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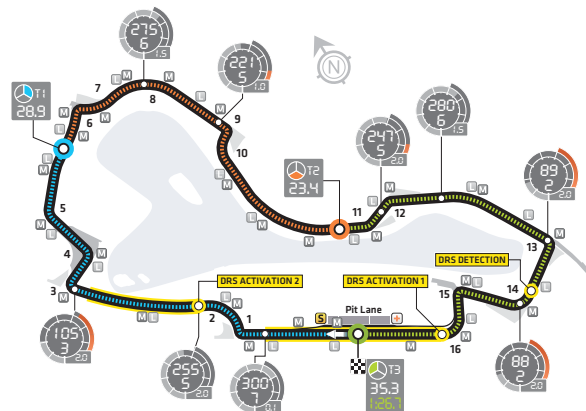
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Revolutionary change

Formula One will acknowledge the most wide-sweeping technical changes since the modern world championship began more than 60 years when the Rolex Australian Grand Prix blasts off at Albert Park.

Banished to history is the V8 era which ran from 2006 to last season as F1 machines switch to a raft of new technical and sporting regulations.

The F1 grid moves to 1.6litre, turbocharged powerplants that will benefit from an energy recovery systems (kinetic and heat) that develops 120kW of power, double the output of the outgoing system.

Gearboxes move from seven to eight forward ratios which need must last for six races as opposed

to five last year.

Ratios cannot be tailored to suit individual circuits with a single set must be nominated for the entire season although there is an opportunity to adjust ratios just once through the season.

A new minimum weight of 691kg has been set, increased from 642kg to take into account the new powertrain.

From a design perspective, cars must use a single exit tailpipe centrally mounted which all exhaust gases must pass through while the nose height, which has caused plenty of pre-season remarks, has been slashed to 185mm from 550mm in an effort to improve safety.

The width of the front wing has been reduced by 150mm to 1650mm.

On the sporting rules side, teams can run up to four different drivers in either of the Friday practice sessions while five-second penalties will be issued to drivers for minor infringements.

Accruing 12 penalty points during the season will amount to a one-race ban for drivers.

The level of engineering change to the 2014-spec F1 cars have presented the grid with a raft of challenges as seen in the three lots of pre-season testing at Jerez and Bahrain (twice).

One thing remains constant is that there will be a high level of uncertainty going into the Australian GP.

Aside from the rather tricky area of predicting who will win, there remains a strong likelihood of an abnormally high attrition rate.



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Melbourne awaits F1's voyage into the unknown

Formula One pundit Martin Brundle tells Speedcafe.com's Tom Howard to expect a chaotic and unpredictable AGP season opener



Formula 1 pundit Martin Brundle is expecting a "chaotic" Rolex Australian Grand Prix as teams scramble to get on top of the biggest technical shake up the sport has experienced.

The distinguished broadcaster has told Speedcafe.com that this weekend's season opener in Melbourne will be a wild affair, predicting a high rate of attrition and a surprise winner, as teams battle reliability issues to reach the chequered flag.

The F1 pecking order has been turned on its head in pre-season as a result of the sport's most radical regulation changes in its 60 year history.

This year teams have been forced to

develop new 1.6 litre turbo charged V6 engines along side new kinetic and heat energy recovery systems. Significant tweaks have been made to the aerodynamics of the car most notably around the nose and front wing areas.

"Melbourne is going to be chaotic", former F1 star Brundle told Speedcafe.com.

"I have never seen a lead up to a season as crazy as this.

"I think it is going to be calamity in the beginning and we don't know who is going to get to the end. We won't be reading out the podium with five laps to go that's for sure."



Pre-season testing has produced a wealth of reliability concerns for teams which has forced the paddock to go “back-to-basics”, according to Brundle, who is tipping Mercedes and Ferrari to star at Albert Park.

Mercedes head into the race as favourites with Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg setting the pace while banking nearly 5,000km untroubled laps.

Renault powered teams; Red Bull, Lotus, Toro Rosso and Caterham have struggled compared to their Mercedes and Ferrari engined counterparts.

“It’s back to basics really,” said Brundle.

“I think the teams have been so busy just trying to get the cars going round the track that all the niceties and fine tuning on strategies and tyre use have gone out the window for most teams.”

“Just dealing with the new aero would be enough to challenge some of the teams

and that is just a tiny part of what they have had to cope with the new power packs and electrical systems.

"Anybody with Mercedes engines has a head start in terms of pace and reliability. I think it will change quite rapidly as the teams find their way as it is such a massive reset for everyone.

"The two teams I think will be strongest are Mercedes and Ferrari because they are developing their own power pack for their own team.

"However as the Mercedes works team showed in testing reliability is still an issue for everybody and It would be no surprise if a Mercedes powered Force India or Williams won one for the first races.

Reigning world champions Red Bull created the majority of headlines in testing after encountering a series of issues with their new RB10, which is yet to complete a race distance.

An aggressive design on the packaging has resulted in Sebastian Vettel and Daniel Ricciardo's car catching fire amid serious concerns over the reliability and speed of the new Renault engine.

The team have clocked only 1711km in three four day test sessions less than half of the pace setting Mercedes squad, which Brundle believes will rule the team out of

running in the first six races of the season.

"I think it is going to take Red Bull a while to get on top of their car, added Brundle."

"The car will be quick and you can't underestimate them as it is long season. It will depend on what they turn up with in Melbourne but I would be amazed if Red Bull get on it inside the first half dozen races."

However, Red Bull's woes could be a blessing in disguise for Ricciardo as he prepares to go head-to-head with four-time world champion Vettel.

