

# Australian Grand Prix

March 16, Melbourne



Australia returns as the traditional opening race of the F1 season for the first time since 2019. Teams are eager to prove their race credentials after mixed performances in unusual conditions during pre-season testing in Bahrain

## KEY STORYLINES

■ McLaren driver **Oscar Piastri** (right) carries home hopes of being first Australian driver to make podium in Melbourne since first Grand Prix in 1985

■ Eight teams boast new driver line-up for 2025 – only McLaren and Aston Martin are unchanged

■ **Max Verstappen** (inset) begins quest for fifth successive title, while **Lewis Hamilton** makes Ferrari debut



## BEHIND THE WHEEL

2024 result: *Top 6 places*

1	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari
3	Lando Norris	McLaren
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren
5	Sergio Perez	Red Bull
6	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin

■ Most wins: **Michael Schumacher, 4**  
(2000, 2001, 2002, 2004)

■ Podiums: **Lewis Hamilton, 10**  
(1st: 2, 2nd: 6, 3rd: 2)

■ Lap record: **Charles Leclerc, 2024**  
1:19.813

■ Most wins by constructor:

**Ferrari SF-25:** Evolution of 2024 car with all-new pull-rod front suspension



Ferrari, 11



McLaren, 11

