



AFTER IMOLA WAS WASHED AWAY, FORMULA 1 RETURNS ON THE GRANDEST STAGE OF ALL - MONACO

THE 20 best drivers in the world will chase the coveted glory of winning the 80th edition of the Monaco Grand Prix.

Although the annual race around the Principality has its critics, it still captures the imagination like no other race can.

The sight of Formula 1 cars flying around the streets of Monte Carlo filled with yachts and skyscrapers never gets old as a callback to a bygone era.

Each corner from Sainte Devote to the Lowes Hairpin and Rascasse is truly iconic and full of stories.

Saturday qualifying is one of the highlights of the season with drivers coming as close as they dare to disaster in search of the all important pole.

The man who has taken the last two poles on offer is hometown hero Charles Leclerc.

Leclerc has pushed his Ferrari to the maximum and even beyond to qualify P1 since racing returned to the Principality after COVID-19.

However, a curse has hung over the #16 Ferrari with a driveshaft failure arriving before the start of the 2021 race and silly strategy dropped him from first to fourth last year.

Despite the SF-23 not having the outright speed, Leclerc will still give it everything to become just the second Monegasque after Louis Chiron in 1931 to win the famous race.

After another commanding performance in Miami, Red Bull

is the one to beat as Max Verstappen looks to extend his championship lead and Sergio Perez hopes to become just the third driver since 1995 to record back-to-back Monaco triumphs.

One of those who did the double was Fernando Alonso, who fancies himself not only scoring another podium, but even challenging for victory in his Aston Martin.

Alonso can take inspiration from Ayrton Senna in 1992 and Daniel Ricciardo in 2018 that the underdog in a significantly slower car can fend off the favourite.

It will be interesting to see if a new upgrade package can bring Mercedes closer to the front, while Oscar Piastri and Lando Norris will be happy to score points in their special "Triple Crown" livery celebrating McLaren's 60th anniversary.

To add another layer of difficulty to the challenging streets of Monte Carlo, showers are forecast to wreak havoc on both Saturday and Sunday of the race weekend.

Last year's race was also impacted by the weather starting under Safety Car before a red flag arrived, while just think back to 1996 to see how water can affect a Monaco Grand Prix.

Get ready for the 80th chapter of the Monaco Grand Prix fairytale!



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ROUND SEVEN MONACO GRAND PRIX MAY 28-20

FORMULA 1 is back on its most famous stretch of track, the streets of Monte Carlo. Monaco offers a challenge like no other - 3.3km of streets winding its way along the harbour. Each corner is iconic with a concrete wall waiting to punish the slightest mistake. Maximum precision is required to join the greats.



TRACK STATS

QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

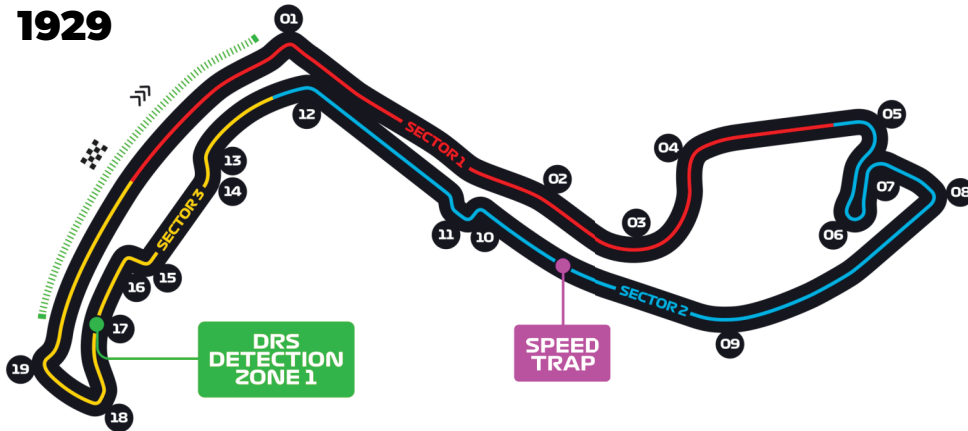
- Lewis Hamilton 1:10.166
- Mercedes AMG F1 W10 EQ Power+ (2019)

RACE LAP RECORD:

- Lewis Hamilton 1:12.909
- Mercedes W12 (2021)



