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Miami 2023

Free practice and qualifying



Under the hot sun in Miami, the capital of the state of Florida in the United States, Formula 1 once again experienced another qualifying session for a Grand Prix where the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers demonstrated their superiority.

On the first weekend of May 2023, the motor-racing world turned its attention to the Miami International Autodrome in Miami Gardens. This eye-catching street circuit once again hosted a Grand Prix for the second year in a row, and with its extraordinary main straight and 19 turns, the excitement of the teams and the public was palpable from the very first day.

A flying start

On Friday, May 5, Max Verstappen and Sergio Pérez went into the first free practice session with the absolute intention to be in the leading positions right from the start. The other competitors, however, did not make it easy for the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers. In the first session, Russell's Mercedes took the lead with a time of 1:30.125, leaving second

Sergio Pérez of Mexico driving the (11) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 on track during qualifying ahead of the F1 Miami Grand Prix at Miami International Autodrome on May 6, 2023.



Sergio Pérez talks with a team member in the garage during qualifying for the 2023 Miami Grand Prix.

place to his teammate Lewis Hamilton. Although with a minimal time gap, Verstappen had to settle for fourth, while Checo was relegated to eleventh place.

During the second free practice session, nerves began to surface. Verstappen experienced problems with his HANS (Head and Neck Support Device), designed to reduce the risk of head and neck injuries for drivers. Despite being mandatory since 2003, it has often caused controversy, with some drivers feeling that it has restricted mobility in the cockpit. In the case of the Dutchman, his problems did not go beyond simple discomfort, and he managed to be fastest with a time of 1:27.930. On this occasion, second and third places went to the Ferraris of Carlos Sainz Jr. and Charles Leclerc, who finished third despite a scare at turn 7 that caused the only red flag of the session.

The favorites did not fail in the third session either. With overwhelming authority, Verstappen once again put in the best performance, with a time of 1:27.535, demonstrating that he had adapted perfectly to the particularities of the Miami circuit. Leclerc, on the other hand, did not let up in his efforts to chase down the champion, waiting for the leader to slip up – which did not occur – and eventually setting the second-fastest time. Sergio Pérez was third-fastest, ahead of Carlos Sainz Jr. The Mexican driver did not feel entirely comfortable at the wheel of his RB19, which was the result of some technical issues.



The Mexican driver from Oracle Red Bull Racing recorded a spectacular time of 1:26.841, to give him pole position.

Promising qualifying

Saturday's qualifying promised a tight fight for pole position, as the time differences in the practice sessions had been minimal. In fact, what happened later on the circuit was a real carousel of emotions, with rather unpleasant surprises for many.

Despite a persistent wind that at times hampered the cars' performance, the Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers took to the track with determination, and finished first and second in Q1, with Verstappen setting the fastest time. Despite his best efforts, Leclerc could only manage third.

The second qualifying session only served to show that Max Verstappen was absolutely on another level – he was quickest, with a time of 1:26.814 on his first attempt. Charles Leclerc took second place, while Checo was fifth fastest after a small crash at the entrance to turn 4.

Unexpected twist

Qualifying seemed to be a foregone conclusion, but, as is often the case in motor racing, the most unexpected events happened in Q3. After having performed superbly during the two previous qualifying runs, Verstappen proved to be human and made a mistake at turn 5 that led him to abort his first attempt at a fast lap. Sergio Pérez took advantage of the situation and recorded a spectacular time

After securing pole position, Sergio Pérez celebrates in *parc fermé* before the Miami GP.





At the end of qualifying, Sergio Pérez and the Oracle Red Bull Racing team approached Sunday's race in Miami with great optimism.

of 1:26.841, which put him in provisional pole position.

Checo's time forced all his rivals to take risks. Proof of this was what happened to Charles Leclerc, who lost control of his Ferrari at turn 17 and ended up crashing into the barriers. Verstappen, who had just started the qualifying lap to try to improve on his teammate's time, was met with the red flag caused by Leclerc's accident, which meant the suspension of the session. Completely helpless, the champion saw the possibility of completing the lap vanish, which is why he ended up being relegated to ninth place on the starting grid.

Once again demonstrating his ability to take advantage of nervous and confusing situations, Fernando Alonso managed to secure a valuable second place, while Carlos Sainz Jr. was able to move up to third. Kevin Magnussen was a surprise fourth.

Of course, at the end of qualifying the drivers' faces reflected very different expressions. But despite the notable setback suffered by Verstappen, the Oracle Red Bull Racing team approached Sunday's race with enormous hope, with Checo Pérez leading the grid and Max Verstappen ready to prove that the RB19 was capable of meeting any challenge in the Dutch driver's hands.

