

AUTO ACTION'S 2023 PRE DUTCH FORMULA 1 TEAM-BY-TEAM EVENT GUIDE

FORMULA ONE WILL ROAR BACK FROM THE SUMMER BREAK IN A BIG WAY AS THE FAMOUS SEASIDE ZANDVOORT VENUE TURNS INTO ONE GIANT PARTY FOR THE ORANGE ARMY CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF MAX VERSTAPPEN.

THERE MAY be an even greater reason for the fans to dance in the stands as Verstappen hopes to use his home race as a platform to take another step into history.

If the flying Dutchman wins again, the #1 Red Bull will score a ninth straight Grand Prix win.

This would equal the record of successive Grand Prix wins by another driver who once steered the #1 Red Bull in Sebastian Vettel, who achieved the feat from Belgium to Abu Dhabi in 2013.

Whilst some may be asking when Verstappen can be stopped, the question should be will he ever be stopped?

With the stands painted in jumping and jovial orange army members, Zandvoort is the focal point of the power of Verstappen in similar style to when the Hockenheim and Nurburgring were chockablock with Michael Schumacher fans.

Since the Dutch Grand Prix returned after 36 years with a completely different circuit in 2021, the home hero has been undefeated.

Despite Mercedes throwing up a fight last year, Verstappen has always prevailed and it appears only a rare mechanical drama will stop him from taking a hat-trick.

The fight for second will be intriguing after the summer break where the likes of Ferrari, Mercedes, McLaren and Aston Martin will aim to pick up the momentum.

Underdog Aston Martin had the initial pace before briefly Ferrari and then more emphatically Mercedes.

But since Austria McLaren has transformed itself from back marker to podium contender.

Whilst established Brit Lando Norris impressed at Austria and Britain, it was young Aussie Oscar Piastri who stole the headlines at Spa.

In tricky conditions Piastri led the Sprint before finishing only behind Verstappen and the rookie will be looking to continue to impress.

But last year McLaren struggled to get Dutch points as both Ferrari and Mercedes took the fight to Red Bull at Zandvoort.

Hamilton led with 11 laps to go, but was overhauled by Verstappen who was on fresh tyres after a late-race restart. His teammate George Russell finished second just 4s away ahead of Charles Leclerc.

Daniel Ricciardo enjoys a nice opportunity to be fully prepared for a race weekend after getting time to adjust to his new surroundings over the summer break and will be chasing points after Yuki Tsunoda returned to the top 10 in Belgium.

He and the field will be tackling Zandvoort which is one of the most distinguishable tracks on the calendar.

Its history goes all the way back to 1952 when Alberto Ascari won the first Dutch Grand Prix in a Ferrari.

Then the track was a wildly fast blast through the sand dunes and the original 4.1km layout remained until 1985.

Over the following 36 F1 less years Zandvoort received a significant rework.

Whilst the first eight corners remained, the track cut right after Scheival to a much tighter and twistier section.

However, its old character remains and the addition of 18 degree banking, plus the wild fans make it a race not to miss, even if it will probably be another Verstappen procession.



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ROUND FOURTEEN DUTCH GRAND PRIX - AUGUST 25-27

AN OLD favourite might be a recent reinclusion to the calendar, but it is quickly establishing itself as a must-watch Grand Prix. The track is old school, tight and fast, with highlights the banked hairpin and Tarzan Corner that ends the lap with an exclamation mark. F1 first raced in the Dutch dunes in 1952 and the track stayed until 1985. A 36-year hiatus was broken in 2021 at a revamped and re-profiled Zandvoort that goes off.