"I think Ricciardo is going to be just fine this year", said Brundle.

"In a way he has the worst job in the sport to be Sebastian Vettel's team mate. If it was a continuation of the regulations from last season I would have said he would have his work cut out.

"Daniel has got his chance now and crucially the new rules have given him this reset even if it may not feel like for a few races."

Meanwhile, one team which could be set for a return to their championship winning glory days is Williams.

The famous outfit have been a sleeping giant for many years but a promising pre-season and a new relationship with Mercedes suggests the team are ready to

challenge the front runners.

This on top of a restructuring process that has seen the renowned former Renault boss Pat Symonds take the helm has led Brundle to believe the will be contenders this season.

I'm pretty convinced that Williams will be strong and I have said this right from last year.

"They have a chance for a reset and they have some good guys going into that team and they also chose the Mercedes power pack. When you look at KERS last time around Mercedes got it right first time.

"Pat Symonds is there alongside decent drivers in Massa and Bottas. They have not had a winning time for a long time but the core and the quality of the operation is still there."

With such an air of unpredictability surrounding the opening race of the season, the Australian Grand Prix is set to be one of the most fascinating on record.



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RED BULL

Drivers: Sebastian Vettel, Daniel Ricciardo
Car: RB10
Engine: Renault
Test Mileage: 1711km
Rating: 3/10

To say Red Bull have encountered a few teething troubles is a massive understatement, with the world champions unusually left scratching their heads after a disastrous pre-season program.

Problems began at the first test in Jerez where the RB10 banked just 21 laps in four days. Reliability has been the biggest concern with the team yet to complete a race simulation.

Design guru Adrian Newey has already admitted that an aggressive concept to package the RB10's exhaust has led to bodywork catching fire amid other critical cooling issues with the car.

The Renault powerplant has also contributed to the car's lack of pace and reliability with the team resorting to running at a reduced pace in the final Bahrain test.

Red Bull have completed the third lowest total of testing miles and are yet to match the Mercedes powered machines in both speed and reliability.

Sebastian Vettel and Daniel Ricciardo will be forced to lower expectations this weekend as the team focusses on fixes to move them up the order.



MERCEDES

Drivers: Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg
Car: W05
Engine: Mercedes
Test Mileage: 4973km
Rating: 8/10

Mercedes appear to be the best prepared team for this weekend's season opener having completed almost 5,000km of testing, while encountering less problems compared to the rest of the grid.

The W05 has shown blistering pace topping the timesheets on several occasions in testing while becoming the first team to complete a race distance. However, testing has not been without its issues as Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg have both suffered from gearbox and engine dramas.

Having the benefit of designing the car around the Mercedes engine and KERS and ERS powertrain, the team appear to have adapted best to the new for 2014 V6 powerplant.

Although they don't want to admit it, Mercedes are the favourites to shine in Melbourne.



FERRARI

Drivers: Fernando Alonso, Kimi Raikkonen
Car: F14T
Engine: Ferrari
Test Mileage: 4489km
Rating: 7/10

The prancing horse has quietly gone about its business in the off season and if history has taught us anything, never underestimate the power of Ferrari.

The Maranello team have been solid if not spectacular in pre-season testing with both Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen completing more than enough untroubled miles in the car.

It is unlikely the team has completely shown its hand in terms of pace and overall package, with improved performance expected in Melbourne.

Ferrari will also benefit from having personnel design the F14T chassis in conjunction with its new V6 powerplant and electrical drivetrains.

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LOTUS

Drivers: Romain Grosjean, Pastor Maldonado
Car: E22
Engine: Renault
Test Mileage: 1288km
Rating: 3/10

Lotus elected to sit out the first pre-season test at Jerez which appears to have hampered their build up. As a result of the absence, the Enstone team have racked up the lowest amount of miles in testing.

Issues stemming from engine supplier Renault and its energy recovering systems however are potentially masquerading a fundamentally well designed car.

The E22s in the hands of Romain Grosjean and Pastor Maldonado are likely to be off the pace in Melbourne with a question mark surrounding their reliability.



MCLAREN

Drivers: Jenson Button, Kevin Magnussen
Car: MP4-29
Engine: Mercedes
Test Mileage: 4153km
Rating: 7/10

After the debacle of last season, McLaren appear to be well and truly on the road to recovery following an encouraging pre-season. Aided by Mercedes' advantage in the engine and recovery systems department, the MP4-29 has shown flashes of real speed.

The team began pre-season testing strongly but mechanical and engine gremlins troubled them in the final test.

However, Jenson Button and rookie Kevin Magnussen have both impressed and all aspects considered McLaren, who have been focussing on reliability and speed in race trim, will be among the contenders for victory at Albert Park.



FORCE INDIA

Drivers: Sergio Perez, Nico Hulkenberg
Car: VJM07
Engine: Mercedes
Test Mileage: 3975km
Rating: 6/10

Force India could spring the biggest surprise in Melbourne after emerging as genuine podium contenders after an impressive pre-season test programme.

The Silverstone-based squad have also benefitted from the well developed Mercedes powerplant.

Although they haven't shown the raw one lap pace shown by Mercedes, McLaren and Williams, Vijay Mallya's squad have certainly moved a step forward.

Nico Hulkenberg initially showed the car's pace in the first Bahrain test with Sergio Perez topping the time sheets in two of the four days in the final hit out.

With a healthy amount of mileage completed, Mallya believes his team can threaten the podium in Melbourne.



SAUBER

Drivers: Esteban Gutierrez, Adrian Sutil
Car: C33
Engine: Ferrari
Test Mileage: 4039km
Rating: 5/10

After a slow start to testing, Sauber has made solid progress ensuring it will be firmly in the midfield battle come the race on Sunday.