Qualifying classification

Pos.	Nº	Driver	Constructor	Q1	Q2	Q 3	Final grid
1	11	Sergio Pérez	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:27.713	1:27.328	1:26.841	1
2	14	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:28.179	1:27.097	1:27.202	2
3	55	Carlos Sainz Jr.	Ferrari	1:27.686	1:27.148	1:27.349	3
4	20	Kevin Magnussen	Haas-Ferrari	1:27.809	1:27.673	1:27.767	4
5	10	Pierre Gasly	Alpine-Renault	1:28.061	1:27.612	1:27.786	5
6	63	George Russell	Mercedes	1:28.086	1:27.743	1:27.804	6
7	16	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	1:27.713	1:26.964	1:27.861	7
8	31	Esteban Ocon	Alpine-Renault	1:27.872	1:27.444	1:27.935	8
9	1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing-Honda RBPT	1:27.363	1:26.814	No time	9
10	77	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:27.864	1:27.564	No time	10
11	23	Alexander Albon	Williams-Mercedes	1:28.234	1:27.795	N/A	11
12	27	Nico Hülkenberg	Haas-Ferrari	1:27.945	1:27.903	N/A	12
13	44	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	1:27.846	1:27.975	N/A	13
14	24	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo-Ferrari	1:28.180	1:28.091	N/A	14
15	21	Nyck de Vries	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:28.325	1:28.395	N/A	15
16	4	Lando Norris	McLaren-Mercedes	1:28.394	N/A	N/A	16
17	22	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT	1:28.429	N/A	N/A	17
18	18	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin Aramco-Mercedes	1:28.476	N/A	N/A	18
19	81	Oscar Piastri	McLaren-Mercedes	1:28.484	N/A	N/A	19
20	2	Logan Sargeant	Williams-Mercedes	1:28.577	N/A	N/A	20

2023 Miami Grand Prix

Another lesson from the champions





Sergio Pérez driving the (11) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 leads the field off the line at the start of the Miami Grand Prix at the Miami International Autodrome on May 7, 2023.

The race on Sunday, May 7, at the Miami International Autodrome was a spectacle that many fans will remember for the rest of their lives. When a champion of Max Verstappen's stature has a car as extraordinary as the RB19, anything is possible. Even epic feats that justify the passion for the premier category of motorsport.

Simply unstoppable

After the surprising qualifying round, the big favorite for victory, Max Verstappen, started from ninth place on the grid. There was nothing to suggest that it would be an easy race for him, especially considering that his teammate, Sergio Pérez, had secured pole position with the same car.

As soon as the green lights came on, the engines roared and the cars accelerated on the asphalt. Pérez, already baptized by some as "the pole collector", drove away quickly, closely followed by Fernando Alonso, who started from second position. Much further back, Verstappen also stepped on the accelerator ready to make a charge for victory – for many fans of the Dutchman, it seemed an impossible task.

The Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers counted on the absolute commitment of their team, which also enabled each of them to design their own race strategy. Verstappen's RB19 took to the track on hard tires, while Pérez's car was on medium tires, which are faster but less durable. The Mexican was ready to defend his first position at all costs, while his teammate was only thinking about

Max Verstappen at the wheel of the (1) Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 at the 2023 Miami GP.

FINAL CLASSIFICATION

1. **Max Verstappen** – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
2. **Sergio Pérez** – Red Bull-Honda RBPT
3. **Fernando Alonso** – Aston Martin A.M.
4. **George Russell** – Mercedes
5. **Carlos Sainz Jr.** – Ferrari
6. **Lewis Hamilton** – Mercedes
7. **Charles Leclerc** – Ferrari
8. **Pierre Gasly** – Alpine-Renault
9. **Esteban Ocon** – Alpine-Renault
10. **Kevin Magnussen** – Haas-Ferrari
11. **Yuki Tsunoda** – AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT
12. **Lance Stroll** – Aston Martin A.M.
13. **Valtteri Bottas** – Alfa Romeo-Ferrari
14. **Alexander Albon** – Williams-Mercedes
15. **Nico Hülkenberg** – Haas-Ferrari Mercedes
16. **Zhou Guanyu** – Alfa Romeo-Ferrari
17. **Lando Norris** – McLaren-Mercedes
18. **Nyck de Vries** – AlphaTauri-Honda RBPT
19. **Oscar Piastri** – McLaren-Mercedes
20. **Logan Sargeant** – Williams-Mercedes



Max Verstappen makes a pit stop during the Miami GP.

progressing on the track as fast as possible in search of a place on the podium. With his usual cold-blooded approach, the Dutchman began his spectacular climb through the field, methodically overtaking each car with precise and calculated moves.

Fighting for the win again

Verstappen's progression was impossible for his rivals to stop. The champion advanced as if he were competing alone in another category. The drivers in the leading group maintained their positions during the first laps, with an authoritative Sergio Pérez immediately imposing the pace that suited him best to enable him to extend his lead over Fernando Alonso and Carlos Sainz Jr. On each lap he seemed to further consolidate his position as the undisputed leader of the race.

