Sky Sports announces record-breaking F1® coverage

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Sky Sports F1® will be the only place to watch live coverage of the F1® season opener as Lewis Hamilton begins his quest for a fourth World Championship at the 2016 FORMULA 1 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX .

As part of a record-breaking year of F1® with more races than ever before, Sky Sports F1® will be the only place to watch all 21 races live. The Sky Sports F1® schedule offers 11 of those races exclusively live including Monaco, Canada and three of the first four races.

Sky Sports F1® viewers can enjoy exclusively live coverage from Melbourne on 20 March as Lewis Hamilton begins his bid to become the first ever British driver to win four world titles. This season also sees the return of Hockenheim in Germany, the only place to watch the race live on 31 July will be on Sky Sports F1®.

Sky Sports Head of F1®, Martin Turner, said: “This season offers everything. More races, more stories and more drama and only on Sky Sports F1® can viewers enjoy the complete story live. All eyes will again be on Lewis Hamilton while Mercedes and Ferrari will go head to head for the Constructors title. Our award-winning coverage will be there from the opening grid to the final chequered flag on our dedicated F1® channel and across our digital platforms.”

Commentary this season will come from Martin Brundle and David Croft, with expert analysis by Damon Hill, Anthony Davidson and Johnny Herbert. Presenter Simon Lazenby will be fronting the coverage alongside reporter Ted Kravitz. There will be a host of programming, features and archive footage throughout the year.

In addition to watching every session of qualifying, practice and race in the 2016 FIA Formula One World Championship™, viewers can enjoy live coverage of F1® feeder series GP2™ and GP3™. Race weekends will be supported by weekly episodes of the F1® Show and rolling coverage on Sky Sports News HQ, and across digital and social platforms skysports.com/formula1 and @skysportsf1.

Viewers can watch live on TV with Dolby 5.1 surround sound, via Sky Go or using Race Control accessed via the red button, or the Sky Sports App for iPad. Non-subscribers can also follow the 2016 FIA Formula One World Championship™ without a contract through online TV streaming service NOW TV by purchasing a Sky Sports Day Pass for £6.99 or Sky Sports Week Pass for £10.99.

2016 FIA Formula One World Championship™ Sky Sports F1® schedule in full:

1 20 March Australia Exclusively live

2 3 April Bahrain Live

3 17 April China Exclusively live

4 1 May Russia Exclusively live

5 15 May Spain Live

6 29 May Monaco Exclusively live

7 12 June Canada Exclusively live

8 19 June Azerbaijan Live

9 3 July Austria Exclusively live

10 10 July Great Britain Live

11 24 July Hungary Live

12 31 July Germany Exclusively live

13 28 August Belgium Live

14 4 September Italy Live

15 18 September Singapore Exclusively live

16 2 October Malaysia Live

17 9 October Japan Exclusively live

18 23 October USA Exclusively live

19 30 October Mexico Live

20 13 November Brazil Exclusively live

21 27 November Abu Dhabi Live

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