
THE DRIVERS

SIX TOP MOTORSPORT DRIVERS WILL BE LINING UP ON THE GRID FOR THE IWC RACING TEAM IN A SERIES OF CLASSIC CAR RACES.

DAVID COULTHARD

The unforgettable David “DC” Coulthard was born on 27 March 1971, in Twynholm, Scotland. Between 1994 and 2008, he took part in no fewer than 246 Grand Prix events in motor racing’s premier competition and won 13 of them. His greatest success in Formula 1 was the 2001 season, when he finished runner-up to Michael Schumacher in the drivers’ championship. After the 2008 Brazilian Grand Prix, Coulthard retired from Formula 1. From 2010 to 2012, he also drove for Mercedes and was Maro Engel’s teammate in the German Touring Car Championship (DTM). The DTM AMG Mercedes C-Class Coupé he was given to drive was his first Mercedes DTM model from the current range and he promptly finished fifth at the Norisring in Nuremberg. Since 2016, David Coulthard has been a Formula 1 TV pundit for the UK’s Channel 4.

LEWIS HAMILTON

Lewis Hamilton, born on 7 January 1985 in Twyn, England, is regarded by many to be the best Formula 1 pilot of our times. Since 2007, he has treated the international racing community to a demonstration of his formidable talent. Last year, he won his fourth World Championship title. The British Formula 1 pilot has been driving for Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport since 2013 and seems set to pose another major headache for the competition in the year ahead. His interests are by no means restricted to motor racing, and range from music to fashion. It could well be that his cosmopolitanism and versatility are the key to his success. Hamilton’s father Anthony named him after one of the greats in US athletics, Carl Lewis. In this context, it would be no exaggeration to say that in sporting terms Lewis has already drawn level with Carl Lewis. Proof of this are no fewer than 72 pole positions – a record in the sport. Hamilton has started a total of 117 times from the first row,

another record in Formula 1. It is highly likely that this exceptional talent will add more victories to the total of 62 Grand Prix race wins he has collected so far.

VALTTERI BOTTAS

Born in Nastola, Finland, on 28 August 1989, Valtteri Bottas has been competing in Formula 1 since 2013. Since 2017, he has been racing for Mercedes-AMG Petronas Motorsport and is Lewis Hamilton’s teammate. In his first season with the Mercedes stable, he won the constructors’ championship with the team, stood on the podium 13 times in a total of 20 races, and secured third place in the championship rankings. Last year saw him take the checkered flag three times, one of which was the season’s final race at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix. Before moving up to motor racing’s premier competition, he won the Masters of Formula 3 in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, he won the GP3 Series. Like so many other Formula 1 drivers, Bottas started out in karting. At the tender age of just six years, young Valtteri did his laps on the karting tracks of his Finnish homeland.

JOCHEN MASS

Jochen Mass was born in Dorfen, Germany, on 30 September 1946. He is probably the only professional seaman who ended up becoming a Formula 1 driver. He embarked on his motor racing career in the late 1960s in the German Automobil Rundstrecken Championship. In 1971, he won it driving a Ford Capri. He made his debut in motorsport’s premier competition at the Silverstone British Grand Prix in 1973, where he was forced to retire following a mass pile-up on the very first lap. But things finally came together on April 27, 1975. He triumphed at the Spanish Grand Prix – much feared for being so dangerous – on the Montjuïc

circuit in Barcelona. All in all, Jochen Mass took part in 105 Formula 1 races and collected 71 championship points. In the 1980s, motor racing's indefatigable old hand was still competing in various types of events in, among other cars, a Sauber-Mercedes. In 1989, he won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in a Sauber Mercedes C9. Throughout the course of his career, Mass drove the legendary Mille Miglia no fewer than 27 times with Mercedes.

MARO ENGEL

Born in Munich on 27 August 1985, Maro Engel had his first race in the 2008 German Touring Car Championship (DTM) at the Hockenheimring. For all that, his motorsport roots are still firmly in Formula racing. After the German Formula BMW, where he started at the age of 16, he competed in the German and British Formula 3 Championships. Following that, Engel spent four years with Mercedes-AMG in the DTM and has had a successful career in GT3 since 2012. His triumphs include, among others, the 2016 24 Hours at the Nürburgring, the 12-hour race at Bathurst in 2014 and two victories in the Macau Grand Prix (2014 and 2015). He has been an important member of the Mercedes-AMG Motorsport DTM team since 2017 and continues to race with the Mercedes-AMG GT3, appearing for the start of the US program at the 24-hour race in Daytona. In addition to his involvement in the FIA Formula E Championship, he has been an official AMG brand ambassador since 2016.

CARMEN JORDÁ

The Spanish driver was born in Alcoi on 28 May 1988, and embarked on her motor racing career in karting at the tender age of ten. Her debut in Formula racing came in 2005 with Formula Sport Junior. After competing in the European F3 Open and the Le Mans Series, Carmen Jordá decided to move on to the US developmental series, the Indy Lights. For the 2012 season, she was given a car with Ocean Racing Technology as part of the GP3 Series. She is currently the only woman who has competed in three GP3 Series seasons. In 2015, Jordá became a development driver with the then Lotus F1 team. She retained this position in 2016 with the team that succeeded Lotus, Renault Sport F1. In December 2017, she was appointed to the FIA Women in Motorsport Commission.

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With a clear focus on technology and development, the Swiss watch manufacturer IWC Schaffhausen has been producing timepieces of lasting value since 1868. The company has gained an international reputation based on a passion for innovative solutions and technical ingenuity. One of the world's leading brands in the luxury watch segment, IWC crafts masterpieces of Haute Horlogerie at their finest, combining supreme precision with exclusive design. As an ecologically and socially responsible company, IWC is committed to sustainable production, supports institutions around the globe in their work with children and young people, and maintains partnerships with organisations dedicated to environmental protection.

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