

Hamilton in pole position for title battle

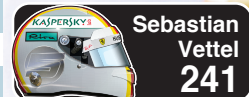
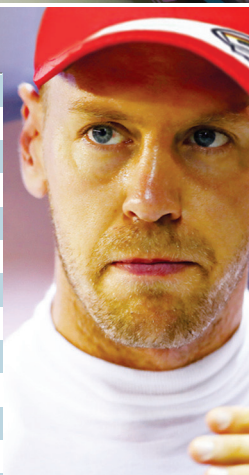
Lewis Hamilton leads the F1 Championship by 40 points, ahead of Sebastian Vettel. With six races to go, and a maximum of 150 points to be won, both drivers are aiming to secure a fifth world title to draw level with the great *Juan Manuel Fangio* in the all-time standings

SEASON BREAKDOWN (Race finish / total points)

2	18	Australia	25	1
3	33	Bahrain	50	1
4	45	China	54	8
1	70	Azerbaijan	66	4
1	95	Spain	78	4
3	110	Monaco	96	2
5	120	Canada	121	1
1	145	France	131	5
-	145	Austria	146	3
2	163	Britain	171	1
1	188	German	171	-
1	213	Hungary	189	2
2	231	Belgium	214	1
1	256	Italy	226	4
1	281	Singapore	241	3



Lewis Hamilton
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Sebastian Vettel
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Since new points system was introduced in 2010, Hamilton has averaged more points than Vettel over closing stages of season, picking up six more race wins

RACE FORM: Since 2010

0 Number of races

			Hamilton		Vettel	
			Wins	Avg. pts	Wins	Avg. pts
Russia	Sep 30	4	2014, 15	20	—	10
Japan	Oct 7	8	2014, 15, 17	15	2010, 12, 13	16.5
USA	Oct 21	6	2012, 2014-17	22.8	2013	15.6
Mexico	Oct 28	3	2016	15	—	7.3
Brazil	Nov 11	8	2016	10.9	2010, 13, 17	17
Abu Dhabi*	Nov 25	8	2011, 14, 16	16.8	2010, 2013	13.9
			15 race wins	100.5	9 race wins	80.3

*Discounting double points in Abu Dhabi, 2014
Source: FIA, Autosport.com