To everyone's surprise, including that of the Oracle Red Bull Racing team itself, as the race progressed the gap between Pérez and Verstappen became smaller and smaller. And on lap 20 we witnessed what had seemed unthinkable at the start: Verstappen took his car up to second position. When the Mexican driver was forced to make a brief pit stop to mount hard tires, the duel between the two RB19s took center stage.

On lap 45, Verstappen pitted to change his tires. Checo Pérez effortlessly regained the lead of the race, with the determined intention of keeping it until the end. However, his teammate rejoined the circuit ready to do anything to stop him.

A hard-fought win

With only 10 laps to go in the Grand Prix, the race had already turned into a duel between the two teammates. With fresher tires and higher speed, Verstappen closed in on Pérez.

With a masterful performance, Verstappen came from ninth position to win, followed by teammate Sergio Pérez. It was another brilliant one-two for the Oracle Red Bull Racing team.

On lap 47, Max took advantage of the DRS on the main straight to attack his teammate. With a clean and forceful maneuver, the Dutchman took the lead of the race, with Pérez unable to do anything to resist the move. The cheers of Verstappen's numerous supporters resounded throughout the city of Miami.

With no rivals ahead, Verstappen continued to consolidate his position. It was time to control the race. Far from worrying about keeping his immediate pursuers at bay, he focused on extending his lead lap after lap. The two-time world champion stayed focused and, without making the slightest mistake, triumphantly crossed the finish line. It was his third victory of the season, which helped him



The two Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19s lined up on the starting line with an elegant livery that combined the colors pink, blue, and purple. The design, inspired by the city of Miami, was the work of Argentine artist Martina Adriano, who had been given the opportunity to customize the car thanks to the Make Your Mark campaign.

Two strategies, one winner



Oracle Red Bull Racing team race winner Max Verstappen (right) and runner-up Sergio Pérez (left) celebrate in *parc fermé* at the conclusion of the 2023 Miami Grand Prix.

The 2023 Miami Grand Prix reaffirmed the rivalry between the two Oracle Red Bull Racing drivers. Both drivers drove an impeccable race, but it was the Dutchman who took the victory, while Pérez, who started from pole position, had to settle for second place. All this was the result of the strategy that each of them chose for the race. Verstappen opted for a risky start with hard tires, while Pérez chose the faster but less durable medium tires.

"When I saw how strong Max was coming, I thought, 'This doesn't look too good,'" confessed the Mexican. "I certainly didn't have Max's pace and it's something we're going to analyze to see how we can do better." Team boss Christian Horner was full of praise for his two drivers once the race was over. "They both raced hard and they both raced clean, which is what we asked of them," he stressed. "Max opted for a risky strategy and made it work."

strengthen his position as leader in the Drivers' Championship. Checo Pérez had to settle for second place, although his brilliant performance allowed him to stay in the fight for the title.

Behind the unbeatable RB19, Fernando Alonso took another podium for Aston Martin, his fourth in five races. Although he never had the pace to challenge the Red Bulls, the Spaniard was able to remain in the fight and showed why he is one of the best drivers on the grid. The fight in the midfield proved equally exciting, with Mercedes and Ferrari locked in their own duel. George Russell took a creditable fourth place, followed by Carlos Sainz Jr. and Lewis Hamilton, who battled each other for most of the race. Leclerc could only finish seventh, showing once again that his Ferrari was not yet at the level of the powerful RB19.

BUILD THE

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MAX VERSTAPPEN

HEADREST

In this issue, you will receive both parts of the headrest for the Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19.

PIECES IN THIS ISSUE



8A Head restraint
8B Center pad

STEP 8–1

Fit the center pad **8B** into the two holes at the rear of the head restraint **8A**.



FINAL RESULT



This is what the parts that have been assembled at this stage of the assembly look like.

Review of assembled sections

Here are the sections of your Oracle Red Bull Racing RB19 scale model that you have assembled in previous issues.



Front wing



Wheel



Front left suspension and survival cell assembly

USEFUL TIPS FOR PRESERVING PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES

1. **Storage of assemblies and parts**
   To store loose parts that have not yet been assembled, or to preserve the integrity of small assemblies, use organizer boxes with compartments or plastic or cardboard containers with lids. You can also use boxes with adjustable compartments that allow you to adapt them according to the size of the parts.

2. **Labelling and notes**
   Use labels or sticky notes to identify parts and assemblies. This will save you time looking for specific items and avoid losing essential parts.

3. **Assembly instructions**
   Keep assembly instructions in the same place as the parts for quick reference when needed.

By following these tips, you'll be able to keep everything well organized!