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Sport Austrian Grand Prix

# Russell wins as Verstappen

Molly Hudson

Motor Racing Reporter, Spielberg



George Russell predicted he would spend the Austrian Grand Prix with his popcorn, watching Lando Norris and Max Verstappen battle for victory and hoping they would inadvertently gift him the win. Little did he know quite how literal that statement would prove to be.

"I saw on the TV [big screen, while driving] that Max and Lando were racing hard and I knew Lando would want to get that race win," Russell said, after claiming his second career victory. "You've got to be there at the end and that is what we were. It was a possibility; you are always dreaming."

It was not only the dreams of a race win for Verstappen and Norris that were left in tatters by the end, so too was their friendship — and their rear wheels. When Norris won his first race at the 110th attempt, in Miami last month, it was Verstappen he chose to party with into the small hours. The fiercest of rivals on track, close friends off it. Their battles in recent races have been close, but fair.

Then Verstappen had a slow, 6.5-second pitstop, and suddenly the seven-second gap he had worked so hard to accumulate had vanished. Three seconds became two, then one as he pushed too hard on his tyres, which were a scrubbed set rather than brand new — struggling for grip and locking up.

A period of ten laps of wheel-to-wheel racing followed. Each time Norris attempted to pass he felt Verstappen was moving under braking, unfairly blocking him. Verstappen's radio messages sounded increasingly irate.

Such was the desire of Norris to get past that he ran off track in his attempts to do so. Such profligacy eventually earned him a five-second penalty for exceeding track limits too many times.

If Verstappen could have stayed on the track, he would almost certainly have won. But, on lap 64, the inevitable happened, as tempers flared. Norris made another move into turn 3, their rear wheels colliding as Verstappen

nudged him. Both suddenly lost control of their cars, and were left with tyres punctured, limping to the pits.

Russell drove past them both, wondering if he could quite believe his luck. Toto Wolff, the Mercedes team principal, came on the radio, probably as much in shock as anyone, to tell his driver: "You can win this thing!" He later said: "This is the single dumbest thing I've done in 20 years at Mercedes. I will be forever ashamed of this."

In his excitement he had broken the cardinal rule of not communicating with a driver while they are in a braking zone and could have caused him to crash. He can be somewhat forgiven for his excitement, given Mercedes had not won a race since the Brazilian Grand Prix in 2022 (36 races ago).

Verstappen reached the pits but dropped to fifth and received a ten-second penalty for causing a collision, while Norris had more significant damage and was forced to retire.

"I expect a tough battle against Max," Norris, 24, said. "I expect aggression and pushing the limits. But, all three times, he's doing stuff which can easily cause an incident and, in a way, just a bit reckless. It seemed like a little bit desperate from his side, which he doesn't need to be. He's got plenty of wins."

Norris fears the damage he picked up from the incident will affect him for his home race at Silverstone next weekend, given the short turnaround and the limited number of components available. He said he will "lose a lot of respect" for Verstappen if he does not accept responsibility for the incident.

The world champion felt that Norris was "dive-bombing" — making late moves on the approach to corners — and denied moving under braking. Verstappen's main concern was the execution from his Red Bull team. "Today has been awful, everything has been wrong. I'm complaining about the tyres, we didn't pit, I was stuck in traffic, bad, bad execution with the pitstops, so everything just went wrong," he said. Norris's retirement meant Verstappen extended his championship lead to 81 points.

Andrea Stella, the McLaren team principal, felt Verstappen's aggressive defence was symptomatic of his driving style from the tussles he had with Lewis Hamilton that often crossed the line in the battle for the 2021 drivers' title.

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# wrecks Norris friendship



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## 'Reckless' Max takes out Lando

After a slow pitstop, Max Verstappen found himself under pressure from Lando Norris. The Red Bull driver pushed too hard on new tyres and struggled for grip, with Norris's McLaren faster.

On lap 64, above, Verstappen tried to shut out another Norris pass. The pair collided, lost control of their cars and punctured tyres, right. Norris was forced to retire because of more extensive damage to the rear of his car. Verstappen was given a ten-second penalty for causing a collision.

That left George Russell to take advantage, celebrating in style, left, and embracing his "ashamed" Mercedes boss Toto Wolff, inset, who got overexcited on the team radio



### How they finished

	Driver	Time
1	G Russell Mercedes	1hr 24min 22.798sec
2	O Piastri McLaren	+1.906
3	C Sainz Ferrari	+4.533
4	L Hamilton Mercedes	+23.142
5	M Verstappen Red Bull	+37.253
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12	E Ocon Alpine	+1:08.325
13	L Stroll Aston Martin	+1 lap
14	Y Tsunoda RB	+1 lap
15	A Albon Williams	+1 lap
16	V Bottas Kick Sauber	+1 lap
17	Zhou Guanyu Kick Sauber	+1 lap
18	F Alonso Aston Martin	+1 lap
19	L Sargeant Williams	+2 laps
20	L Norris McLaren	DNF

### Overall standings

Driver	Points
M Verstappen Red Bull	237pts
L Norris McLaren	156
C Leclerc Ferrari	150
C Sainz Ferrari	135
S Pérez Red Bull	118
O Piastri McLaren	112
G Russell Mercedes	111
L Hamilton Mercedes	85
F Alonso Aston Martin	41
Y Tsunoda RB	19

### Fastest lap

F Alonso 1:07.694

### Constructors

Constructor	Points
Red Bull	355pts
Ferrari	291
McLaren	268
Mercedes	196
Aston Martin	58
RB	30
Haas	19
Alpine	9
Williams	2
Kick Sauber	0

knows who was responsible except for a group of [Red Bull] people," Stella said. "If you don't address these things, honestly, they will come back. They weren't addressed properly in the past when there were fights with Lewis that needed to be punished in a harsher way."

For much of the afternoon it was all going to plan for Verstappen. It is now a familiar sight: the 26-year-old claims pole, and he rarely makes an error with a clear run to turn 1. Those behind had a closer battle, Norris was forced to defend from Russell, and Hamilton passed Carlos Sainz, although later had to give the place back, having left the track and gained an advantage.