FIRST EVENT:
1929



TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:
3.337KM



DIRECTION:
CLOCKWISE



AVERAGE SPEED:
162KPH



TOP SPEED:
290KPH

TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

TIME	SESSION
21.30-22.30	Practice 1
01.00-02.00	Practice 2

SUNDAY, MAY 7

TIME	SESSION
20.30-21.30	Practice 3
00.00-01.00	Qualifying

MONDAY, MAY 8

TIME	SESSION
23.00	Grand Prix



LIST OF RACE RESULTS

2022: Sergio Perez	2015: Nico Rosberg	2009: Jenson Button
2021: Max Verstappen	2014: Nico Rosberg	2008: Lewis Hamilton
2019: Lewis Hamilton	2013: Nico Rosberg	2007: Fernando Alonso
2018: Daniel Ricciardo	2012: Mark Webber	2006: Fernando Alonso
2017: Sebastian Vettel	2011: Sebastian Vettel	2005: Kimi Raikkonen
2016: Lewis Hamilton	2010: Mark Webber	2004: Jarno Trulli



LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

2022: Charles Leclerc	2015: Lewis Hamilton	2009: Jenson Button
2021: Charles Leclerc	2014: Nico Rosberg	2008: Felipe Massa
2019: Lewis Hamilton	2013: Nico Rosberg	2007: Fernando Alonso
2018: Daniel Ricciardo	2012: Mark Webber	2006: Fernando Alonso
2017: Kimi Raikkonen	2011: Sebastian Vettel	2005: Kimi Raikkonen
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MOST WINS

6 Ayrton Senna
5 Graham Hill, Michael Schumacher
4 Alain Prost



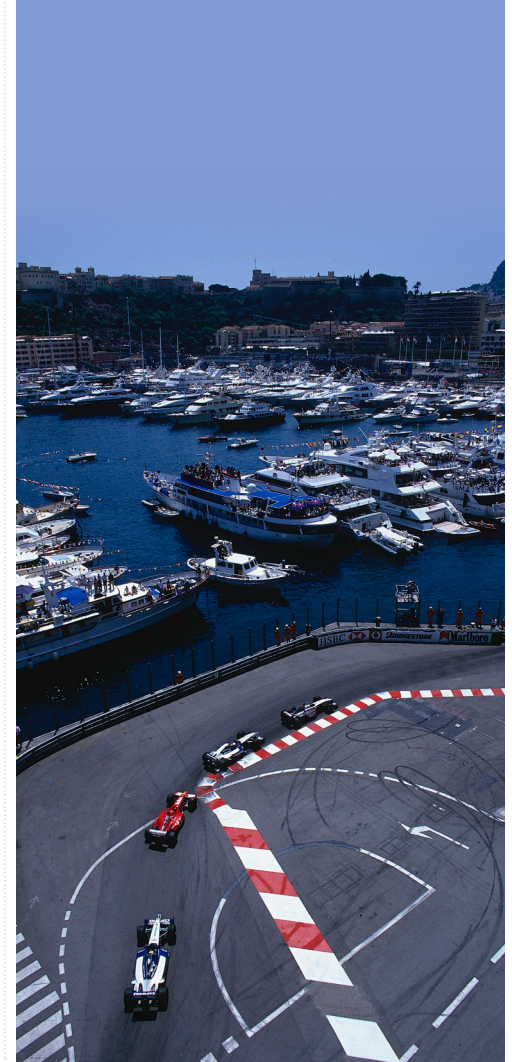
MOST POLES

5 Ayrton Senna



MOST PODIUMS

8 Ayrton Senna



1ST
119
POINTS

RED BULL

MAX VERSTAPPEN



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 168
BEST QUAL: 1st (x22)
PODIUMS: 82
BEST RESULT: 1st (x38)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 1.4
BEST MONACO GP: 1st 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

Just when Sergio Perez's title push was gathering steam, Max Verstappen delivered a crushing blow at Miami. Verstappen looked unstoppable when compiling one of his finest drives to easily win from ninth. After not being happy about strategy relegating him to third last year, the Dutchman hopes to repeat his 2021 win at the Principality.

2ND
105
POINTS

RED BULL

SERGIO PEREZ



AGE: 33
DEBUT: Aus 2011
STARTS: 240
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 30
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 2.2
BEST MONACO GP: 1st 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

Sergio Perez will be looking to relaunch his title push after being dealt with a tough defeat in Miami. Perez should have won from pole, but could not stop his teammate from fighting back. However, the Mexican performs best at street circuits and will use last year's win as motivation to take on Max.

