

RACE TO TOPPLE KING LEWIS

Will Lewis Hamilton make it three titles in a row this new Formula One season? His Mercedes team-mate Nico Rosberg and Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel lead the chasing pack's bid to topple the Briton from his throne over an epic 21-race season.



Team-mates Lewis Hamilton (left) and Nico Rosberg (centre) will renew their tense rivalry for the drivers' title. Can Hamilton put aside his celebrity lifestyle to focus on fending off a fired-up Rosberg, who has vowed to fight all the way for his first championship?

MERCEDES (1st last season)

Engine: Mercedes **Debut season:** 2010, also took part in 1954 and 1955. **F1 Titles:** 2



LEWIS HAMILTON (Gbr)

- Championships: 3
- Race wins: 43
- Pole positions: 49
- Last season: 1st

NICO ROSBERG (Ger)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 14
- Pole positions: 22
- Last season: 2nd

Head and shoulders above the chasing pack over the past two seasons, and it is hard to look beyond them for the constructors' title.

FERRARI (2nd)

Engine: Ferrari **Debut season:** 1950 **F1 titles:** 16



SEBASTIAN VETTEL (Ger)

- Championships: 4
- Race wins: 42
- Pole positions: 46
- Last season: 3rd

KIMI RAIKKONEN (Fin)

- Championships: 1
- Race wins: 20
- Pole positions: 16
- Last season: 4th

Three wins and 13 podium finishes for Vettel last year gave Ferrari hope, bolstered by decent testing times in Barcelona.

The biggest threat to a dominant Mercedes, the four-time champion Vettel (above) is steadfast in his belief that good times are just around the corner for Ferrari.

WILLIAMS (3rd)

Engine: Mercedes **Debut season:** 1978 **F1 titles:** 9



FELIPE MASSA (Bra)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 11
- Pole positions: 16
- Last season: 6th

VALTTERI BOTTAS (Fin)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 5th.

The much-admired British team running on a compact budget will once again be snapping at the big two teams' heels.

RED BULL (4th)

Engine: Renault **Debut season:** 2005 **F1 titles:** 4



DANIEL RICCIARDO (Aus)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 3
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 8th

DANIIL KYVAT (Rus)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 7th

The team have designated 2016 as a "transition" year ahead of a serious assault on the championship in 2017.

FORCE INDIA (5th)

Engine: Mercedes **Debut season:** 2008



NICO HUELKENBERG (Ger)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 1
- Last season: 10th

SERGIO PEREZ (Mex)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 9th.

Last season's "best of the rest" will hope Huelkenberg and Perez can keep pushing for more podiums in 2016.

RENAULT (6th as Lotus)

Engine: Renault **Debut season:** 2016, also took part from 1977-2008 **F1 titles:** 2



KEVIN MAGNUSSEN (Den)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 22nd

JOLYON PALMER (Gbr)

Debut season

Back after a lengthy takeover of Lotus in December. "Renault are back to win," said Jerome Stoll, Renault Sport Racing president.

TORO ROSSO (7th)

Engine: Ferrari **Debut season:** 2006



MAX VERSTAPPEN (Ned)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 12th

CARLOS SAINZ (Esp)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 15th

Boast two impressive young drivers, who managed more successful overtaking manoeuvres than any other drivers on the grid last year.

SAUBER (8th)

Engine: Ferrari **Debut season:** 1993



FELIPE NASR (Bra)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 13th

MARCUS ERICSSON (Swe)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 18th

Once dogged by cash flow concerns, Sauber are now on a more stable financial footing.

MCLAREN (9th)

Engine: Honda **Debut season:** 1966 **F1 titles:** 8



FERNANDO ALONSO (Esp)

- Championships: 2
- Race wins: 32
- Pole positions: 22
- Last season: 17th

JENSON BUTTON (Gbr)

- Championships: 1
- Race wins: 15
- Pole positions: 8
- Last season: 16th

Should improve on last year's humiliating performance, as their reunion with Honda fell spectacularly flat.

MANOR RACING

Engine: Mercedes **Debut season:** 2015 (competed as Marussia)



PASCAL WEHRLAIN (Ger)

Debut season

RIO HARYANTO (Ina)

Debut season

An all-new driver line-up sees Manor seeking to add to their modest points total achieved when the late Jules Bianchi finished ninth in Monaco in 2014.

HAAS

Engine: Ferrari **Debut season:** 2016



ROMAN GROSJEAN (Fra)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0
- Last season: 11th

ESTEBAN GUTIERREZ (Mex)

- Championships: 0
- Race wins: 0
- Pole positions: 0

The first American team in F1 in 30 years.