Verstappen claimed a superb pole position, 0.040secs clear of Norris despite this circuit having the fastest lap time on the calendar. He was expected to win comfortably.

Cloud cover meant the hard tyre, which Red Bull had saved for the race, was less effective than the medium, which McLaren had more of, and con-

tributed to the late pace offset between the pair.

Choosing when to pit was crucial. Hamilton, who finished fourth, was the first of the leading group to pit, on lap 22, but battled oversteer on the entry into the pitlane and could not avoid crossing the white line, earning himself a five-second penalty. Some encouragement was required from Wolff, who reminded his driver there was still everything to play for despite the error.

Sergio Pérez, Verstappen's teammate, had another difficult race, finishing seventh after damaging his sidepod in an opening-lap collision with Oscar Piastri. That Verstappen could crash, get a puncture and still finish ahead of him shows the width of the chasm between the two Red Bull drivers.

Russell became the only driver in the top ten to opt for a second stint on the medium tyre but, as he had predicted after qualifying, Norris and Verstappen were in a race for the victory while the rest competed for third. Or so he, and we, had thought.



## The Daily Telegraph

# Norris: Stupid Verstappen has ruined race and destroyed car

By Philip Duncan in Spielberg

Lando Norris demanded an apology from a “reckless, stupid and desperate” Max Verstappen following their dramatic collision in the closing stages of yesterday’s Austrian Grand Prix.

George Russell took advantage of the coming together to claim just his second career victory and Mercedes’ first in nearly two years.

But the race here at Spielberg’s Red Bull Ring will be remembered for Norris’s electrifying duel with Verstappen, which ended with the British driver out of the race and Verstappen’s driving – blasted as “dangerous” by his rival – back in the spotlight.

Prior to yesterday’s 71-lap race here in Spielberg, Norris might have considered Verstappen his closest ally among the grid’s 20 drivers. But when asked if their friendship might now be affected, a forthright Norris replied: “It depends what he says. If he says he did nothing wrong, then I will lose a lot of respect for that.

“If he admits to being a bit stupid, running into me, and just being a bit reckless, then I will have a small amount of respect for it.

“I expected tough, fair, respectful on-the-edge racing, and I don’t feel like that is what I got. It seemed a little bit desperate from his side.”

Verstappen converted his pole into victory in Saturday’s sprint,



and, after blasting away from the front of the grid for the main event, his eighth victory from the 11 rounds so far looked inevitable.

But a procession race came alive on the 51st lap following a botched pit-stop by Red Bull. They were slow to bolt on Verstappen’s left-rear tyre, allowing Norris to take 4.5 seconds out of the world champion’s seven-second lead.

There was further drama for a rattled Verstappen as he ran wide at Turn 4 on his out-lap. Norris was now less than one second behind his rival and within DRS range.

On lap 55, Norris made his first bid for the lead at Turn 3, but Verstappen put his Red Bull on the apex to stay ahead. “He reacted to my move and you are not allowed to do that,” protested Norris.

Three laps later Norris was at it again. He launched his McLaren down the inside of Verstappen at the third bend but he carried too much speed, and the Red Bull man swooped back ahead.

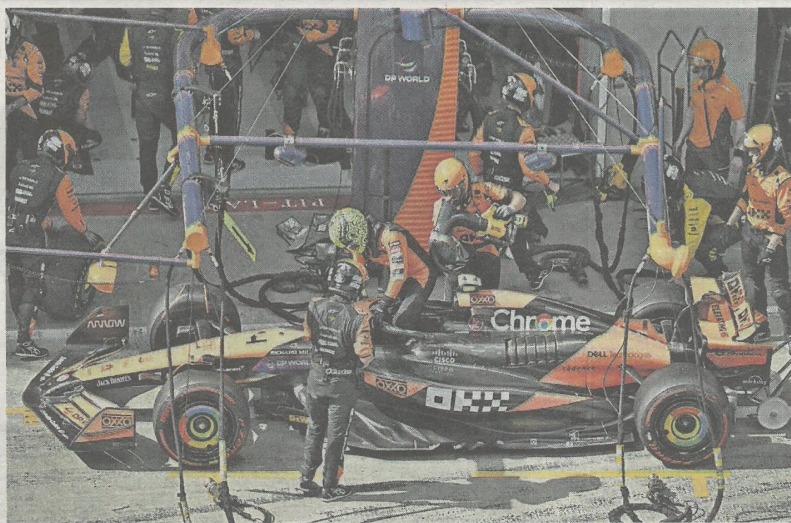
Norris was on the radio, taking aim at Verstappen’s tactics.

“He cannot keep moving after I move,” said the Englishman. “It is just dangerous. We will have a big shunt.”

With eight laps to run, an increasingly frustrated Norris tried for a third time.

Defending his position, Verstappen ran off the road at the third corner, and he rejoined the asphalt with his lead still intact.

“He has to give the position back,” said Norris, who was now on the rag-



Fuming: Lando Norris gets out of his car after his crash with Max Verstappen; (below) George Russell celebrates his win