3RD
75
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

FERNANDO ALONSO



AGE: 41
DEBUT: Aus 2001
STARTS: 360
BEST QUAL: 1st (x22)
PODIUMS: 102
BEST RESULT: 1st (x32)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 3.2
BEST MONACO GP: 1st 06/07



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

For the first time in a decade, Fernando Alonso has a genuine shot at taking his third Monaco Grand Prix victory. The Aston Martin driver has four podiums from five races this year with the latest recorded at Miami. Could be a massive thorn in Red Bull's side if he gets his elbows out.

4TH
56
POINTS

MERCEDES

LEWIS HAMILTON



AGE: 38
DEBUT: Aus 2007
STARTS: 315
BEST QUAL: 1st (x103)
PODIUMS: 192
BEST RESULT: 1st (x103)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.8
BEST MONACO GP: 1st 08,16,19



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

Lewis Hamilton arrives at the Principality in the headlines with the rumour mill hinting Ferrari has launched an expensive bid to poach the star Brit. On track Hamilton hopes to maximise a new upgrade package. Post COVID Monaco races have not been great with car #44 only finishing 7th and 8th since his 2019 win.

5TH
44
POINTS

FERRARI

CARLOS SAINZ JR



AGE: 28
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 167
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 15
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.4
BEST MONACO GP: 2nd 21,22



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

Off the back of consecutive top five results, Carlos Sainz has built some momentum as he hunts a hat-trick of Monaco podiums. Although the Scuderia was off the pace at Miami, Sainz led the campaign. The Spaniard has happy Monaco memories with a pair of second places in each of the last two years.

6TH
40
POINTS

MERCEDES

GEORGE RUSSELL



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 87
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 9
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.75
BEST MONACO GP: 5th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

George Russell has his sights set on the top five in the championship having scored his equal best result of the year at Miami. A P4 was a good response after retiring in Australian and 8th in Baku. Hopes the new Mercedes upgrade can help him chase a maiden 2023 podium.

7TH
34
POINTS

FERRARI

CHARLES LECLERC



AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2018
STARTS: 107
BEST QUAL: 1st (x19)
PODIUMS: 25
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.67
BEST MONACO GP: 4th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

Can Charles Leclerc's Monaco curse be broken in 2023? Despite taking pole in each of the last two races, cruel luck has got in the way of Leclerc's hopes of a dream win. After pushing too hard in quali, Miami was a step backwards, but the #16 hopes the home support can provide some extra speed.

8TH
27
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

LANCE STROLL



AGE: 24
DEBUT: Aus 2017
STARTS: 127
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 7.25
BEST MONACO GP: 8th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

After a tough Miami Grand Prix, Lance Stroll hopes to bounce back in Monte Carlo. As Alonso cruised to another podium finish, Stroll battled qualifying 18th and finishing 12th. Monaco has not been his favourite track either with just one points finish in five attempts.

9TH
10
POINTS

MCLAREN

LANDO NORRIS



AGE: 23
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 87
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 6
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.2
BEST MONACO GP: 3rd 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

As McLaren shows off a special 60th anniversary livery, Lando Norris hopes he can produce a similar result to when the team last used a one-off look at the Principality. In 2021 Norris took a Gulf McLaren all the way to the podium, but a repeat result is unlikely after a third P17 of 2023 at Miami.

10TH
8
POINTS

ALPINE

PIERRE GASLY



AGE: 27
DEBUT: Mal 2017
STARTS: 113
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10.6
BEST MONACO GP: 5th 2019



TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Following a pair of disappointing races, Alpine would have been pleased to see Pierre Gasly lead home his teammate in the points at Miami. Gasly is in the top 10 of the championship after a third points finish. Despite starting 17th, the Frenchman came within 1s from the top 10 last year.

11TH
6
POINTS

HAAS

NICO HULKENBERG



AGE: 35
DEBUT: Bah 2010
STARTS: 185
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.2
BEST MONACO GP: 5th 2014



27

TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

A driver looking to regain ground on his teammate will be Nico Hulkenberg. Although Hulkenberg still sits well ahead of Magnussen in the championship, the Dane outdrove the German at Miami. Ready for his first trip to Monaco in four years and hopes his pattern of points there in every second appearance continues this weekend.