TRACK STATS

QUALIFYING LAP RECORD:

- Max Verstappen 1:08.885 RB16B (2021)

RACE LAP RECORD:

- Lewis Hamilton 1:11.097 Mercedes-AMG F1 W12 E Performance (2021)

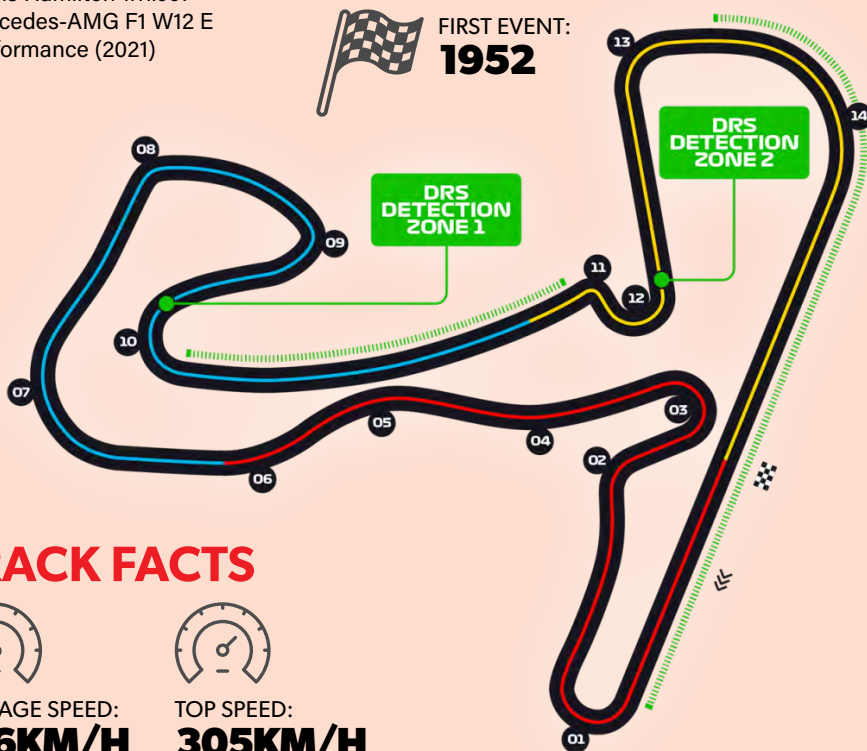
TRACK FACTS



TRACK LENGTH:
4.259KM

DIRECTION:
CLOCKWISE

FIRST EVENT:
1952



TRACK FACTS



AVERAGE SPEED:
216KM/H



TOP SPEED:
305KM/H

TRACK SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES AEST)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

TIME	SESSION
20.20-21.30	Practice 1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

TIME	SESSION
0.00-01.00	Practice 2
19.30-20.30	Practice 3
23.00-00.00	Qualifying

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

TIME	SESSION
23.00	Grand Prix



LIST OF RACE RESULTS

2022: Max Verstappen
2021: Max Verstappen
1985: Niki Lauda
1984: Alain Prost
1983: Rene Arnoux
1982: Didier Pironi
1981: Alain Prost

1980: Nelson Piquet
1979: Alan Jones
1978: Mario Andretti
1977: Niki Lauda
1976: James Hunt
1975: James Hunt
1974: Niki Lauda

1973: Jackie Stewart
1971: Jacky Ickx
1969: Jackie Stewart
1968: Jackie Stewart
1967: Jim Clark
1966: Jack Brabham
1965: Jim Clark



MOST WINS

4 Jim Clark
3 Jackie Stewart, Niki Lauda
2 Alberto Ascari, Jack Brabham, James Hunt, Alain Prost, Max Verstappen



LIST OF POLE POSITIONS

2022: Max Verstappen
2021: Max Verstappen
1985: Nelson Piquet
1984: Alain Prost
1983: Nelson Piquet
1982: Rene Arnoux
1981: Alain Prost
1980: Rene Arnoux

1979: Rene Arnoux
1978: Mario Andretti
1977: Mario Andretti
1976: Ronnie Peterson
1975: Niki Lauda
1974: Niki Lauda
1973: Ronnie Peterson

1971: Jacky Ickx
1970: Jochen Rindt
1969: Jochen Rindt
1968: Chris Amon
1967: Graham Hill
1966: Jack Brabham
1965: Graham Hill



MOST POLES

3 Rene Arnoux
2 Mario Andretti, Alberto Ascari, Graham Hill, Niki Lauda, Ronnie Peterson, Nelson Piquet, Alain Prost, Jochen Rindt, Max Verstappen