Poor handling coupled with the all new Ferrari engine hampered the team initially but aerodynamic upgrades have moved the outfit ahead of the Renault powered teams in terms of pace and reliability.

A healthy amount of mileage for both Adrian Sutil and Esteban Gutierrez should provide the team an opportunity for points in Melbourne.



TORO ROSSO

Drivers: Jean-Eric Vergne, Daniil Kvyat
Car: STR9
Engine: Renault
Test Mileage: 2458km
Rating: 4/10

Like the other Renault powered teams, Toro Rosso has struggled for pace and reliability in pre-season testing.

The switch from Ferrari power used last season to Renault, to be more inline with its sister team Red Bull, appears to be an ill-timed judgement.

Renault's struggles have halted the team's pre-season progress and left them languishing in the lower end of the grid. However, when the French manufacturer solves its issues it could elevate the team back into the midfield battle.

The final test in Bahrain did offer Toro Rosso a crumb of comfort as they outperformed Red Bull significantly in terms of speed and reliability. Reaching the finish is most likely to be the main objective this weekend.



WILLIAMS

Drivers: Felipe Massa, Valtteri Bottas
Car: FW36
Engine: Mercedes
Test Mileage: 4893km
Rating: 7/10

Only Mercedes have completed more test miles than Williams as the former world champions seem ready to return to the big time in 2014.

Frank Williams' team have worked hard behind the scenes restructuring the outfit, now led by the renowned former Renault boss Pat Symonds.

Adopting the Mercedes engine coupled with a shrewd design on the FW36 has propelled the team back to the forefront, if their form in testing is to be believed.

The Grove team has shown impressive outright pace and with 4893km of untroubled kilometres completed, reliability is relatively strong.

If the team can replicate its pace and reliability this weekend drivers Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas could challenge for the victory.





MARUSSIA

Drivers: Jules Bianchi, Max Chilton
 Car: MR03
 Engine: Ferrari
 Test Mileage: 1686km
 Rating 4/10

This year could represent Marussia's best chance to remove its label of also ran and join the midfield battle.

For the early races the minnows have a real opportunity to outpace the Renault powered teams, but results will largely end on its reliability, which has been called into question on several occasions in testing.

However, they should certainly beat their perennial rivals Caterham.



CATERHAM

Drivers: Marcus Ericsson, Kamui Kobayashi
 Car: CT05
 Engine: Renault
 Test Mileage: 3313km
 Preparation for Melbourne Rating: 4/10

Caterham certainly faces an uphill struggle at the beginning of the season as the Leaflet operation battles to overcome issues surrounding Renault's engine and recovery systems.

However, out of all the Renault powered teams, Caterham have completed the most mileage in testing, a full 1300km more than Red Bull, which could come into play this weekend.

If Kamui Kobayashi and Marcus Ericsson can guide the car to the chequered flag, they could surprise their fellow Renault powered counterparts.

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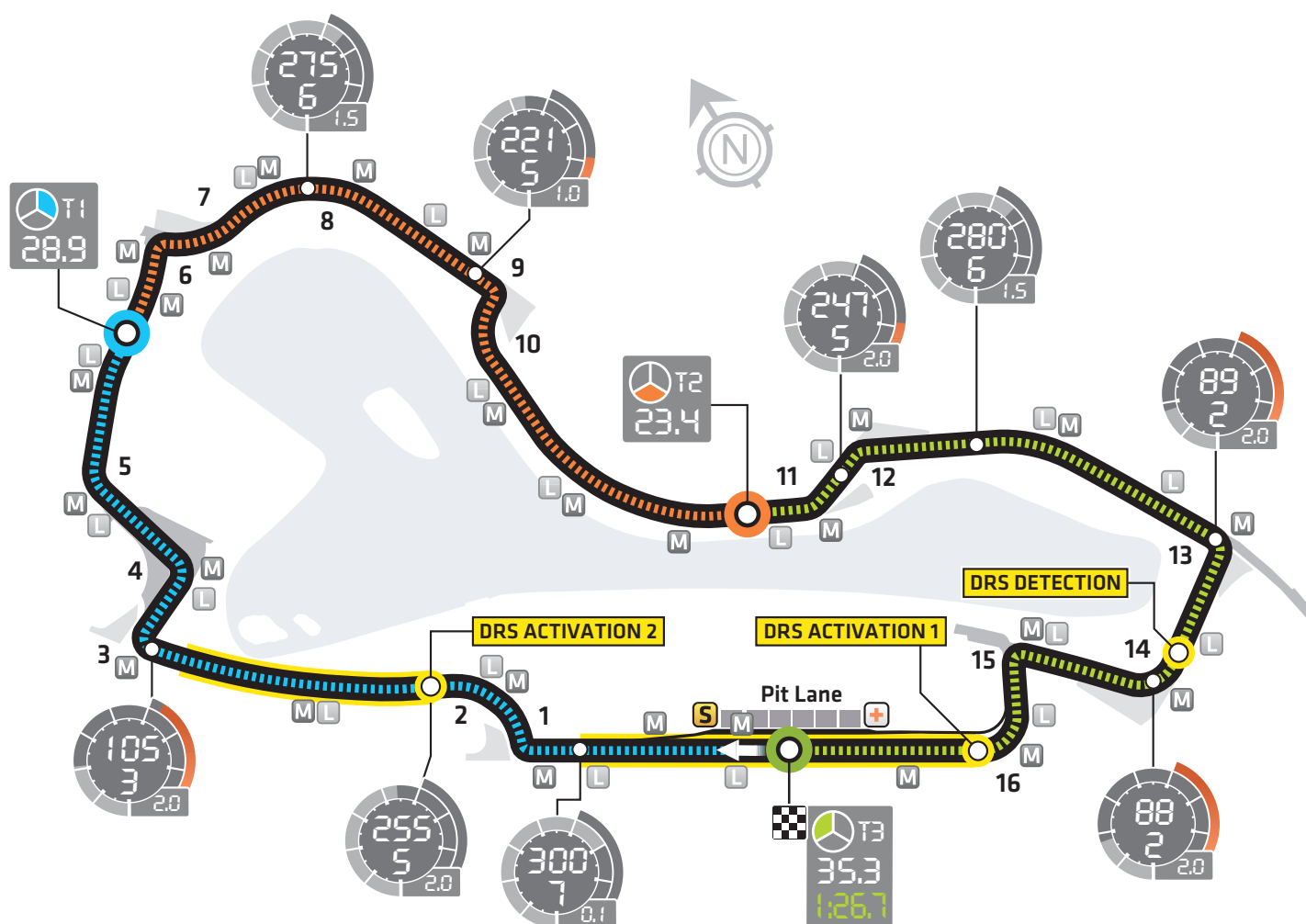
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Race laps	58
Race distance	307.574 km
Lap record	1:24.125 (MSC, 04)