### Result and standings

<b>1</b>	<b>George Russell</b> (GB) Mercedes 1h 24m 22.798s	<b>11</b>	<b>C Leclerc</b> (Monaco) Ferrari -1:07.056,
<b>2</b>	<b>Oscar Piastri</b> (Australia) McLaren +1.906	<b>12</b>	<b>E Ocon</b> (France) Alpine -1:08.325, <b>13</b> <b>L Stroll</b> (Canada) Aston Martin at 1 lap, <b>14</b> <b>Y Tsumoda</b> (Japan) RB at 1 lap, <b>15</b> <b>A Albon</b> (Thailand)
<b>3</b>	<b>Carlos Sainz Jr.</b> (Spain) Ferrari +4.533	<b>3</b>	<b>Charles Leclerc</b> (Monaco) -1:50
<b>4</b>	<b>Lewis Hamilton</b> (GB) Mercedes .....+23.142	<b>19</b>	<b>L Sargeant</b> (US) Williams at 2 laps
<b>5</b>	<b>Max Verstappen</b> (Netherlands) Red Bull .....-37.253	<b>Not classified</b> <b>20</b> <b>L Norris</b> (GB) McLaren	
<b>6</b>	<b>Nico Hulkenberg</b> (Germany) Haas .....+54.088	<b>Fastest lap</b> <b>Fernando Alonso</b> 1:07.694 (70)	
<b>7</b>	<b>Sergio Perez</b> (Mexico) Red Bull .....+54.672	<b>Pole</b> <b>Max Verstappen</b> 1:04.314	
<b>8</b>	<b>Kevin Magnussen</b> (Denmark) Haas .....-1:00.355	<b>Driver standings</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Daniel Ricciardo</b> (Australia) RB .....-1:01.169	<b>1</b> <b>Max Verstappen</b> (Netherlands) .....237	
<b>10</b>	<b>Pierre Gasly</b> (France) Alpine .....-1:01.766	<b>2</b> <b>Lando Norris</b> (GB) .....156	
		<b>3</b> <b>Charles Leclerc</b> (Monaco) .....150	
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		<b>8</b> <b>Lewis Hamilton</b> (GB) .....85	
		<b>Constructor 1</b> <b>Red Bull Racing</b> 355, <b>2</b> <b>Ferrari</b> 291,	
		<b>3</b> <b>McLaren</b> 266, <b>4</b> <b>Mercedes</b> 196, <b>5</b> <b>Aston Martin</b>	
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ged edge, and about to be handed a five-second penalty for repeatedly exceeding track limits.

Verstappen hit back over the radio. “He forced me off,” said the Dutchman. “He just dovebombed me again. That is not how you overtake.”

On the next lap, the inevitable happened as the two drivers collided. Again, at Turn 3, Norris moved to Verstappen’s outside, but

the Red Bull driver jinked slightly to his left and banged rear wheels with the McLaren.

Verstappen suffered a left-rear puncture and Norris’s tyre was also shredded. The two limped back to the pits for repairs and Russell charged into the lead. Verstappen emerged in fifth but Norris’s race was over.

The four-man panel – including former British driver Johnny Her-

bert – took a dim view of Verstappen’s driving, hitting him with a 10-second sanction and two points on his licence.

“I expect a tough battle against Max,” said Norris. “He has always been like that, but there are times when he goes a little bit too far. It is only one incident, but I am disappointed. He ruined my race and he destroyed my car.”

Verstappen, who had multiple collisions with Lewis Hamilton during their 2021 championship battle, described his punishment as “ridiculous” over the radio.

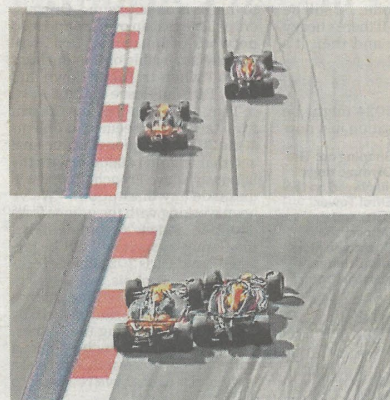
He was then asked if it will be difficult to move past his collision with Norris.

“It should not be,” said Verstappen, who was able to extend his championship lead over Norris from 71 points to 81 ahead of the British driver’s home round at Silverstone.

“We are racing drivers and we don’t want to crash. When you are fighting for the lead you have tough battles. I am annoyed and he is annoyed and that is fair.

“We will speak but now is not the right moment. It is better to cool down. I cannot comment on how that will evolve.”

### Verstappen v Norris crash What happened and who was to blame?



#### Verstappen lead disintegrates

Having dominated the first two thirds of the race, a long middle stint for Max Verstappen allowed Lando Norris to trim his 8sec lead to just over 6sec as the pair pitted for a second time on the same lap.

A slow stop at the end of lap 52 significantly increased the pressure on the Red Bull driver, whose advantage was almost wiped out by a delay in the removal of the left-rear tyre. Norris, following

into the pits behind in his McLaren, came out of the pit lane around 50 metres adrift and just two seconds back. With his car on new mediums and in a slipstream, he was able to get into Verstappen’s DRS range and pepper him with attacks.

#### Lap 55-63 – Norris makes his moves

On lap 55, Norris was left annoyed, saying Verstappen moved as he made the first of

several attempts to overtake on Turn 3. By lap 57, there was sign of pressure on Verstappen’s radio as he complained about a lap of grip there. “Like there’s something wrong with the car, man,” he said.

With 12 laps remaining, Norris again made his move on the Turn 3 hairpin and this time took the lead, but he claimed the line by running wide over the run-off so quickly handed the place back. That moment was

also Norris’s fourth track-limits breach of the race, which put him at risk of a 5sec time penalty. The next time they got alongside each other it was Verstappen who stayed ahead by running wide, to Norris’s annoyance.

#### Lap 64 – they finally come to blows

After repeated battles on Turn 3, this time there was contact on their approach to the hairpin.

Tom Morgan



Track scrap: Lando Norris drives through the pit lane with a burst tyre after duelling with Max Verstappen (left)



# MAX WAS RECKLESS, STUPID AND DESPERATE

## Furious Norris lays blame on best mate Verstappen after costly smash

It was coming, a gathering inevitability about it. Max Verstappen's sharp elbows out, Lando Norris determined to make the pass. Bang. Their races over. A friendship in the freezer.

And when it was over the two men circled each other in the press pen, as far apart as they had been close vying for the lead at Turn 3, lap 64, of the Austrian Grand Prix, a mess that handed George Russell a fortunate victory.



**JONATHAN McEVOY**  
in Spielberg

Verstappen couldn't hear Norris saying it to the media but the message was this: he wants an apology from a 'stupid... reckless... desperate' Max.

That's what it meant to be best mates last night, or at least closest chums in the paddock. Such a close relationship can never survive the Venus heat at the sharp end of Formula One.

Asked about the smash's bearing on future warmth, Norris said: 'I don't know. It depends on what he says. If he says he did nothing wrong, then I'll lose a lot of respect for him.'

