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AUSTRALIA

RACE PREVIEW ALBERT PARK 13 - 15 MARCH

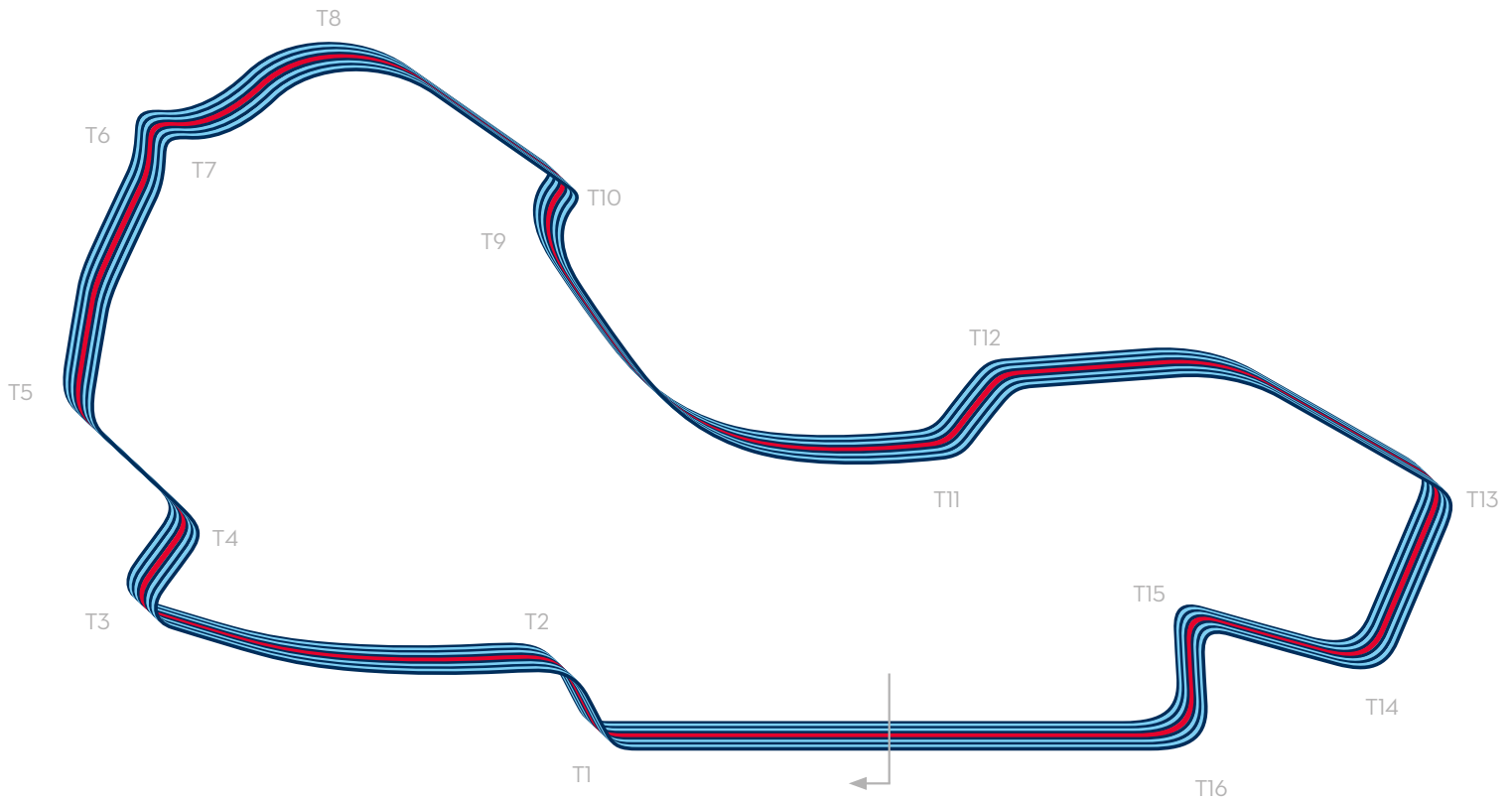
The traditional season-opener at the Albert Park Circuit in Melbourne is a fitting place to start the 2015 season. The part street circuit layout provides an interesting challenge for the drivers, with the late start time and setting sun making visibility tricky as the race unfolds. The laid back and knowledgeable Aussie fans always create an electric atmosphere, making this a popular

destination for Formula One after a busy winter. Williams has won in Australia once, back in 1996, and after a very promising 2014 campaign the team will be looking to make a strong start to the season and signal its intent once again.