CIRCUIT CHARACTERISTICS

Number of corners	16 (6 left, 10 right)
Distance to first corner	265 m
Braking events	8 (6 heavy)
Pit lane length under speed limit control	289 m
Pit lane time at 60 km/h	17.3
Tyre energy (1 = low / 3 = high)	
Brake energy (1 = low / 3 = high)	

RACE CHARACTERISTICS (2004 - 2013)

Races featuring safety car	5 (06, 08, 09, 10, 12)
Total safety car deployments	11
Historical safety car probability	50%
Winners from pole position	
Lowest winning grid position	P7 (RAI, 13)
2013 Race Stats	
Fastest lap P1	1:27.211 (VET)
Fastest lap P2	1:25.908 (VET)
Fastest lap P3	1:26.929 (GRO)
Fastest lap Q1	1:43.380 (ROS)
Fastest lap Q2	1:36.194 (ROS)
Fastest lap Q3	1:27.407 (VET)
Delta P1 to Q3	-0.196
Delta Q1 to Q3	15.973
Fastest race lap	1:29.274 (RAI)
Race speed trap	310.7 km/h (VER)
Podium	RAI, ALO, VET
Winning strategy	2 stops (L9, 34)
Total race pit stops	53
Total 'normal' overtakes	27
Total DRS overtakes	19

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The Bagman says...



With the sport undertaking such a huge change in regulations, predicting the outcome of the Australian Grand Prix is a difficult task.

However, it appears a Mercedes powered car is most likely to come through and take the chequered flag at Albert Park judging from the results of pre-season testing.

The works Mercedes squad are the favourites for the event with Lewis Hamilton just edging team mate Nico Rosberg in the odds provided by betting agency Ladbrokes. The team have

completed the most mileage in testing and look the most convincing in terms of speed and reliability.

Williams, who are also benefitting from Mercedes power, have enjoyed an encouraging testing program and are expect to perform well at Albert Park. Drivers Felipe Massa and Valtteri Bottas could spring a real surprise for the team that has been struggling on recent seasons.

Ferrari will also be strong even if they failed to show blistering pace in testing. The Scuderia cannot be underestimated and it is likely they are yet to show to the world the true speed of the F14T. Fernando Alonso is rated by Ladbrokes as the third

favourite for the race victory.

McLaren looks set to produce the form that we expect from the Woking outfit after failing to record a podium finish last season. The squad have not enjoyed the level of reliability shown by Mercedes in the off-season but Jenson Button and in particular rookie Kevin Magnussen have impressed.

World champions Red Bull Racing meanwhile appear to be struggling heading into the opening round after suffering several speed and reliability issues in testing. It is unlikely they will contend for the victory as Sebastian Vettel and Daniel Ricciardo battle to get on top of the RB10.

2014 Formula 1 World Championship Entry List

#	Driver	Team	Chassis	Engine
1	Sebastian VETTEL (DEU)	Infiniti Red Bull Racing	RB10	Renault
3	Daniel RICCIARDO (AUS)	Infiniti Red Bull Racing	RB10	Renault
44	Lewis HAMILTON (GBR)	Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team	W05	Mercedes
6	Nico ROSBERG (DEU)	Mercedes AMG Petronas F1 Team	W05	Mercedes
14	Fernando ALONSO (ESP)	Scuderia Ferrari	F14T	Ferrari
7	Kimi RAIKKONEN (FIN)	Scuderia Ferrari	F14T	Ferrari
8	Romain GROSJEAN (FRA)	Lotus F1 Team	E22	Renault
13	Pastor MALDONADO (VEN)	Lotus F1 Team	E22	Renault
22	Jenson BUTTON (GBR)	McLaren Mercedes	MP4-29	Mercedes
20	Kevin MAGNUSSEN (DEN)	McLaren Mercedes	MP4-29	Mercedes
27	Nico HULKENBERG (DEU)	Sahara Force India F1 Team	VJM07	Mercedes
11	Sergio PEREZ (MEX)	Sahara Force India F1 Team	VJM07	Mercedes
99	Adrian SUTIL (DEU)	Sauber F1 Team	C33	Ferrari
21	Esteban GUTIERREZ (MEX)	Sauber F1 Team	C33	Ferrari
25	Jean-Eric VERGNE (FRA)	Scuderia Toro Rosso	STR9	Renault
26	Danill KVIAT (RUS)	Scuderia Toro Rosso	STR9	Renault
19	Felipe MASSA (BRA)	Williams Martini Racing	FW36	Mercedes
77	Valtteri BOTTAS (FIN)	Williams Martini Racing	FW36	Mercedes
17	Jules BIANCHI (FRA)	Marussia F1 Team	MR03	Ferrari
4	Max CHILTON (GBR)	Marussia F1 Team	MR03	Ferrari
9	Marcus ERICSSON (SWE)	Caterham F1 Team	CT05	Renault
10	Kamui KOBAYASHI (JPN)	Caterham F1 Team	CT05	Renault



