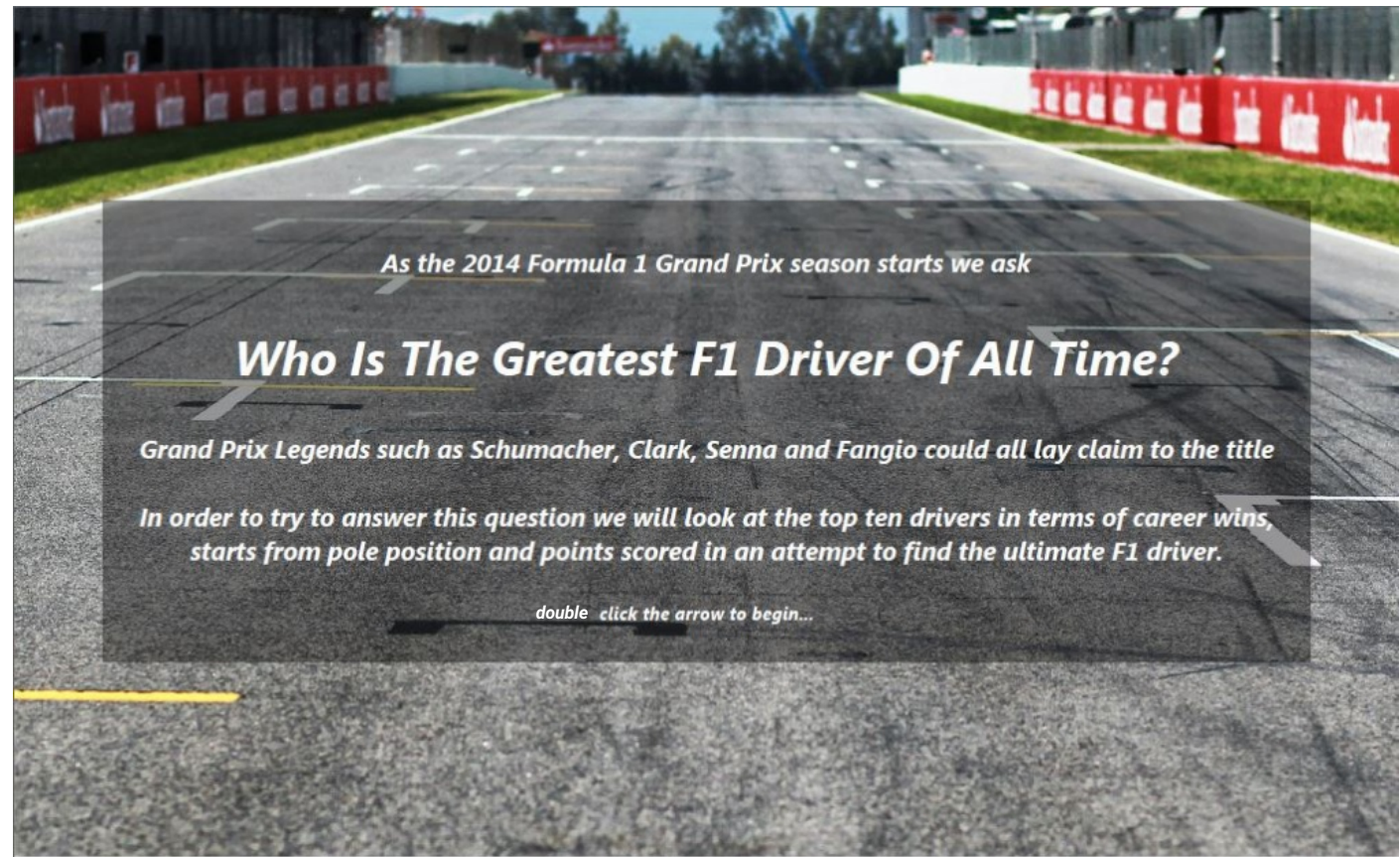


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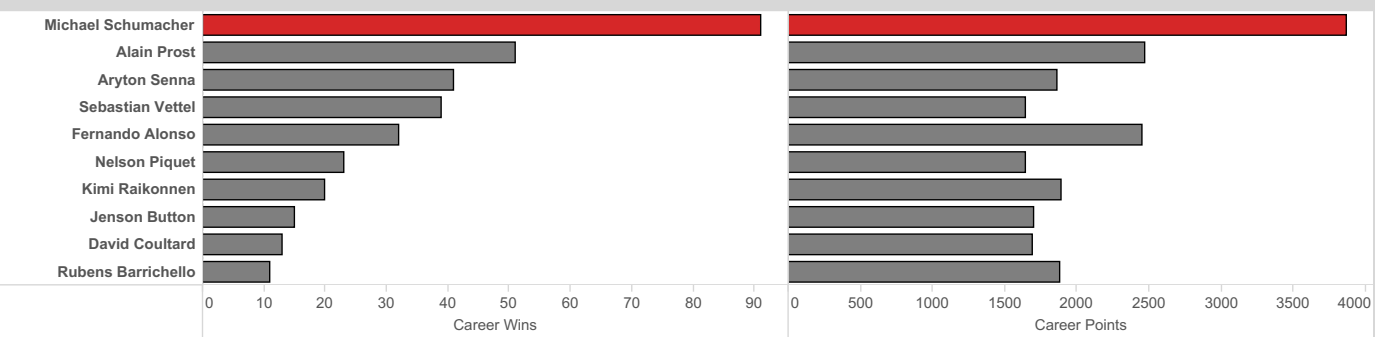
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Michael Schumacher is the clear winner when it comes to total number of wins and points. His unmatched 7 world titles reflects this. However his period of dominance came at a time when there were more races to a season and the cars we so relialbe retirements were rare. In fact the results overall are skewed to the modern era for this very reason. Using this measure is maybe not the best way to compare across the 50 years of F1.