'If he admits to being a bit stupid and running into me and just being a bit reckless, then I'll have a small amount of respect for that.'

'I expect a tough battle against Max. I expect aggression and pushing the limits and that kind of thing, but all three times we got close doing stuff which can easily cause an incident.'

'It's a bit reckless, a little bit desperate from his side. It doesn't need to be. I respect what he does but sometimes he goes too far.'

Often the two of them take a private jet from races together, though that was not the case on leaving here. They game together. They laugh together. But until recently, Verstappen has been so far up the road that they have not diced together.

Nor was they yesterday until lap 51 transformed a race Verstappen was suffocating. He came in for his second change of tyres with a seven-second lead. Norris followed him in.

Unusually for Red Bull, the stop

was less than clockwork. The left rear nut was sticky and the wheel gun had to be reapplied. This took 6.5 seconds. Norris was reshod and going again in a brisk 2.1sec. Suddenly, Norris's deficit to the leader was down to three seconds. Game on.

Then, Verstappen locked up. The gap narrowed further. Norris sensed his chance, moving to within DRS range of his prey.

On lap 55, Norris launched his first bid for the lead. Verstappen flexed his muscles on the apex of Turn 3 to remain in front. Perhaps Norris might instead have set himself up for a move at Turn 4, given that this lap presented perhaps his best chance to strike.

'He reacted to my move and you are not allowed to do that,' complained Norris.

The duel went on. Lap 58, Norris slung his McLaren down the inside, again at Turn 3, but he took too much speed into the corner, and Verstappen retook the

lead at the next turn with the help of DRS.

A further complaint from Norris, saying prophetically: 'He cannot keep moving after I move. It is just dangerous. We will have a big shunt.'

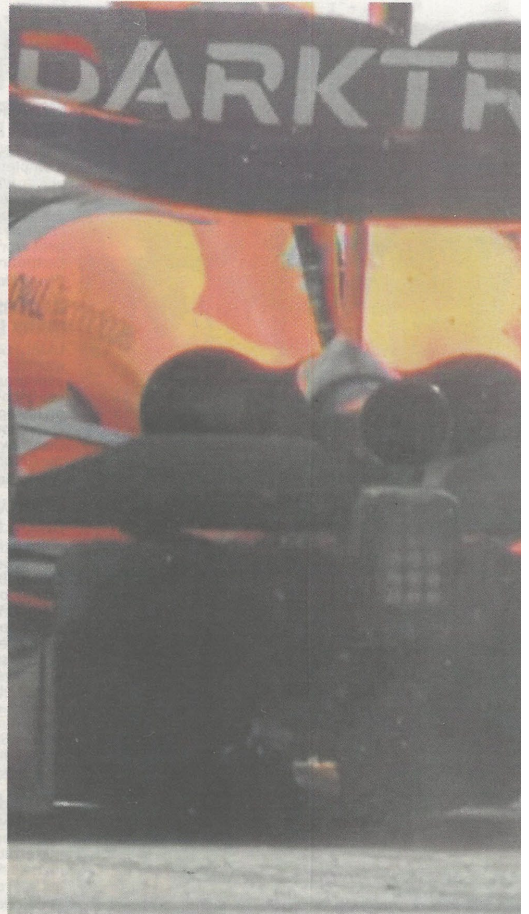
On to lap 63, another Norris attack, his frustration rising. Verstappen ran off the asphalt as he defended, yet he rejoined with his lead intact. 'He has to give the position back,' yelled Norris. 'I was ahead on the apex.'

Verstappen was not taking this lying down. 'He forced me off again,' exclaimed the Dutchman. 'He divebombed me. That is not how you overtake.'

And to the collision. Norris went down the outside. Their rubber thudded. Max's left rear was punctured; Norris's right rear was also finished. Both limped back to the pits, canvases flapping.

Norris retired while Verstappen went back out, finishing fifth despite a 10-second penalty for steering left at the crucial point. It was the correct determination.

Norris, himself handed a five-second penalty for exceeding track limits, said of the incident: 'It's a tough one to take when we're fighting for the win and I'm trying to be fair and he just wasn't. There are rules, and he was doing



things you're not allowed to do and not getting penalised.' Asked if he would clear the air with Max, Norris said pointedly: 'It's not for me to say. It's for him to say.'

Over to Verstappen, who extended his championship lead to 81 points. He believed they can patch things up, but repeated his divebombling claim, adding: 'He just hoped I'd get out of the way.'

All good drama to sell tickets for Silverstone next week. Who's up for a battle of Britain on the old airfield?

### JONATHAN McEVOY in Spielberg

GEORGE RUSSELL told Toto Wolff to 'let me f\*\*\*\*\* drive', fearing he would crash if he kept talking to him.

The Brit capitalised on Max Verstappen and Lando Norris crashing to move up from third and win the Austrian Grand Prix. So excited was Mercedes boss Wolff by the sudden prospect of victory that he blurted out the radio message: 'You can win this, George, you can win this.'

Wolff was able to smile about the gee-up afterwards, which he delivered just as his driver was braking into turn three. 'This is the single dumbest thing I've done in 12 years at Mercedes,' he said.

'I will be forever ashamed because you don't message the drivers when they are braking or in high-speed corners.'

'I didn't look on the GPS. I just saw these two taking each other out and emotionally pressed the button.'