1ST
314
POINTS

RED BULL

MAX VERSTAPPEN

AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 174
BEST QUAL: 1st (x27)
PODIUMS: 89
BEST RESULT: 1st (x45)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 1.17
BEST DUTCH GP: 1st 21/22



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

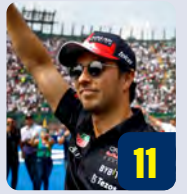
Only an overly scenic summer holiday threatens to stop Max Verstappen in his tracks as he heads to his home race on top of the world. Verstappen charged into the summer break with eight wins on the bounce and ominously heads to his home track where he has never been beaten. Will send the place bananas if he makes it a hat-trick

2ND
189
POINTS

RED BULL

SERGIO PEREZ

AGE: 33
DEBUT: Aus 2011
STARTS: 247
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 34
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.25
BEST DUTCH GP: 5th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL CHRISTIAN HORNER

Despite having a Sprint to forget, Sergio Perez was back on a Sunday in Spa, helping Red Bull score a fifth one-two of the season. After qualifying an underwhelming eighth in the Sprint Shootout, Perez hit Hamilton, went off and eventually retired, but fortunately Sunday was much better. Yet to enjoy Zandvoort with only one top five in a strong car.

3RD
149
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

FERNANDO ALONSO

AGE: 41
DEBUT: Aus 2001
STARTS: 367
BEST QUAL: 1st (x22)
PODIUMS: 104
BEST RESULT: 1st (x32)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.42
BEST DUTCH GP: 6th 21/22



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

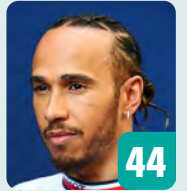
Alonso will be looking for a response from Aston Martin with his lead over Hamilton reduced to just a single point. Alonso lost ground after having a spin at Pouchon in the Sprint and despite returning to the top five for the first time in three Grands Prix on Sunday he was still behind Hamilton. Only finished sixth in the Netherlands.

4TH
148
POINTS

MERCEDES

LEWIS HAMILTON

AGE: 38
DEBUT: Aus 2007
STARTS: 322
BEST QUAL: 1st (x104)
PODIUMS: 195
BEST RESULT: 1st (x103)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 4.33
BEST DUTCH GP: 2nd 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

Lewis Hamilton will be aiming to snatch third from old rival Alonso by scoring a second Dutch podium. Hamilton has finished ahead of Alonso in each of the last three races. He would already be ahead of Alonso if it wasn't for a 5s penalty dropping him from fourth to seventh after contact with Perez in the Spa Sprint. Fell 20s short of Dutch GP victory in 2021 and was in a strong position last year until the team did not pit him under a late safety car.

5TH
99
POINTS

FERRARI

CHARLES LECLERC

AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2018
STARTS: 114
BEST QUAL: 1st (x19)
PODIUMS: 27
BEST RESULT: 1st (x5)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.9
BEST DUTCH GP: 3rd 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

Charles Leclerc was the big mover in the championship having scored a third podium of the season at Belgium. A strong second in qualifying meant Leclerc led the start of the GP before eventually finishing 30s off the dominant Verstappen. Sprint was not quite as special scoring fifth. Came within a tenth of pole at Zandvoort last year and had to settle for third.

6TH
99
POINTS

MERCEDES

GEORGE RUSSELL

AGE: 25
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 94
BEST QUAL: 1st (x2)
PODIUMS: 10
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 5.5
BEST DUTCH GP: 2nd 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL TOTO WOLFF

Whilst going one better this time may be a bit tricky, George Russell returns to the track where he came close to scoring a maiden win. He finished 4s behind Verstappen and got the better of his teammate on fresher tyres. Hopes to regain fifth in the championship after finishing eighth and sixth in the Belgian Sprint and Grand Prix.

7TH
87
POINTS

FERRARI

CARLOS SAINZ JR

AGE: 29
DEBUT: Aus 2015
STARTS: 174
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 15
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 6.73
BEST DUTCH GP: 7th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRED VASSEUR

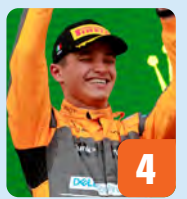
Carlos Sainz wants to start the back end of the season on the front foot after his longest points streak since 2021 finished at Spa. After finishing a solid fourth in the sprint, Sainz had to retire from first lap damage when he squeezed Piastri at the hairpin. Hopes to get better service from his Ferrari mechanics after a botched pit stop at last year's Dutch GP.