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PREVIOUS AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX WINNERS

Year	Driver	Car	Location
2013	Kimi Raikkonen	Lotus - Renault	Albert Park
2012	Jenson Button	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
2011	Sebastian Vettel	Red Bull-Renault	Albert Park
2010	Jenson Button	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
2009	Jenson Button	Brawn-Mercedes	Albert Park
2008	Lewis Hamilton	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
2007	Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	Albert Park
2006	Fernando Alonso	Renault	Albert Park
2005	Giancarlo Fisichella	Renault	Albert Park
2004	Michael Schumacher	Ferrari	Albert Park
2003	David Coulthard	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
2002	Michael Schumacher	Ferrari	Albert Park
2001	Michael Schumacher	Ferrari	Albert Park
2000	Michael Schumacher	Ferrari	Albert Park
1999	Eddie Irvine	Ferrari	Albert Park
1998	Mika Hakkinen	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
1997	David Coulthard	McLaren-Mercedes	Albert Park
1996	Damon Hill	Williams-Renault	Albert Park
1995	Damon Hill	Williams-Renault	Adelaide Parklands
1994	Nigel Mansel	Williams-Renault	Adelaide Parklands
1993	Ayrton Senna	McLaren-Ford	Adelaide Parklands
1992	Gerhard Berger	McLaren- Honda	Adelaide Parklands
1991	Ayrton Senna	McLaren-Honda	Adelaide Parklands
1990	Nelson Piquet	Benetton-Ford	Adelaide Parklands
1989	Thierry Boutsen	Williams-Renault	Adelaide Parklands
1988	Alain Prost	McLaren-Honda	Adelaide Parklands
1987	Gerhard Berger	Ferrari	Adelaide Parklands
1986	Alain Prost	McLaren-TAG	Adelaide Parklands
1985	Keke Rosberg	Williams-Honda	Adelaide Parklands



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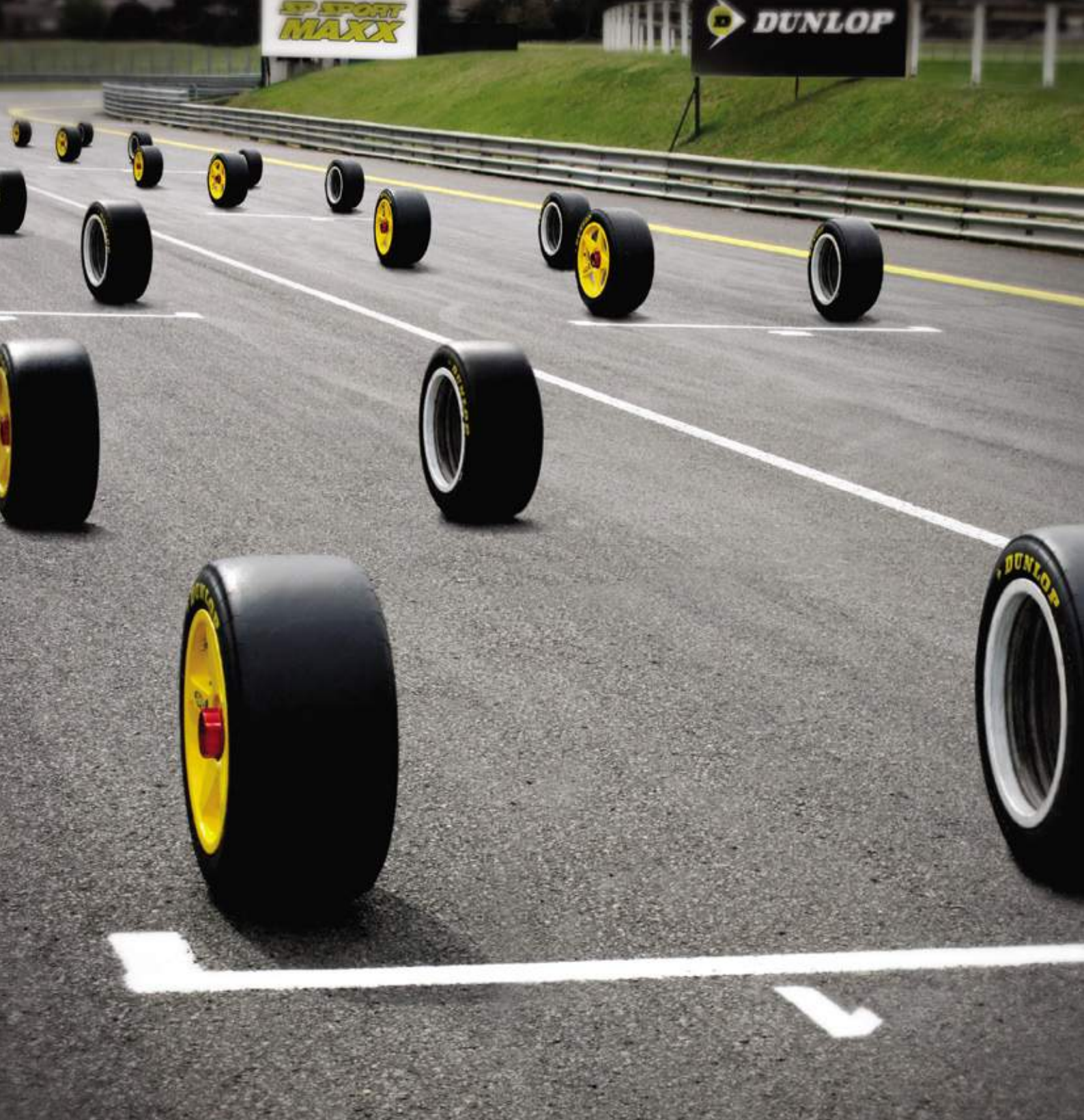
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INFINITI RED BULL RACING