'I could have taken him out with that message. Imagine how that would have felt. I was just carried away with the situation. Embarrassing.' Russell, who claimed his second

RESULTS: AUSTRIA 2.683 miles 71 LAPS		
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<b>6</b>	<b>N Hulkenberg</b> (GER) Haas +54.088s	<b>16</b> <b>V Bottas</b> (FIN) Sauber +1 lap
<b>7</b>	<b>S Perez</b> (MEX) Red Bull +54.672s	<b>17</b> <b>Z Guanyu</b> (CHN) Sauber +1 lap
<b>8</b>	<b>K Magnussen</b> (DEN) Haas +1:00.355s	<b>18</b> <b>F Alonso</b> (SPA) Aston Martin +1 lap
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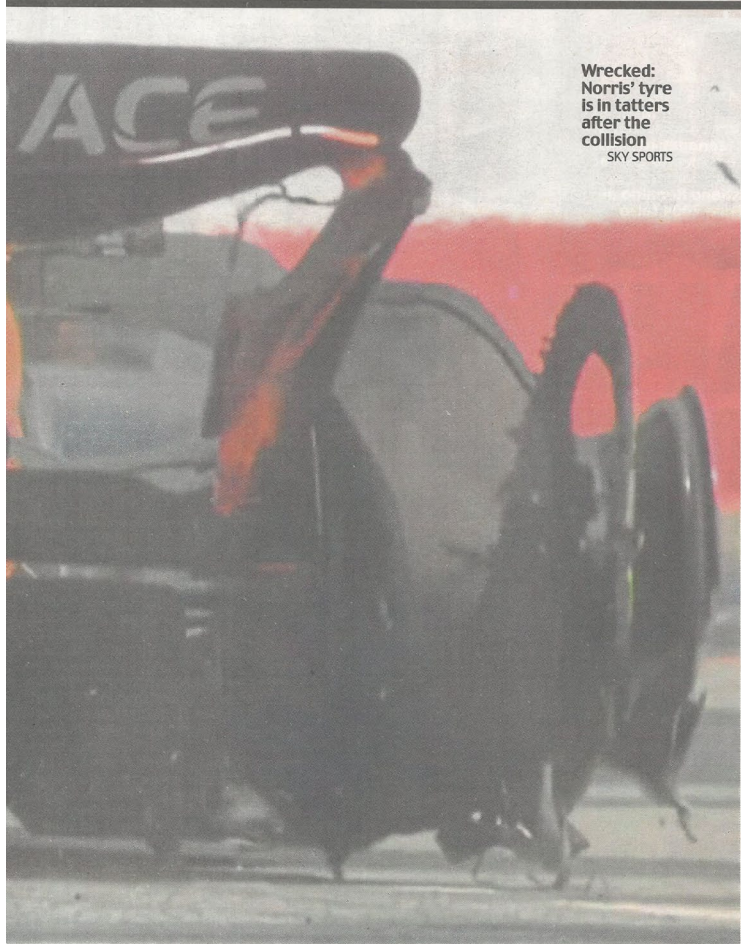
  

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Fastest lap: **Fernando Alonso on lap 70 - 1:07.694s**



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Wrecked:  
Norris' tyre  
is in tatters  
after the  
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SKY SPORTS

### Victorious Russell gives boss an earful over radio call

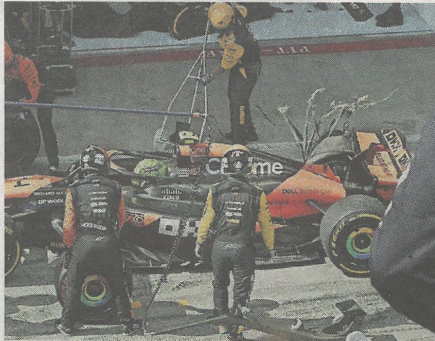
career win, said: 'I almost crashed when I had Toto screaming into my ears, but it just goes to show the passion we all share. 'It's obviously been a tough couple of years for the team. It feels great to be back on the top step.' Russell finished ahead of McLaren's Oscar Piastri and Ferrari's Carlos Sainz, ending Mercedes' barren spell dating back 995 days to the 2022 Brazilian Grand Prix. He promised to return to Monaco to meet up with Spanish girlfriend Carmen Montero Mundt and a friend for a celebration last night. 'I won't go as hard as Lando did (after winning in Miami),' he said. 'If it is 50 per cent as hard as that it will be a pretty massive night.'



Kiss and make up: Wolff and Russell after the victory REUTERS



FORMULA ONE: AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX



**BRAKES ARE ON** Verstappen, below, and Norris, above, in the pits after their collision late on



**SUCKER PUNCH**  
Delighted Russell takes in his victory, and knows just how lucky he has been

# DUEL'S GOLD

By Daniel Moxon

GEORGE RUSSELL just laughed as he watched back the incident that gift-wrapped his second grand prix win.

The Mercedes driver triumphed at the Red Bull Ring, giving his team their first victory since his maiden success in Brazil in 2022.

He could not believe his luck when Lando Norris and Max Verstappen collided – while fighting for the lead – with seven laps of the Austrian Grand Prix remaining.

After several laps of furious fighting, with Norris's McLaren all over the back of the Red Bull, they touched and both cars picked up punctures, forcing them into the pit lane.

Russell had been trundling around in third but was suddenly haring towards the chequered flag.

Shown a relay as he waited for the podium ceremony, the Briton shared a giggle with Oscar Piastri and Carlos Sainz.

He said: "I saw on the TV that Max and Lando were going

## Verstappen and Norris gift laughing Russell a rare win

pretty hard and I knew Lando would want to get that race win.

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# MAD MAX FURY ROAD

**Lando slams 'reckless' Verstappen  
as crash gifts Russell surprise win**



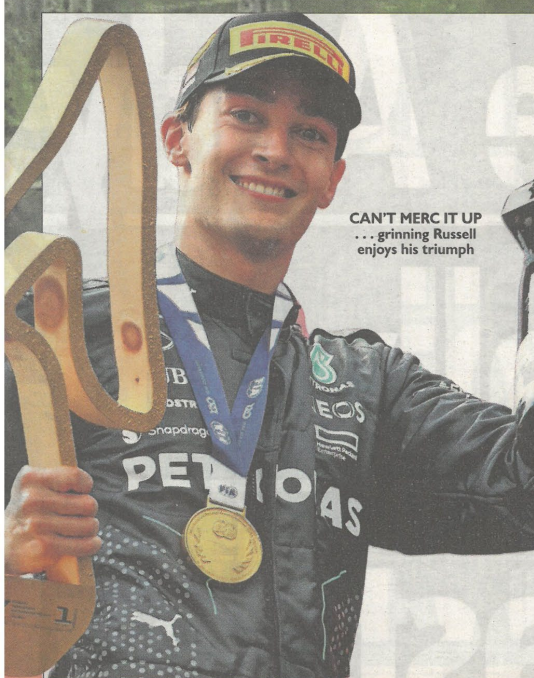
**MAX IMPACT** . . . Verstappen and Norris collide battling for the lead, with the Brit racer forced to retire with damage to his McLaren (inset)







## GRAND PRIX CONTROVERSY



CAN'T MERC IT UP ... grinning Russell enjoys his triumph

**FUMING Lando Norris let rip at "reckless" Max Verstappen over their shocking Austrian Grand Prix shunt which gifted George Russell victory.**

Verstappen's Red Bull and Norris' McLaren suffered punctures in a 64th-lap collision as they fought for the lead.