8TH
60
POINTS

MCLAREN

LANDO NORRIS

AGE: 23
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 94
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 8
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 10
BEST DUTCH GP: 7th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

After scoring back to back second places, Lando Norris lost some momentum in Belgium. The Brit was outdriven by his teammate and could only manage sixth and seventh. It proved to be a frustrating race as Norris had a "painful" experience with a lack of straight line speed. Smashed then McLaren teammate Ricciardo at Zandvoort last year, finishing 10 spots higher.

9TH
47
POINTS

ASTON MARTIN

LANCE STROLL

AGE: 24
DEBUT: Aus 2017
STARTS: 133
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 8.6
BEST DUTCH GP: 10th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL MIKE KRACK

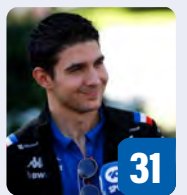
Lance Stroll is looking to equal his longest points scoring streak in two years at Zandvoort. A top 10 would be his third in a row, something he has only done once since the start of 2021, which also arrived this year. Only achieved the feat in Holland once last year.

10TH
35
POINTS

ALPINE

ESTEBAN OCON

AGE: 26
DEBUT: Bel 2016
STARTS: 123
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x2)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 9.67
BEST DUTCH GP: 9th 21/22



TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Esteban Ocon returned to the points for the first time in four races at Belgium with an eighth. He would love a similar result to snap his streak of ninth place finishes at Zandvoort. Is finding himself under increasing pressure from Piastri to keep hold of 10th place in the championship.

11TH
34
POINTS

MCLAREN

OSCAR PIASTRI



AGE: 21
DEBUT: Bah 2023
STARTS: 12
BEST QUAL: 3rd (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.2
BEST DUTCH GP: N/A



TEAM PRINCIPAL ZAC BROWN

Oscar Piastri has well and truly established himself as a future star after a smashing first half of a rookie season. Despite a first-corner incident with Sainz leading to retirement, he stunned all at Spa, scoring a sensational second in the Sprint. Now he is only one point away from the top 10 as he prepares to take on the Dutch dunes for the first time.

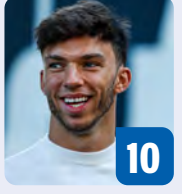
12TH
22
POINTS

ALPINE

PIERRE GASLY



AGE: 27
DEBUT: Mal 2017
STARTS: 118
BEST QUAL: 2nd (x1)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 1st (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11
BEST DUTCH GP: 4th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL OTMAR SZAFNAUER

Whilst all of Australia's attention was on Oscar Piastri, the other unexpected hero of the Spa Sprint was Pierre Gasly. Gasly enjoyed his first major result in Alpine colours by finishing third on the Saturday. But the Frenchman finished 11th on the Sunday. Impressed at his first Dutch GP by finishing fourth.

13TH
11
POINTS

WILLIAMS

ALEX ALBON



AGE: 27
DEBUT: Aus 2019
STARTS: 69
BEST QUAL: 4th (x4)
PODIUMS: 3
BEST RESULT: 3rd (x2)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 11.7
BEST DUTCH GP: 12th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

As the summer break concludes, rumours reveal Alex Albon is possibly the most wanted driver on the grid with up to five teams chasing him. Albon's recent form has slightly dropped with no points since Silverstone, but he is not far away. Last year was his only trip to Zandvoort and finished 12th.

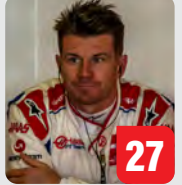
14TH
9
POINTS

HAAS

NICO HULKENBERG



AGE: 35
DEBUT: Bah 2010
STARTS: 193
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x3)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.36
BEST DUTCH GP: N/A



TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

Nico Hulkenberg is bracing himself for a maiden drive around Zandvoort. It proved to be another challenging weekend at Belgium finishing 17th and 18th in the sprint and GP. Pace issues continue to hurt the #27 with the Haas "difficult to digest" tyre overheating woes a suggested reason, while he was unable to participate in the Sprint Shootout at Spa due to jack dramas.

