

# Formula One season kicks off

The season-opening Formula One race left race fans on the edge of their seats until the very last lap.



Four months late, the F1 season is finally underway. What the opening race told us is that, despite the pecking order, bad luck and reliability issues can happen. Looking at the teams, Mercedes and Red Bull Racing occupy the top tier, Ferrari has been demoted to the second tier, shared with McLaren, Renault, Alpha Tauri and Racing Point, while Alfa Romeo shares the lowest tier with Haas and Williams.

Nick van der Meulen reports on the [season-opening Austrian Grand Prix](#).

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