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STATS



CIRCUIT

Direction	Clockwise
Lap Distance	5.303km
Longest Straight	843m
Top Speed	287kph
Average Speed	317kph
Altitude	9m above sea level
Lap Record	1.24.125 Michael Schumacher, Ferrari, 2004



RACE

Number of Laps	58
Race Distance	308km
Typical Strategy	2 stop race
Total Pitstops	53
Fastest Pitstop	2.1s
Pit Loss	26.8s
Pitlane Length	280m
Safety Cars	50% chance of at least one safety car in race



WEATHER

Air Temperature	23°C
Track Temperature	32°C
Air Pressure	1012mbar
Humidity	57%



FW37

Option Tyres	Soft (Yellow)
Prime Tyres	Medium (White)
Downforce Level	High
Cooling Requirement	Medium
Fuel Consumption	1.66kg/lap
Full Throttle	61% of lap

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QUOTES

ROB SMEDLEY

On the back of what has been a really good winter test where we met all of our objectives we are heading to Melbourne in a really positive frame of mind. Melbourne is always a really interesting race as there are so many unknowns. There are always a few surprises as the competitive pecking order is established. As it's a street circuit the grip will develop and improve throughout the weekend. The car starts off with a lot of understeer on the dirty circuit and later in the weekend the rear tyres can become the limitation. In the cooler conditions the front tyre graining can be an issue too so we need to have done our homework on both scenarios for the race. We have been testing at circuits that don't play fully to the strengths of the FW37 so we are looking forward to the first few races which should suit the FW37s characteristics more.

VALTTERI BOTTAS

A new season and the first time we see where everyone is competitively. The weekend will be interesting but also important as we have to be able to have a strong start and make sure we gain the most from the weekend, especially as other teams improve. You never know how other teams will progress throughout the season, so points here are key. I like Melbourne, the first race is really when the gloves come off so qualifying will be an exciting session.

FELIPE MASSA

Being the first race, Australia is important and normally holds a few surprises. All of the hard work over the winter gets its first rewards here, but it can also show a sign of how much work is still to be done. It's important to start well and give yourself potentially a head start over your competitors. Australia is a tough track though and the rear stability is important. I also hope that I personally have a better start to the season than last year!

DRIVER

1. Lewis Hamilton	British	0
2. Nico Rosberg	German	0
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Australian	0
4. Valtteri Bottas	Finnish	0
5. Sebastian Vettel	German	0
6. Fernando Alonso	Spanish	0
7. Felipe Massa	Brazilian	0
8. Jenson Button	British	0
9. Nico Hulkenberg	German	0
10. Sergio Perez	Mexican	0

TEAM

1. Mercedes	0
2. Red Bull Racing	0
3. Williams Martini Racing	0
4. Ferrari	0
5. McLaren	0
6. Force India	0
7. Toro Rosso	0
8. Lotus	0
9. Manor Marussia	0
10. Sauber	0



MEDIA SCHEDULE

ALBERT PARK

12 - 15 MARCH

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH

1410-1420	Felipe Massa	Open TVs	Outside Team Hospitality
1420-1430	Valtteri Bottas	Open TVs	Outside Team Hospitality
1435-1445	Felipe Massa	Brazilian print media	Team Hospitality
1435-1445	Valtteri Bottas	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality
1445-1455	Felipe Massa	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality
1445-1455	Valtteri Bottas	Finnish print media	Team Hospitality
1600-1610	Claire Williams, Deputy Team Principal	Open TVs	Outside Team Hospitality
1610-1630	Claire Williams, Deputy Team Principal	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH

1805-1810	Felipe Massa	All media (TV & print)	Outside Team Hospitality
1805-1810	Valtteri Bottas	All media (TV & print)	Outside Team Hospitality

SATURDAY, 14 MARCH

After Q1/2/3	Felipe & Valtteri	Open TV	FIA TV pen
1930-1940	Valtteri Bottas	Finnish print media	Team Hospitality
1940-1950	Valtteri Bottas	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality
1950-2000	Felipe Massa	Brazilian print media	Team Hospitality
2000-2010	Felipe Massa	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality
2010-2025	Rob Smedley, Head of Vehicle Performance	Print media (Eng lang)	Team Hospitality

N.B. Driver open media sessions will be cancelled if they attend the post-qualifying FIA press conference

SUNDAY, 15 MARCH

Post race	Felipe & Valtteri	Open TV	FIA TV pen
1945-1955	Rob Smedley, Head of Vehicle Performance	Print Media	Team Hospitality
1955-2005	Valtteri Bottas	Print Media	Team Hospitality
2005-2010	Felipe Massa	Print Media	Team Hospitality

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