Chassis: RB10

Engine: Renault Sport Energy F1-2014

Base: Milton Keynes, UK

Team principal: Christian Horner

Chief technical officer: Adrian Newey

Chief designer: Rob Marshall

World Championships: 4



Sebastian Vettel

Nationality: German

Date of Birth: 03/07/1987

Debut: Indianapolis, 2007

Wins: 39

Best championship finish:

1st (2010-2013)

Other career Highlights:

2nd 2009 Formula 1 World

Championship, 2nd 2006

Formula 3 Euro Series, 2nd

2004 Formula BMW ADAC



Daniel Ricciardo

Nationality: Australian

Date of Birth: 01/07/1989

Debut: Silverstone, 2011

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:

14th (2013)

Career Highlights: 2009

British Formula 3 champion,

2nd 2010 Formula Renault

3.5 series



SCUDERIA FERRARI

Chassis: Ferrari F14 T

Engine: Ferrari

Base: Maranello, Italy

Team principal: Stefano Domenicali

Technical director: James Allison

Engineering director: Pat Fry

World Championships: 16



Fernando Alonso

Nationality: Spanish

Date of Birth: 29/07/1981

Debut: Albert Park, 2001

Wins: 32

Best championship finish:

1st (2005 & 2006)

Other career highlights:

2nd 2010 & 2012 F1 World Championship, 3rd 2007 F1

World Championship, 1st

1999 Euro Open by Nissan



Kimi Raikkonen

Nationality: Finnish

Date of Birth: 17/10/1979

Debut: Albert Park, 2001

Wins: 20

Best championship finish:

1st (2007)

Other career highlights:

2nd 2003 & 2005 F1

World Championship, 3rd

2008 & 2012 F1 World

Championship, 2000 British

Formula Renault champion



MCLAREN MERCEDES

Chassis: MP4-29
Engine: Mercedes-Benz PU106A
Base: Woking, UK
Group chief executive: Ron Dennis
Racing director: Eric Boullier
Sporting director: Sam Michael
World Championships: 8



Jenson Button

Nationality: British
Date of Birth: 19/01/1980
Debut: Albert Park, 2000
Wins: 15
Best championship finish:
1st (2009)
Other career highlights:
1st 1998 British Formula
Ford Festival, 1998 British
Formula Ford Champion



Kevin Magnussen

Nationality: Danish
Date of birth: October 5,
1992
Wins: 0
Best championship finish: 0
Other career highlights:
Runner-up British F1 2011,
Won Renault 3.5 World
Series 2013



LOTUS F1 TEAM

Chassis: E22

Engine: Renault Sport Energy F1-2014

Base: Enstone, UK

Team principal: Gerard Lopez

Technical director: Nick Chester

Trackside operations director: Alan Permane

World Championships: 4 (1994, 1995 (Benetton), 2005, 2006 (Renault))



Romain Grosjean

Nationality: French

Date of Birth: 17/04/1986

Debut: Valencia, 2009

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
7th

Other career highlights:

2011 GP2 and GP2 Asia

Series champion, 2010 Auto

GP champion, 2007 F3 Euro

Series champion



Pastor Maldonado

Nationality: Venezuelan

Date of Birth: 09/03/1985

Debut: Albert Park, 2011

Wins: 1

Best championship finish:
15th (2012)

Career Highlights: Pole
position for 2012 Spanish
Grand Prix, Won Spanish
Grand Prix 2012, 2010
GP2 Champion, 3rd 2006
Formula Renault 3.5.



MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS F1 TEAM

Chassis: F1 W05
Engine: Mercedes-Benz PU106A
Base: Brackley, UK
Executive director business: Toto Wolff
Technical director: Bob Bell
Executive director technical: Paddy Lowe
World Championships: 0

MERCEDES AMG
PETRONAS FORMULA ONE TEAM

Nico Rosberg

Nationality: German
Date of Birth: 27/06/1985
Debut: Sakhir, 2006
Wins: 2
Best championship finish:
6th (2013)
Career Highlights: 2nd 2008
Singapore Grand Prix, 2005
GP2 Champion, 1st 2002
Formula BMW ADAC



Lewis Hamilton

Nationality: British
Date of Birth: 07/01/1985
Debut: Albert Park, 2007
Wins: 22
Best championship finish:
1st (2008)
Other career highlights:
2nd 2007 F1 World
Championship, 2006 GP2
champion, 2005 Formula 3
Euroseries champion



SAUBER F1 TEAM

Chassis: C33

Engine: Ferrari

Base: Hinwil, Switzerland

Team principal: Monisha Kaltenborn

Head of track engineering: Gian Paolo Dall'Ara

Team manager: Beat Zehnder

World Championships: 0



Esteban Gutierrez

Nationality: Mexican

Date of Birth: 05/08/1991

Debut: Albert Park, 2013

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
16th (2013)

