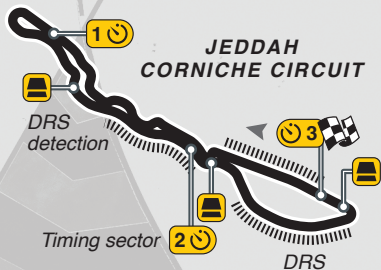


Saudi Arabia Grand Prix

Max Verstappen set an ominous tone with yet another dominant victory in Bahrain but his rivals are getting closer, sparking excitement as they chase the all-conquering *Red Bull*

2 MAR 9: Saudi Arabia, Jeddah



Distance: 50 laps – 308.450km

OPTIMISTIC MOOD: *Despite teething issues, Ferrari narrows gap to Red Bull by almost 50% in Bahrain – raising confidence that 2024 season will be more competitive*

Gap to Verstappen (Selected drivers, Bahrain GP)



Carlos Sainz (Ferrari, right)

2023 – Finished 4th	48.052s
2024 – 3rd	25.110s
Reduction: -47.7%	



George Russell (Mercedes)

2023 – 7th	55.873s
2024 – 5th	46.788s
-16.3%	



Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes)

2023 – 5th	50.977s
2024 – 7th	50.324s
-1.3%	



Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin)

2023 – 3rd	38.637s
2024 – 9th	74.887s
Increase: +93.8%	

Charles Leclerc, Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri did not finish 2023 race

Wins by year:

- Sergio Perez (2023)
- Max Verstappen (2022)
- Lewis Hamilton (2021)

Lap record:

L. Hamilton, 1:30.734 (2021)

Fastest lap 2023:

M. Verstappen, 1:31.906

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Wins by constructor

Red Bull