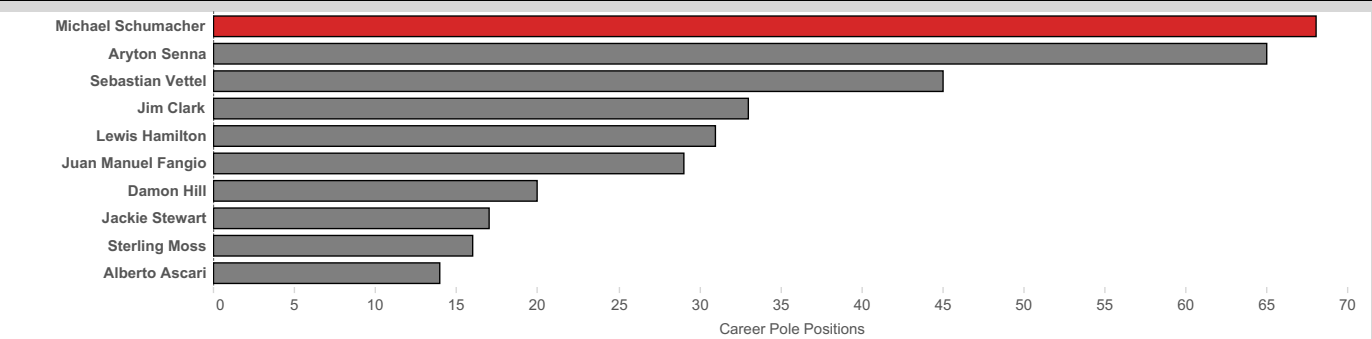


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*To win a race you need to be fast. A good measure of raw speed is the number of starts from pole position. Looking at the overall count of pole positions its clear that Michael Schumacher and Aryton Senna are clearly out in front, with Vettel leading the charge for the current drivers.*

*This doesn't take into account the number of race starts, so lets see how that changes things.*

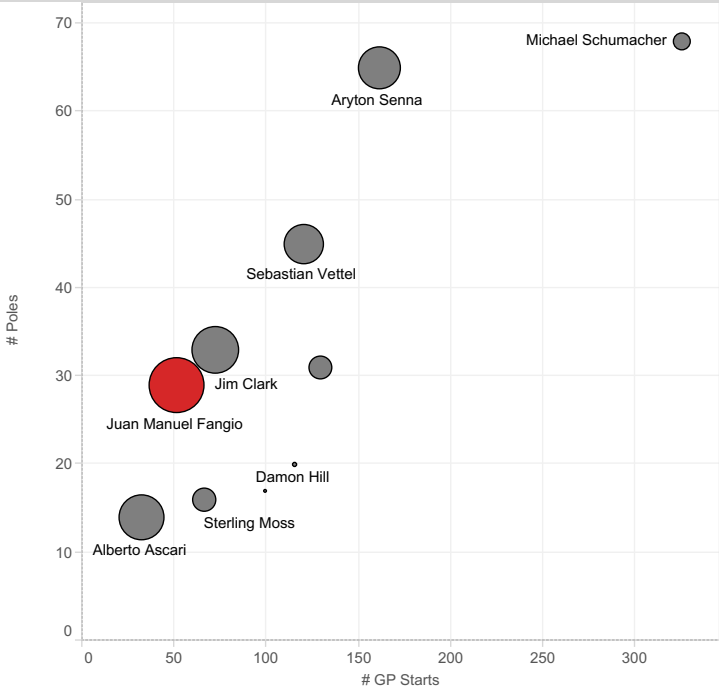


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Plotting the number of pole positions against race starts shows that although Schumacher and Senna have by far the highest number of starts from pole, they also have the highest number of race starts. Now the winner is Juan-Manual Fangio with an amazing 57% of all his races started from Pole.