Career Highlights: 2010 GP3

Series champion, 3rd 2012

GP2 Series, 1st 2008 Formula

BMW Europe, 3rd 2008

Formula BMW World Final



Adrian Sutil

Nationality: German

Date of Birth: 11/01/1983

Debut: Albert Park, 2007

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
9th (2011)

Other career highlights:

2006 All-Japan Formula

3 champion, 3rd 2006

Macau Grand Prix, 2nd 2003

Formula 3 Euro Series



SAHARA FORCE INDIA F1 TEAM

Chassis: VJM07

Engine: Mercedes-Benz PU106A

Base: Silverstone, UK

Team principal: Vijay Mallya

Deputy team principal: Bob Fernley

Technical director: Andrew Green

World Championships: 0



Nico Hulkenberg

Nationality: German

Date of Birth: 19/08/1987

Debut: Sakhir, 2010

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
10th (2013)

Other career highlights: Pole
Position for 2010 Brazilian
Grand Prix, 2009 GP2 Series
Champion, 2005 Formula
BMW ADAC champion



Sergio Perez

Nationality: Mexican

Date of Birth: 26/01/1990

Debut: Albert Park, 2011

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
10th (2012)

Other career highlights: 2nd
2010 GP2 Series, 4th 2007
British F3 Championship
Class, 1st 2007 British
Formula 3 National Class



WILLIAMS

Chassis: FW36

Engine: Mercedes-Benz PU106A

Base: Grove, UK

Team principal: Frank Williams

Deputy team principal: Claire Williams

Chief technical officer: Pat Symonds

World Championships: 9



Valtteri Bottas

Nationality: Finnish

Date of Birth: 28/08/1989

Debut: Albert Park, 2013

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
17th (2013)

Career Highlights: 1st 2011
GP3 Series, 3rd 2009 & 2010

Formula 3 Euro Series, 1st
2009 & 2010 Masters of
Formula 3



Felipe Massa

Nationality: Brazilian

Date of Birth: 25/04/1981

Debut: Albert Park, 2002

Wins: 11

Best championship finish:
2nd (2008)

Other career highlights:
3rd 2006 F1 World
Championship, 4th 2007 F1
World Championship, 1st
2001 Euro Formula 3000,
1st 2000 Formula Renault
Eurocup



SCUDERIA TORO ROSSO

Chassis: STR9

Engine: Renault Sport Energy F1-2014

Debut: Sakhir, 2006

Base: Faenza, Italy

Team principal: Franz Tost

Technical director: James Key

Senior race engineer: Xevi Pujolar

World Championships: 0



Jean-Eric Vergne

Nationality: French

Date of Birth: 25/04/1990

Debut: Albert Park, 2012

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
15th (2013)

Career Highlights: 2nd
2011 Formula Renault 3.5
Series, 2010 British Formula
3 champion, 2nd European
Formula Renault 2.0 series



Daniil Kyvat

Nationality: Russian

Date of birth: 26/4/1994

Wins: 0

Best championship finish: 0

Career highlights: Won GP3
title in 2013



CATERHAM F1 TEAM

Chassis: CT05

Engine: Renault Sport Energy F1-2014

Base: Hingham, UK

Team principal: Cyril Abiteboul

Technical director: Mark Smith

Performance director: John Iley

World Championships: 0

CATERHAM
F1 TEAM

Marcus Ericsson

Nationality: Swedish

Date of Birth: 2/9/1990

Debut: 2014

Wins: 0

Best championship finish: -

Career Highlights: Won 2009

Japanese F3 championship,

2007 Won Formula BMW UK

championship



Kamui Kobayashi

Nationality: Japanese

Date of Birth: 13/9/1986

Debut: 2010

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:

12th (2010, 2011, 2012)

Career Highlights: Won 2009

Asian GP2 series, won 2005

Italian and Eurocup Formula

Renault championships.



MARUSSIA F1 TEAM

Chassis: MR03

Engine: Ferrari

Base: Banbury, UK

Team principal: John Booth

Chief executive: Andy Webb

Sporting director/president: Graeme Lowdon

World Championships:



Jules Bianchi

Nationality: French

Date of Birth: 03/08/1989

Debut: Albert Park, 2013

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
19th

Career Highlights: 2nd 2012
Formula Renault 3.5 Series,
2nd 2011 GP2 Asia Series, 3rd
2010 & 2011 GP2 Series, 1st
2008 Formula 3 Euro Series



Max Chilton

Nationality: British

Date of Birth: 21/04/1991

Debut: Albert Park, 2013

Wins: 0

Best championship finish:
23rd

Career Highlights: 4th 2012
GP2 Series, 4th 2009 British
Formula 3 Championship,
10th 2008 British Formula 3
Championship