Norris accused F1's triple world champ of "driving into" him, insisting he "would lose a lot of respect" for his rival if he failed to apologise.

The Brit, 24, also fears his car has so much damage it might not be fixed in time for Sunday's British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Verstappen refused to accept blame for the crash - but McLaren boss Andrea Stella felt the incident was waiting to happen as he blasted F1 chiefs for failing to punish the Dutchman for previous track clashes with Lewis Hamilton.

Norris raged: "There are times when Max goes too far. He was doing stuff that can easily cause an incident and he ruined his race and mine."

"It was reckless, he seemed desperate not to let me past. I expected more from him."

"I looked forward to a fair battle but that wasn't what it was."

From ISABELLE BARKER in Spielberg

It was a mistake-free race from my side.

"My car was destroyed and there are bits we need for next week. It's now what we carry into Silverstone and be disadvantaged by."

The crash led to Norris' race retirement but Verstappen - hit with a ten-second penalty for the collision - finished fifth to extend his lead at the top of the drivers' table to 81 points over the Brit.

Their crunch, with 19 laps to go, allowed Russell to nick an unexpected win - a second GP triumph since his first in Brazil in 2022.

And it was Mercedes' first GP victory in 36 races.

Verstappen, who had been leading the Red Bull Ring race, hit back at stewards over his penalty AND F1 pundits who also blamed him for the shunt.

He declared: "That's just ridiculous. Norris can't just send his car left and right - what do you want me to do?"

"Everyone can have their own opinion from the outside but the guy in the car knows best."

"Of course we don't want to crash with each other but when you're fighting for the lead it happens, which is a shame."

"Lando's so late on the brakes with his dive bombs and the shape of the corner provides these issues."

"I need to look back at why and how we touched but it's just what happens."

"I'll talk to Lando but now is not the moment - and I've had lots of battles in my career."

Verstappen, 26, had looked on course for a third successive win.

But he had an epic 12-lap battle with Norris after they both pitted on lap 52 and the Red Bull mechanics took a whopping 6.5sec

to change the Dutchman's tyres. It led to Verstappen lashing out at his team, blasting: "Today has been awful."

"I'm complaining about the tyres, we didn't pit. I was stuck in traffic, bad execution with the pitstops. Everything went wrong."

Red Bull boss Christian Horner also waded into the war of words with Norris, insisting: "Lando didn't behave correctly."

"The crash was inevitable because of how close they've been racing the last few weeks."

Norris (below) had earlier been hit with a five-second time penalty for exceeding track limits.

But Stella rapped: "The entire population in the world who is responsible for the collision except for [Red Bull]."

"But the problems came back today as they were not addressed properly in the past when Max had fights with Lewis."

"Those needed to be punished in a harsher way then."

"We have so much respect for Red Bull and Max. They don't need to compromise their reputation."

Russell promised not to party as hard as Norris' 24-hour bender after his Miami triumph.

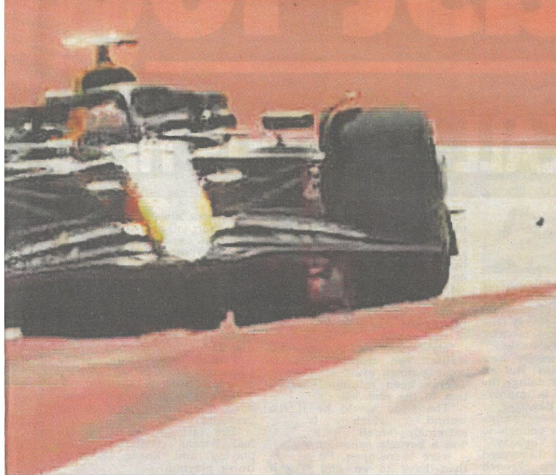
But he almost had a prang when Merc boss Toto Wolff yelled at him over the radio.

Russell said: "I had Toto screaming, 'You can win this' and almost crashed. It was that loud."

"It goes to show the passion we share. It has been a tough couple of years for us, so it feels great to be back on the top step."

"I want to celebrate because you can't take these moments for granted. You need to enjoy them."

"Celebrations won't be as hard as Lando's but if they are 50 per cent, it will be a massive night."



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11	Charles Leclerc (MON)	+67.056s
12	Esteban Ocon (FRA)	+68.325s
13	Lance Stroll (CAN)	+1 lap
14	Yuki Tsunoda (JPN)	+1 lap
15	Alexander Albon (THA)	+1 lap
16	Valtteri Bottas (FIN)	+1 lap
17	Zhou Guanyu (CHI)	+1 lap
18	Fernando Alonso (SPA)	+1 lap
19	Logan Sargeant (USA)	+2 laps
20	Lando Norris (GB)	DNF

#### 2024 DRIVER STANDINGS

1	Max Verstappen	237
2	Lando Norris	156
3	Charles Leclerc	150
4	Carlos Sainz	135
5	Sergio Perez	118
6	Oscar Piastri	112
7	George Russell	111
8	Lewis Hamilton	85
9	Fernando Alonso	41
10	Yuki Tsunoda	19

#### CONSTRUCTORS STANDINGS

1	Red Bull	355
2	Ferrari	291
3	McLaren	268
4	Mercedes	196
5	Aston Martin	58
6	RB	30
7	Haas	19
8	Alpine	9



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▼ George Russell shares his delight with Toto Wolff, the Mercedes principal  
LEONHARD FÖGER/REUTERS



Formula One Austrian Grand Prix

## Russell handed win after Norris and Verstappen clash

Giles Richards  
Red Bull Ring

For a long time great friends, Lando Norris and Max Verstappen found their relationship severely tested in the simmering heat of the Styrian mountains at the Austrian Grand Prix, a reminder of how when the visor comes down winning is all and sometimes that comes at a cost.

