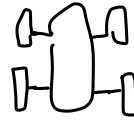


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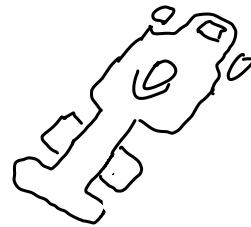
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SO WHAT IS FORMULA 1?
It consists of a season, which is a series of races, also known as Grand Prix.

ANY TRACK!

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At the end of a season, there are two winners - a driver and a team - dependent on a points system.

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Each Grand Prix gives a certain number of points to drivers and their team, depending on where they finished from positions 1-6

1st	25pts
2nd	18pts
3rd	15pts
4th	12pts
5th	10pts
⋮	⋮

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1 Max Verstappen [Red Bull] - 388.5

2 Lewis Hamilton [Mercedes] - 389.5

And almost by fate itself, the two drivers had the same number
of points entering the last race of the season at Abu Dhabi's

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Before the actual race, there is always a qualifying
session, in which drivers must achieve the fastest lap time
to determine their starting position on the "grid".

1st
2nd
3rd
4th
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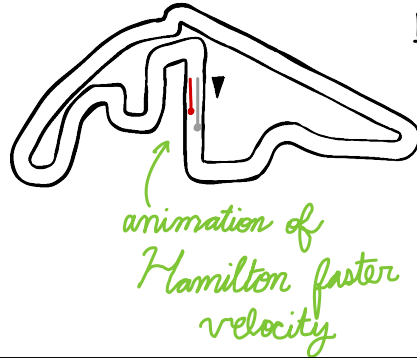
In this session, Max Verstappen got the first position, with
Lewis Hamilton right behind him at second.

1 Max Verstappen 1:22:109

2 Lewis Hamilton 1:22:480

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However, at the start of the race, Hamilton got a better start than Verstappen which led to Hamilton leading the race, rather than Verstappen.



Lap 1/58

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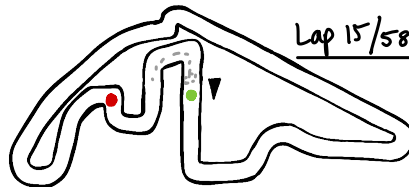
Max Verstappen pits for newer tyres⁽²⁾ as each driver is mandated to have at least one pit stop in a race. [Link wikipedia](#) Tyre vs Time



Lap 14/58

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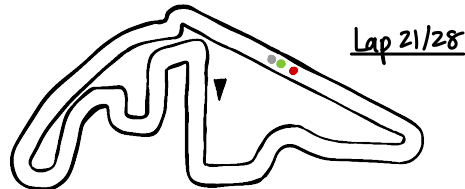
Mercedes responds by pitting Hamilton, to ensure that he doesn't lose time by staying on old tyres losing grip. Verstappen's teammate, Sergio Perez, takes 1st.



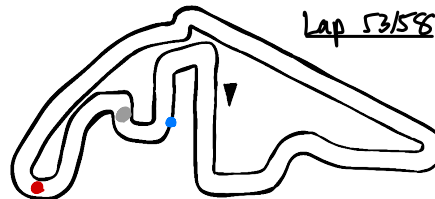
Lap 15/58



Hamilton finally passes Perez after a lengthy one-and-a-half lap tussle. However, Perez was able to defend long enough to bring Verstappen back into the race.



Nicholas Latifi crashes into the barriers and prompts a safety car.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

BACKGROUND
COLOR
SHIFTS TO
YELLOW

In Formula 1, there are two safety cars:

- A physical car on track
- A virtual safety car.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

In this case, a physical car was brought out because a physical crash occurred, obstructing the track.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

Specifically, during a safety car, every car must slow down to keep safety. Because of this, it is usually a good time to pit and change tyres.



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However, in this race, it was uncertain if the race would end with the safety car out, meaning that positions cannot change and Hamilton would win. In a gamble, Verstappen pitted for faster and new tyres in hopes of there being a lap without the safety car.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

Since Hamilton was 1st and the gap to Verstappen wasn't sufficient enough to pit and rejoin as 1st, he was forced to stay out on his old and slower tyres.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

Back to Verstappen pitting: when he pitted, cars that were a lap behind Hamilton and Verstappen were in-between their cars (Lap 56 rather than 57). Under normal procedures, all lapped cars would unlap themselves. However, in this case, only the cars between Verstappen and Hamilton were unlapped.



WHAT IS A SAFETY CAR?

Thus, the race began with Hamilton on old and slow tyres with Verstappen breathing down his neck with new and fast tyres.



The rest is history.



IMG OF
Verstappen CRYING
WHILE LEANING
ON TYRE

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