15TH
5
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

VALTTERI BOTTAS



AGE: 33
DEBUT: Aus 2013
STARTS: 212
BEST QUAL: 1 (x20)
PODIUMS: 67
BEST RESULT: 1st (x10)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.25
BEST DUTCH GP: 3rd 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

Valtteri "Duff Man" Bottas was another pleasing source of fun over the summer break. The humorous Finn dressed up as Duff Man for a cycling race during the break but will now suit up in Alfa Romeo gear for the Dutch GP. Last year's trip to Zandvoort ended 19 laps away from the finish due to engine issues, but he stood on the podium for Mercedes in 2021.

16TH
4
POINTS

ALFA ROMEO SAUBER

ZHOU GUANYU



AGE: 23
DEBUT: Bah 2022
STARTS: 33
BEST QUAL: 9th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 8th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 13.45
BEST DUTCH GP: 16th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL ALESSANDRO ALUNNI BRAVI

Zhou Guanyu was hopeful of settling his future with Alfa Romeo during the summer break and while there has been no official deal, things are looking good. He has been matching Bottas and been more consistent in 2023 despite a poorer car. Made good ground in Spa rising four spots in both the Sprint and GP.

17TH
3
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

YUKI TSUNODA



AGE: 23
DEBUT: Bah 2021
STARTS: 54
BEST QUAL: 7th (x2)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 4th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 12.83
BEST DUTCH GP: DNF 21,22



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

After being outdone by Daniel Ricciardo in Hungary, Yuki Tsunoda won round two in Belgium. It did not start well with a spin in the Sprint, but elsewhere he smashed Ricciardo in both quali and the race to get his first points in nine races. Searching for his first finish at Zandvoort.

18TH
2
POINTS

HAAS

KEVIN MAGNUSSEN



AGE: 30
DEBUT: Aus 2014
STARTS: 153
BEST QUAL: 1st (x1)
PODIUMS: 1
BEST RESULT: 2nd (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 15.18
BEST DUTCH GP: 15th 2022



TEAM PRINCIPAL GUENTHER STEINER

Dane Kevin Magnussen is hoping for an upshot in results after the summer break. His 15th place in Belgium was his best result since his last points appearance back in Miami. The qualifying gap to Hulkenberg was becoming alarming, but Magnussen hit back with an improved effort in Spa although points were still distant.

19TH
0
POINTS

WILLIAMS

LOGAN SARGEANT



AGE: 22
DEBUT: Bah 2023
STARTS: 12
BEST QUAL: 14th (x1)
PODIUMS: 0
BEST RESULT: 11th (x1)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 16
BEST DUTCH GP: N/A



TEAM PRINCIPAL JAMES VOWLES

Over the summer break the spotlight has started to shine on Logan Sargeant and his Formula 1 future. However, Sargeant believes he has commenced a "good trend" which is being masked by a lack of results. Qualified well in the sprint and finished 16th, but came 17th on Sunday, just 1s behind Ricciardo.

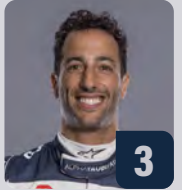
20TH
0
POINTS

ALPHATAURI

DANIEL RICCIARDO



AGE: 34
DEBUT: GB 2011
STARTS: 233
BEST QUAL: 1st (x3)
PODIUMS: 32
BEST RESULT: 1st (x8)
AVG 2023 FINISH: 14.5
BEST DUTCH GP: 11th 2021



TEAM PRINCIPAL FRANZ TOST

Daniel Ricciardo has finally received the chance to catch a breathe after being thrown back into F1. Ricciardo had a great start in Hungary, and beat Tsunoda in the Spa Sprint, but was six spots behind in the race. Has struggled to match Norris at Zandvoort in the past, but it will be fascinating to see how Ricciardo goes with preparation time under his belt.