

SEBASTIAN VETTEL WINS FOR FERRARI USING A ONE-STOP SUPERSOFT-SOFT STRATEGY FROM SECOND ON THE GRID

ONE STOP FOR THE MAJORITY OF DRIVERS, BUT SOME DIFFERENT STRATEGIC APPROACHES ALSO SEEN AT SPA

AN EARLY SAFETY CAR, FOLLOWING FIRST CORNER ACCIDENT, EXTENDS OPENING STINTS




Spa-Francorchamps, August 26, 2018 – Sebastian Vettel won for Ferrari on a one-stop supersoft-soft strategy at Spa: the same strategy that was used by all the podium finishers. This strategy was actually adopted by most of the frontrunners, with the notable exception of Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas, who finished fourth with a two-stop strategy after starting at the back. Bottas also set the fastest lap of the race on the soft tyre, beating last year's fastest race lap that was set on the ultrasoft. The Mercedes driver finished ahead of both Force India cars: a very encouraging result for the rebranded team after its recent issues.

Renault driver Carlos Sainz, McLaren's Stoffel Vandoorne and Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen were the only drivers to use the medium tyre during the race, which was affected by an early safety car following a first-corner collision. After rain yesterday, conditions remained dry for the race, with ambient temperatures in the region of 19 degrees centigrade.

MARIO ISOLA - HEAD OF CAR RACING

"The tyres stood up very well to the very intense demands of Spa. The early safety car had the effect of extending the opening stint, with the majority of drivers managing their pace sufficiently to comfortably ensure a one-stopper. A different approach was taken by Valtteri Bottas, who managed to finish in the top four from the back after stopping twice, with a long middle stint on the supersoft. Now we head for our home race at Monza next weekend, where we will have the same tyre nomination."

BEST TIME BY COMPOUND

		
Sainz 1m51.537s	Bottas 1m46.286s	Hamilton 1m48.208s
Vandoorne 1m51.752s	Vettel 1m46.644s	Bottas 1m48.253s
Raikkonen 1m54.320s	Hamilton 1m46.721s	Vettel 1m48.399s

LONGEST STINT OF THE RACE

COMPOUND	DRIVER	LAPS
SUPERSOFT	Bottas	27
SOFT	Hartley	31
MEDIUM	Vandoorne	26

TRUTHOMETER

Sebastian Vettel won the race using one stop as expected, switching his supersofts for softs on lap 22: one lap after Lewis Hamilton, who was second for Mercedes.

Car	Driver	Start	Pit 1	Pit 2
5	VET	SSu	Sn (22)	
44	HAM	SSu	Sn (21)	
33	VER	SSu	Sn (26)	
77	BOT	Su	SSn (2)	Su (29)
11	PER	SSu	Sn (25)	
31	OCO	SSu	Sn (24)	
8	GRO	SSu	Sn (23)	
20	MAG	SSu	Sn (26)	
10	GAS	SSn	Sn (25)	
9	ERI	Sn	SSn (26)	
55	SAI	Mn	SSn (22)	
35	SIR	Sn	SSn (24)	
18	STR	Sn	SSn (23)	
28	HAR	Sn	SSn (31)	
2	VAN	Sn	Mn (2)	SSn (28)
3	RIC	SSu	Sn (1)	
7	RAI	SSu	Mn (1)	
16	LEC	Sn		
14	ALO	Sn		
27	HUL	Sn		

SS = Supersoft

S = Soft

M = Medium

n = new

u = used

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