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2012	Sebastian Vettel	GER	Red Bull	5	6	281
2011	Sebastian Vettel	GER	Red Bull	11	15	392
2010	Sebastian Vettel	GER	Red Bull	5	10	256
2009	Jenson Button	GBR	Brawn	6	4	95
2008	Lewis Hamilton	GBR	McLaren	5	7	98
2007	Kimi Räikkönen	FIN	Ferrari	6	3	110
2006	Fernando Alonso	ESP	Renault	7	6	134
2005	Fernando Alonso	ESP	Renault	7	6	133
2004	Michael Schumacher	GER	Ferrari	13	8	148
2003	Michael Schumacher	GER	Ferrari	6	5	93
2002	Michael Schumacher	GER	Ferrari	11	7	144
2001	Michael Schumacher	GER	Ferrari	9	11	123
2000	Michael Schumacher	GER	Ferrari	9	9	108
1999	Mika Häkkinen	FIN	McLaren	5	11	76
1998	Mika Häkkinen	FIN	McLaren	8	9	100
1997	Jacques Villeneuve	CAN	Williams	7	10	81
1996	Damon Hill	GBR	Williams	8	9	97
1995	Michael Schumacher	GER	Benetton	9	4	102
1994	Michael Schumacher	GER	Benetton	8	6	92
1993	Alain Prost	FRA	Williams	7	13	99
1992	Nigel Mansell	GBR	Williams	9	14	108
1991	Ayrton Senna	BRA	McLaren	7	8	96
1990	Ayrton Senna	BRA	McLaren	6	10	78
1989	Alain Prost	FRA	McLaren	4	2	76
1988	Ayrton Senna	BRA	McLaren	8	13	90
1987	Nelson Piquet	BRA	Williams	3	4	73
1986	Alain Prost	FRA	McLaren	4	1	72
1985	Alain Prost	FRA	McLaren	5	2	73
1984	Niki Lauda	AUT	McLaren	5	0	72
1983	Nelson Piquet	BRA	Brabham	3	1	59
1982	Keke Rosberg	FIN	Williams	1	1	44
1981	Nelson Piquet	BRA	Brabham	3	4	50





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Schedule of Events

Thursday 13 March

Start	Finish	Events
10:30		GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC
11:00	11:15	SHANNONS HISTORIC DEMONSTRATION
11:25	12:10	V8 SUPERCAR HOT LAPS
12:15	12:25	TARGA TARMAC RALLY CAR DEMONSTRATION
12:30	12:50	MAZDA3 CELEBRITY CHALLENGE PRACTICE SESSION
13:00	13:15	RAAF ROULETTES
13:30	14:00	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
14:10	14:30	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP PRACTICE SESSION
14:40	15:00	MAZDA3 CELEBRITY CHALLENGE PRACTICE SESSION
15:10	15:30	ULTIMATE SPEED COMPARISON PRACTICE SESSION
15:40	16:00	SWISSE 2 SEATER FORMULA 1® DEMONSTRATION LAPS
16:10	16:40	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
16:50	17:10	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP QUALIFYING SESSION
17:20	17:35	ULTIMATE SPEED COMPARISON DEMONSTRATION 1
17:45	17:55	TRACK ACTIVITY
18:00	18:30	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE QUALIFYING SESSION
20:00		GATES CLOSE TO PUBLIC

Friday 14 March

Start	Finish	Events
10:30		GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC
11:00	11:30	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE FIRST RACE (30 MINS)
11:40	11:50	SHANNONS HISTORIC DEMONSTRATION
12:00	12:15	RAAF ROULETTES
12:30	14:00	FORMULA ONE® FIRST PRACTICE SESSION
14:25	14:55	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE SECOND RACE (30 MINS)
15:05	15:20	THE ULTIMATE SPEED COMPARISON DEMONSTRATION 2
15:30	15:45	MAZDA3 CELEBRITY CHALLENGE QUALIFYING SESSION
15:55	16:05	RAAF F/A18 JET
16:30	18:00	FORMULA ONE® SECOND PRACTICE SESSION
18:20	18:45	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP FIRST RACE (10 LAPS)
18:50	19:00	TARGA TARMAC RALLY CAR DEMONSTRATION
19:05	19:15	GUEST LAPS
20:00		GATES CLOSE TO PUBLIC

Saturday 15 March

Start	Finish	Events
10:30		GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC
11:00	11:20	SHANNONS HISTORIC DEMONSTRATION
11:30	11:40	TARGA TARMAC RALLY CAR DEMONSTRATION
11:55	12:10	MAZDA3 CELEBRITY CHALLENGE FIRST RACE (5 LAPS)
12:20	12:35	ULTIMATE SPEED COMPARISON DEMONSTRATION 3
12:50	13:10	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP SECOND RACE (8 LAPS)
13:30	13:45	RAAF ROULETTES
14:00	15:00	FORMULA ONE® THIRD PRACTICE SESSION
15:20	15:55	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE THIRD RACE (30 MINS)
16:10	16:20	FERRARI ROAD CAR CAVALCADE
16:30	16:40	RAAF F/A18 JET
17:00	18:00	FORMULA ONE® QUALIFYING SESSION
18:25	18:35	GUEST LAPS
20:00		GATES CLOSE TO PUBLIC

Sunday 16 March

Start	Finish	Events
10:30		GATES OPEN TO PUBLIC
11:00	11:20	SHANNONS HISTORIC PARADE
11:25	11:35	GUEST LAPS
11:50	12:00	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCAR & MAZDA3 CELEB DRIVERS PARADE
12:05	12:25	JUNIOR GP CHALLENGE
12:35	12:50	MAZDA3 CELEBRITY CHALLENGE SECOND RACE (5 LAPS)
13:15	13:50	MSS SECURITY V8 SUPERCARS CHALLENGE FOURTH RACE (30 MINS)
14:05	14:30	PORSCHE CARRERA CUP THIRD RACE (10 LAPS)
14:40	14:55	ULTIMATE SPEED COMPARISON DEMONSTRATION 4
15:00	15:15	FORMULA 4 DEMONSTRATION
15:30	15:40	FORMULA ONE® DRIVERS PARADE
15:40	15:55	RAAF ROULETTES
16:10	16:20	RAAF F/A18 JET
16:50	16:52	NATIONAL ANTHEM
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