

# Verstappen clinches third world title

Max Verstappen's relentless drive to his third successive world drivers' championship has firmly established the flying Dutchman as one of the modern Formula 1 icons

## VERSTAPPEN: BEHIND THE WHEEL

■ **2015:** F1 debut for **Toro Rosso** at Australian Grand Prix at age 17 – youngest ever F1 driver

■ **2016:** Joins **Red Bull**. Aged 18, victory in Barcelona makes him youngest F1 winner, replacing **Sebastian Vettel**

■ **2017:** Victories in Malaysia and Mexico secure sixth place in Championship

■ **2018:** Attacking driving style earns stern rebuke from team principal **Christian Horner** (right). Finishes fourth in standings

■ **2019-20:** Successive third-place finishes boost growing reputation

■ **2021:** Seizes maiden F1 title with dramatic final lap victory over **Lewis Hamilton** in Abu Dhabi, in contentious climax to season-long duel

■ **2022:** Wins second title, with new records for most wins (15) and points (454) in single season

■ **2023:** 14 wins in 17 races to date, with two runner-up spots and one fifth-place finish.

**Clinches third F1 crown after second-place finish in Qatar sprint race**

## ALL-TIME F1 RACE WINS

Lewis Hamilton	GBR	Starts: 327	103
Michael Schumacher	GER	306	91
Sebastian Vettel	GER	299	53
Alain Prost	FRA	199	51
<b>Max Verstappen</b>	<b>NED</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>49</b>
Ayrton Senna (inset)	BRA	161	41
Fernando Alonso	ESP	372	32
Nigel Mansell	GBR	187	31
Jackie Stewart	GBR	99	27
Jim Clark	GBR	72	25
Niki Lauda	AUT	171	25

■ **Jul 2023:** Verstappen overhauls race tally of F1 legend Ayrton Senna at age 25, younger than Vettel (28), Hamilton (30), Schumacher (31) and Senna himself (33)

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