



BRAZILIAN GRAND PRIX RACE

**SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS FOR FERRARI WITH A ONE-STOP STRATEGY
IN TRACK TEMPERATURES EXCEEDING 50 DEGREES CENTIGRADE**

**MERCEDES DRIVER LEWIS HAMILTON FOURTH WITH A SOFT-SUPERSOFT
ALTERNATIVE ONE-STOPPER, AFTER STARTING FROM THE PIT LANE**

**RED BULL'S DANIEL RICCIARDO GOES FROM 14TH ON THE GRID TO SIXTH
WITH TWO PIT STOPS**

Interlagos, November 12, 2017 – A one-stop strategy from supersoft to soft won the Brazilian Grand Prix, with Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel taking the lead in the action-packed first lap of the race and then maintaining his advantage to the finish – managing to make his sole pit stop without losing the effective race lead.




Two alternative strategies provided other highlights of the race. Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton was forced to start from the pit lane and worked his way up the field after being one of just five drivers to start the race on the more durable soft tyre. He pitted from the lead on lap 43, rejoining fifth, then used the extra speed of the supersoft to help him finish fourth.

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo also started on the soft tyre from 14th after a grid penalty, but dropped even further down the order after being caught up in the early drama and having to stop for a fresh set of softs on lap one. He then stopped again for supersofts later in the race, working his way up to sixth at the finish. His team mate Max Verstappen also used a two-stopper, finishing fifth after a late stop for more supersofts.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"Today we experienced the hottest track temperatures that we have seen so far this weekend by some margin; largely in excess of 50 degrees centigrade at the start of the race. Nonetheless, most frontrunners were able to complete the race with just one pit stop as expected, helped by an early safety car. Lewis Hamilton in particular drove an extraordinary race, setting fastest laps on old soft tyres even when surrounded by cars on newer supersofts. Red Bull also proved that an alternative strategy could work, with both cars finishing strongly despite Daniel Ricciardo being forced into an extra stop at the end of the first lap. We now remain at Interlagos for the final 2018 tyre test of the year, with McLaren on Tuesday and Wednesday, before all the teams get the chance to experience next year's tyres for the first time at Abu Dhabi after the last grand prix of the season."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
-	Bottas 1m12.466s	Verstappen 1m11.044s
-	Raikkonen 1m12.492s	Hamilton 1m11.845s
-	Vettel 1m12.539s	Stroll 1m11.862s



LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
MEDIUM	-	-
SOFT	Wehrlein	69
SUPERSOFT	Perez	35

TRUTHOMETER

We predicted the winning strategy to be a one-stopper, switching from supersoft to soft between laps 26 and 32, and Sebastian Vettel was right on schedule, making his single stop on lap 28. The same tactic was adopted by Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas, who finished second, pitting one lap before the German.



INTERLAGOS PIT STOP SUMMARY

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
5	VET	SSu	Sn (28)	
77	BOT	SSu	Sn (27)	
7	RAI	SSu	Sn (29)	
44	HAM	Sn	SSn (43)	
33	VER	SSu	Sn (28)	SSu (62)
3	RIC	Su	Su (1)	SSn (43)
19	MAS	SSu	Sn (27)	
14	ALO	SSu	Sn (28)	
11	PER	SSu	Sn (35)	
27	HUL	SSu	Sn (30)	
55	SAI	SSu	Sn (31)	
10	GAS	Sn	SSn (44)	
9	ERI	Sn	SSn (44)	
94	WEH	SSn	Sn (1)	
8	GRO	SSn	Sn (1)	SSu (48)
18	STR	SSn	Sn (28)	SSn (67)
28	HAR	SSn	Sn (27)	
31	OCO	SSn		
2	VAN	SSn		
20	MAG	SSn		

S=Soft

SS= Supersoft

n=new

u=used

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