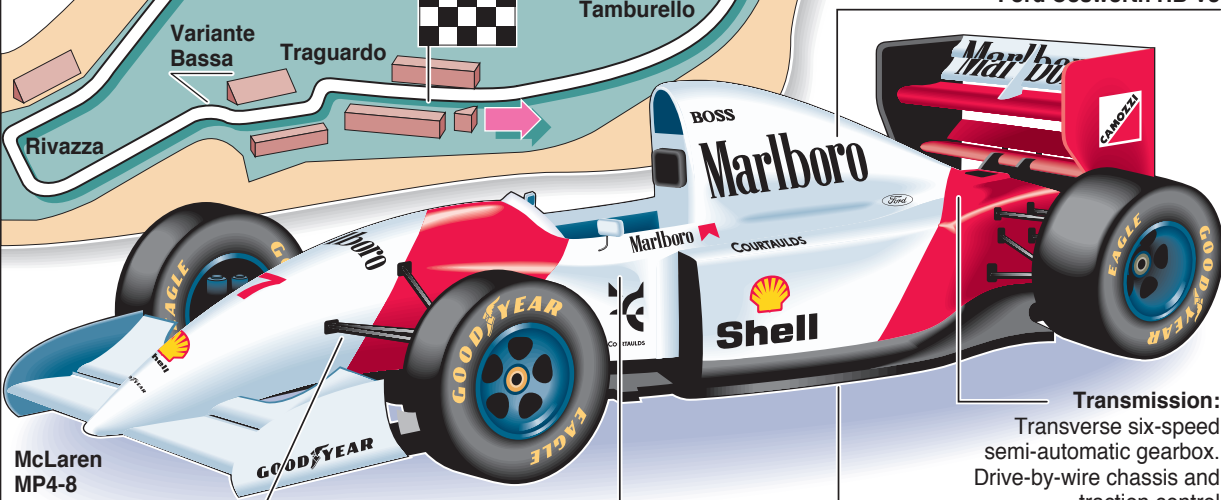
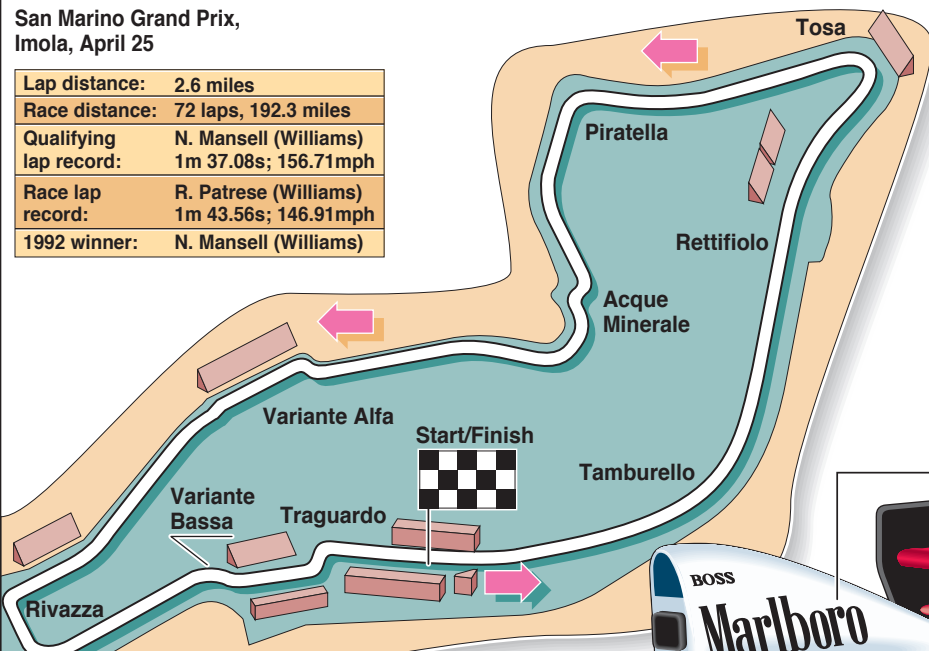
Re-surfaced last year, Imola makes heavy demands on tyres, brakes and fuel consumption. An extra pit-stop is often built into team race plans to exploit the extra speed gained from fresh tyres. Nigel Mansell clinched his record-breaking fifth consecutive start-of-season win here last year



McLaren finished the 1992 season in turmoil when Honda withdrew their engines and Ayrton Senna refused a new contract. The team is now back on track with a new car and scored its first victory of 1993 in Brazil – with Senna behind the wheel

Engine:

Ford Cosworth HB V8



McLaren  
MP4-8

**Suspension:**  
McLaren/TAG electronic active suspension

**Bodywork:**  
One-piece side panels and engine cover. Separate floor, suspension cover and nose

**Chassis:**  
Moulded carbon-fibre/honeycomb composite. Integral rubberised fuel cell

**Transmission:**  
Transverse six-speed semi-automatic gearbox. Drive-by-wire chassis and traction control

**Electronics:**  
TAG management system, integrated ignition/injection/data acquisition system