The record books will show that this race was won by George Russell in a Mercedes, with Oscar Piastri second for McLaren and Carlos Sainz third for Ferrari. It is Russell's second F1 victory and the first for his team since the 26-year-old from King's Lynn took the flag in Brazil in 2022. Aware of the gift horse adage after a 33-race wait, both Russell and Mercedes relished what was an entirely unexpected victory.

They will be among the few who remember the race for that win, as what mattered in Austria was that Russell inherited the place after an ill-tempered and calamitously costly battle between Norris and Verstappen. Neither driver would give quarter and ultimately neither won, as the natural amphitheatre of the Red Bull Ring echoed to

their aggrieved complaints against one another.

Both asserted that it was they who was in the right in the decisive moments. Norris dismissed Verstappen's driving as dangerous and a fuming Verstappen countered with the claim that Norris was dive-bombing him through the contended corner at turn three.

Their clash, after a titanic fight that had lasted 12 laps, ended with both cars suffering a puncture. Such was the damage Norris had to retire and may yet have a setback for the British Grand Prix, while Verstappen had to pit, emerging in fifth, the win long gone. The stewards adjudged Verstappen had been to blame and gave him a 10-second time penalty for causing a collision, which did not change his position and will be of a decidedly Antarctic degree of comfort to Norris.

After Verstappen opened the season in dominant fashion, the resurgence of McLaren and Norris was welcomed in revitalising what was becoming a one-dimensional world championship. Since Norris won in Miami the competition has come alive as the McLaren driver has repeatedly pushed Verstappen to the limit.

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### Results

1	George Russell GB	25pts
	Mercedes	1hr 24min 22.798sec
2	Oscar Piastri Aus	18pts
	McLaren	+1.906sec
3	Carlos Sainz Jr Sp	15pts
	Ferrari	+4.533sec
4	Lewis Hamilton GB	12pts
	Mercedes	+23.142sec
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#### Also finished

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19	Logan Sargeant US Williams	+2 laps
Not classified		
20	Lando Norris GB McLaren	64 laps

Championship standings  
Drivers: 1 Verstappen 237pts 2 Norris 156  
3 Leclerc 150 4 Sainz Jr 135 5 Pérez 118  
Constructors: 1 Red Bull 355pts 2 Ferrari 291 3 McLaren 268 4 Mercedes 196  
5 Aston Martin 58

Verstappen has not had a challenge such as this since he and Lewis Hamilton went at it hammer and tongs in 2021 and there was a distinct air of that season to the events in Austria. The Dutchman has looked at ease, cruising with relentless precision to wins over the past two years but questions now will inevitably and rightly be asked over whether he is an altogether different beast when put under real pressure and forced to go wheel to wheel.

Hamilton will doubtless have an opinion on that given how familiar he is with how that ruthlessness is demonstrated when push comes to shove.

There was both across key moments that played out so quickly and with such frequency there was barely a moment to catch a breath. One wonders quite how the drivers were processing this series of break-neck engagements and disengagements that put the race on its head, turning what had been a pedestrian jaunt in Spielberg to a juddering rollercoaster.

Red Bull will be left to consider that ultimately they had the win in their hands but for ill-fortune. Verstappen's lead over Norris was just under seven seconds when he pitted on lap 52 of 71 and Norris followed him in. Red Bull, operationally usually exem-

plary, were left looking clumsy, slow on the left-rear tyre change with a sticking wheel nut and as they exited the pit the gap was down to under two seconds.

Worse still, Norris had the advantage on new medium tyres, with Verstappen only having a used set, setting up a tense finale. Norris sensing his chance and entirely unafraid to take it to his friend, duly charged.

He edged at Verstappen on lap 55 as the jousting and accusations began, the British driver aggrieved that Verstappen had moved to defend late into the corner. A moment to breathe was followed on lap 59 as Norris once more braked late into turn three which was to become the colosseum for this face off. He took the lead but in doing so went off track and gave the place back swiftly.

Norris accused Verstappen of dangerous driving in forcing him to go wide as the pair continued nose to tail. Norris tried again four laps later, this time up the inside. Verstappen went wide to maintain the place. The pair threw blame at each other on the radio as they went wheel to wheel again to calamitous effect on lap 64, clashing at turn three as Norris this time looked to go round the outside and Verstappen squeezed him wide.

A racing incident was the assessment of Red Bull and Verstappen, perhaps an exercise in wishful thinking and damage limitation given the stewards, and inevitably McLaren, saw it differently.

That debate will yet rage but by the close Norris was left staring stonily at the monitors in his garage, jaw set firmly and eyes cold as he took in the harsh reality of just quite what a championship fight with Verstappen might entail.



▲ Lando Norris (left) and Max Verstappen collide on lap 64



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## FORMULA ONE

# Norris hits out at 'reckless' Verstappen after collision

By Philip Duncan

Lando Norris has demanded an apology from a "reckless, stupid and desperate" Max Verstappen following their dramatic collision in the closing stages of yesterday's Austrian Grand Prix.

George Russell took advantage of the coming together to claim just his second career victory and Mercedes' first in nearly two years.

But the race here at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg will be remembered for Norris's electrifying duel with Verstappen which ended with the British driver out of the race and Verstappen's driving - blasted as "dangerous" by his rival - back in the spotlight.

Prior to yesterday's 71-lap race here in Spielberg, Norris might have considered Verstappen his closest ally. But when asked if their friendship might now be affected, Norris replied: "It depends what he says. If he says he did nothing wrong, then I will lose a lot of respect for that.

"If he admits to being a bit stupid, running into me, and just being a



George Russell is in good spirits following his victory in Austria

bit reckless, then I will have a small amount of respect for it.