Lets apply that same method and look at the number of race wins per start

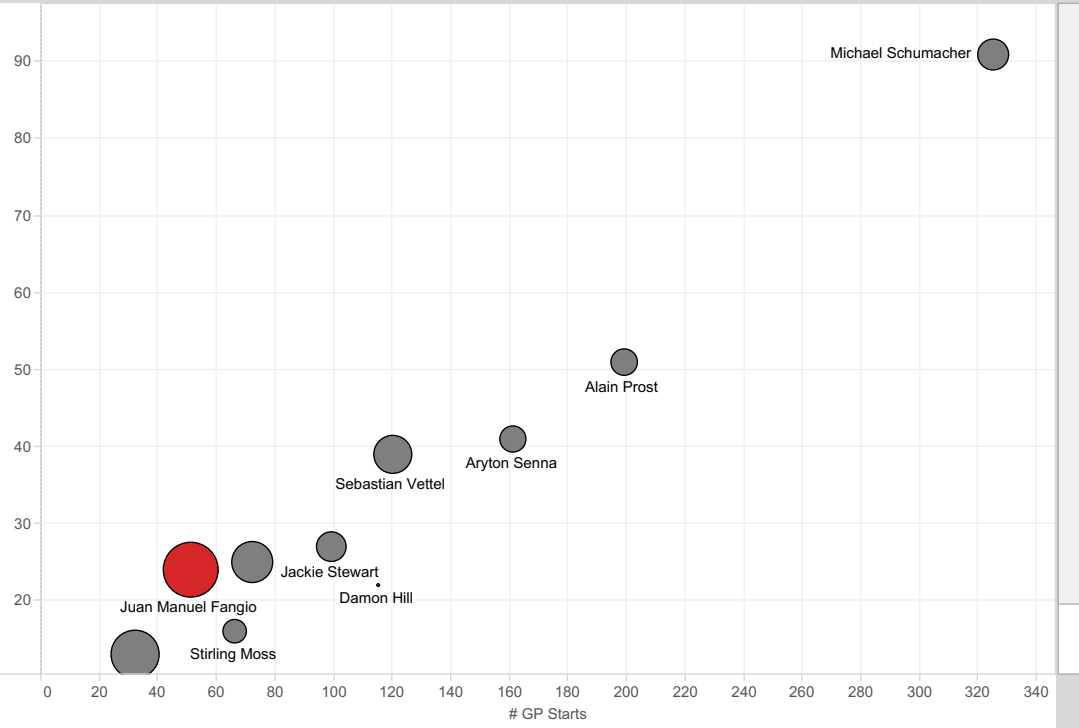


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Once again we see that although Schumacher has the highest number of wins this was over 325 races. When we look at the winning ratio we once again find Fangio at the head of the pack winning an incredible 47% of the races he competed in. Meaning he won almost every other race he drove.

So how about if we look at the average number of points won per race?

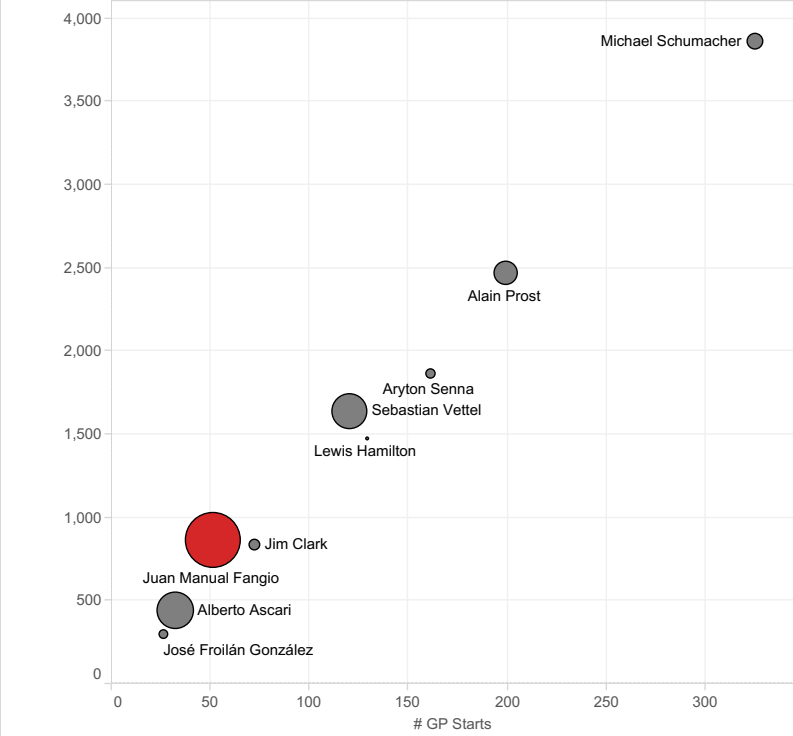


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Applying the current points systems its Fangio again who dominates with 17 points won per race. His closest rival Alberto Ascari only managed 13.8.

Of the modern era drivers Sebastian Vettel with an average of 13.6 is far and away the best points scorer of his generation.



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*Twenty-four wins in 51 races - every other race, give or take. Of those 51 races, 29 were started from pole position and scoring on average of 17 points from each race he competed in. Over 7 years in F1, starting in 1950, racing with 4 different teams Fangio dominated his era. And now, 60 years later many still regard the Argentine legend as the greatest racing driver that ever lived, the stats would agree*

