

Formula 1 - The Facts Revealed



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What is Formula 1 and where did it come from?

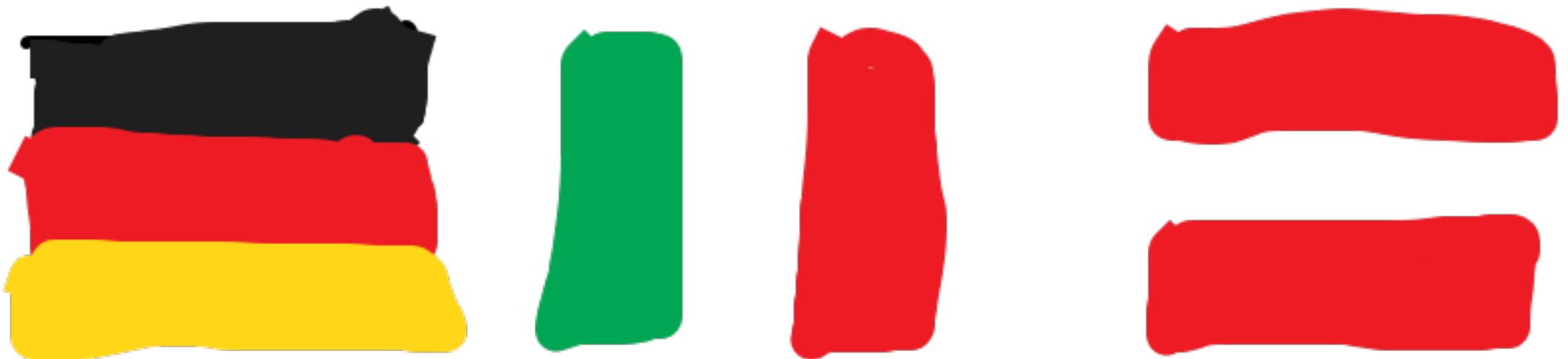
Formula 1 is one of the fastest racing car sports on the planet; with top speeds exceeding 200 mph, it has a huge crowd every race for about 250,000 people paying money and attending the Grand Prix. It was founded by Bernard Charles Ecclestone (simply known as Bernie) in 1950. Giulio Farina had the honourable right of saying that he won the first ever Formula 1 World Championship, which is something only HE can do. It was an extremely dangerous sport and there were many crashes. And to this day, it remains one of the most risky sports on the planet, just with a lot more safety equipment.



Many young talents in kart racing dream of being promoted in the top formula race series on the planet; especially driving for the top teams of the sport such as Mercedes, Ferrari or Red Bull Racing. Or they could race for the other teams such as: Williams Martini, Force India, Renault, Toro Rosso, McLaren, Haas or Sauber. As you may know, racing drivers get paid hundreds of thousands or maybe even millions of pounds. The top paid driver currently is Sebastian Vettel who gets paid \$55,000,000 per season (year). Other well-paid drivers are Lewis Hamilton and Fernando Alonso. Hamilton gets paid \$46,000,000 per season, while Alonso gets paid \$52,000,000 per season. That averages out to roughly \$2,000,000 per race at least! Wow, they are rich already!



The different driver's names and nationalities are: Lewis Hamilton (England), Valtteri Bottas (Finland), Sebastian Vettel (Germany), Kimi Räikkönen (Finland), Daniel Ricciardo (Australia), Max Verstappen (Netherlands), Felipe Massa (Brazil), Lance Stroll (Canada), Nico Hülkenberg (Germany), Carlos Sainz Jr (Spain), Sergio Pérez (Mexico), Esteban Ocon (France), Pierre Gasly (France), Brendon Hartley (New Zealand), Fernando Alonso (Spain), Stoffel Vandoorne (Belgium), Romain Grosjean (Switzerland), Kevin Magnussen (Denmark), Marcus Ericsson (Sweden) and Pascal Wehrlein (Germany).



The countries from which the current top 3 teams originated from.