

Verstappen clinches fourth world title

Max Verstappen joins an elite club of only six drivers with four or more titles, comprising fellow four-time winners *Sebastian Vettel* and *Alain Prost*, *Juan Manuel Fangio* on five and record holders *Lewis Hamilton* and *Michael Schumacher* on seven

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:** Signs five-year contract extension at Red Bull to 2028. Storms to second title, outclassing field with dominant performances

■ **2023:** Wins third crown with relentless drive. Obliterates records for most wins (19) and points (575) in single season, establishing biggest title-winning points margin (290)

■ **2024:** Amid struggles with car, Verstappen shows superior driving ability to seal fourth title in Las Vegas, rebuffing challenge from rival *Lando Norris* (inset)

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