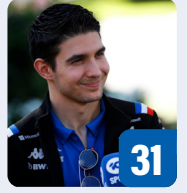
12TH
6
POINTS

ALPINE

ESTEBAN OCON



AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bel 2016
STARTS: 116
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x2)
PODIUMS: 2
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.5
BEST MIAMI GP: 6th 2018



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TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Esteban Ocon gave Alpine some points to cherish after a challenging season so far. In response to two tough rounds in Australia and Azerbaijan, Ocon scraped into the points with a consistent weekend in Miami. Missed the top 10 last year, but has always reached the chequered flag at Monaco.

13TH
4
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

VALTTERI BOTTAS



AGE: 33
DEBUT: Aus 2013
STARTS: 205
BEST QUAL: 1 (X20)
PODIUMS: 67
BEST RESULT: 1st (x10)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.6
BEST MONACO GP: 3rd 2019



77

TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

Despite showing improvement in Miami, Valtteri Bottas still has just one points finish from 2023. But Miami was a step in the right direction and he has spent the break completing a cycling race in Scotland. Last year Bottas scored his first non Mercedes points at Monaco.

14TH
4
POINTS

MCLAREN

OSCAR PIASTRI



AGE: 21
DEBUT: Bah 2023
STARTS: 5
BEST QUAL: 8th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.25
BEST MONACO GP: N/A



81

TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

Oscar Piastri will be easy to spot on the streets of Monaco driving a special red, white and black "Triple Crown" livery. Piastri hopes it can find some extra speed after a tough Miami where he battled mechanical issues to 19th. The Aussie had a taste of the famous street circuit with a pair of second places in F2 in 2021.

15TH
2
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

ZHOU GUANYU



AGE: 23
DEBUT: Bah 2022
STARTS: 27
BEST QUAL: 9th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.5
BEST MONACO GP: 16th 2022



24

TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

Chinese racer Zhou Guanyu hopes to close in on his teammate in his second Monaco Grand Prix. Last year he stayed out of trouble to finish 16th, but has had success at the famous circuit before winning a F2 sprint in 2021. Hopes his C43 better suited to slower speed corners comes into its own at Monaco.

16TH
2
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

YUKI TSUNODA



AGE: 22
DEBUT: Bah 2021
STARTS: 46
BEST QUAL: 7th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10.6
BEST MONACO GP: 16th 2021



22

TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

Yuki Tsunoda continues to impress during an ultra consistent start to the 2023 season. He has finished all five races either 10th or 11th, but if he is to keep this streak alive he must improve his Monaco output. Crashed in quali last year and only finished 17th, but has shown greater composure since.

17TH
2
POINTS

HAAS

KEVIN MAGNUSSEN



AGE: 30
DEBUT: Aus 2014
STARTS: 146
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.6
BEST MONACO GP: 10th 14,17



20

TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

Kevin Magnussen is primed for Monaco after the best weekend of 2023 so far. Magnussen qualified an impressive fourth before doubling his points total with 10th at Miami. The Dane is in for a greater challenge at Monaco where he has not scored points since 2017.

18TH
1
POINT

WILLIAMS

ALEX ALBON



AGE: 26
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 64
BEST QUAL: 4th (x4)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12
BEST MONACO GP: 8th 2019



23

TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

Points were possible in Miami for Alex Albon, but he had to make do with a P14. Albon was overwhelmingly the leading Williams last race qualifying 11th, but unlocking similar speed could be harder at Monte Carlo. Albon retired last year due to mechanical issues, but finished his first taste in 2019.

19TH
0
POINTS

WILLIAMS

LOGAN SARGEANT



AGE: 22
DEBUT: Ita 2023
STARTS: 5
BEST QUAL: 15th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 12th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16
BEST MONACO GP: N/A



2

TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

After putting a difficult maiden home race behind him, Logan Sargeant is keen for a fresh start on the streets of Monte Carlo. Sargeant had a torrid Miami GP, qualifying and finishing last after an early incident with Lance Stroll. But the challenges will keep coming at the toughest track of them all.

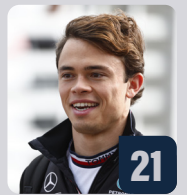
20TH
0
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

NYCK DE VRIES



AGE: 28
DEBUT: Ita 2022
STARTS: 6
BEST QUAL: 8th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 9th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15.25
BEST MONACO GP: N/A



21

TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

Nyck de Vries thought he found the breakthrough of confidence he needed so much at Miami. De Vries out qualified his teammate, but threw it all away by running into the back of Norris at the start. Needs to show some promise at Monaco to stop the rumours from circulating.