"I expected tough, fair, respectful on-the-edge racing, and I don't feel like that is what I got. It seemed a little bit desperate from his side and it didn't need to be that way."

On lap 55, Norris made his first bid for the lead at Turn 3 but Verstappen put his Red Bull on the apex to stay ahead. "He reacted to my move and you are not allowed to do that," protested Norris.

Three laps later Norris launched his McLaren down the inside of Verstappen at the third bend but he carried too much speed, and the Red Bull man swooped back ahead.

"He cannot keep moving after I move," said the Englishman. "It is just dangerous. We will have a big shunt."

With eight laps to run, Norris tried for a third time. Verstappen ran off the road at the third corner, and he rejoined the asphalt with his lead still intact. Norris was now on the ragged edge, and about to be handed a five-second penalty for repeatedly exceeding track limits.

On the next lap, the inevitable happened as the two drivers collided. Verstappen suffered a left-rear puncture and Norris's tyre was also shredded. The two limped back to the pits for repairs and Russell charged into the lead.



## Pogacar takes yellow jersey

Tadej Pogacar moved into the leader's yellow jersey as Kevin Vauquelin (above) won stage two of the Tour de France from a break-away in Bologna.

Pogacar, a little over a month after his dominant victory in the Giro d'Italia, ignited his bid to double up in the Grand Tours with an attack late on the second ascent of the steep San Luca climb.

Defending champion Jonas Vingegaard was the only man who could initially follow, although Remco Evenepoel battled back on the descent to avoid any time losses to his main rivals.

Primoz Roglic could not do the same, among a group to concede 21 seconds to the new leader, with Carlos Rodriguez, Egan Bernal and Simon Yates among that number.



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# PARTY CRASHER

Russell grabs the bubbly as Max and Lando clash

SPRAY-OK: Russell on podium after huge win



**GEORGE RUSSELL** laughed as he watched back the incident which gift-wrapped his second career Formula One win.

by DANIEL MOXON

The Mercedes driver secured victory at the Red Bull Ring – his team's first since his maiden win in Brazil in 2022.

And he could not believe his luck after Lando Norris and Max Verstappen collided while fighting for the lead with seven laps to go.

After several laps of furious fighting, with Norris' McLaren all over the back of the Red Bull, they touched and both cars picked up punctures to force them both into the pit lane.

Russell had been trundling around in third but suddenly shot towards the chequered flag to take victory.

Shown a replay as he waited for the podium ceremony, he shared a giggle with Oscar Piastri and Carlos Sainz.

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Lewis Hamilton finished fourth ahead of Verstappen, while Nico Hulkenberg rose to sixth as Haas secured an impressive double points finish, with Kevin Magnussen in eighth.



BLOWN IT: Norris limps to the pits in his punctured McLaren and (above left) voices his displeasure with Verstappen

HOW THEY FINISHED

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### Max must keep his cool – or he risks becoming ‘Vercrashen’ 2.0

**Formula 1**  
Molly Hudson Motor Racing Reporter

Of all the wisdom Jos Verstappen imparted to his young son Max as they drove around Europe for karting competitions, he emphasised one quality more than any other: patience.

Verstappen Sr secured two podium finishes in his own 106-race Formula 1 career, but never quite lived up to his potential. In the paddock he was often called “Vercrashen” given his tendency to end up off the track. “My career all helped to make his [Max’s] career what it is,” Jos said in 2019. “You learn the most from the mistakes you make. I

looked in the mirror and I knew what I did wrong or didn’t do right, and I tried to teach him only the good things.”

In recent years Formula 1 has witnessed the calm version of Max Verstappen. His Red Bull car has dominated and he has become a brilliant leader from the front. The three-times world champion is one of the best drivers at tyre management, and, with the help of his race engineer Gianpiero Lambiase, incorrect strategy calls are rare.

There have also been few genuine contenders to Verstappen, 26, in a similarly paced car — until Lando Norris secured his maiden victory in Miami for McLaren in May. Then, on Sunday, Aus-

tria’s Red Bull Ring provided the perfect scenario for a collision that Christian Horner, the Red Bull team principal, described as inevitable. A slow pitstop eroded the seven-second gap Verstappen had built up. With the help of a tyre offset — Norris, 24, was on the slightly quicker medium compound — the McLaren driver was all over the back of Verstappen, fighting for the win. Norris was expecting “aggression and pushing to the limits”. What he got was a collision, ruining both their races. The stewards ruled that Verstappen was “pre-dominantly at fault”. He was adjudged to have moved to the left, towards Norris, before turning into the third corner.

Verstappen’s aggressive style is not new. Lewis Hamilton and Verstappen have had the most memorable of rivalries, culminating in several crashes, including at Monza in 2021. That season there were several similar incidents that did not directly lead to crashes and went unpunished. Andrea Stella, the McLaren team principal, believes they emboldened Verstappen, leading to Sunday’s collision. “If you don’t address these things they will come back,” Stella told Sky Sports. “They have come back today because they were not addressed properly in the past, when there were some fights with Lewis that needed to be punished in a harsher way.”

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Toto Wolff, the Mercedes team principal who was a vocal critic of Verstappen in 2021, avoided the comparisons given he is courting the Dutch driver to join the team in 2025 or 2026. “I don’t think you can take this conclusion,” Wolff said. “I wouldn’t see that as a big consequence of 2021 not having been managed well. I don’t think they have a correlation.”

Verstappen remains the hottest commodity on the grid, but the coming races, including Silverstone this week, will provide a test as to whether he can keep his cool. Perhaps it is time to think back to that advice from his father, to avoid the return of an unwanted nickname.



# Horner ready for Max backlash

CHRISTIAN HORNER is bracing himself for more fireworks between Max Verstappen and Lando Norris at the British Grand Prix.

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## FORMULA ONE By Daniel Moxon

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CRUNCH TIME . . . Norris and Verstappen clash in Austrian GP

# Lando's push for Max pain

**McLAREN are urging F1 chiefs to hit Max Verstappen with a tougher penalty over his Lando Norris prang.**

**By ISABELLE BARKER**

Verstappen got a ten-second rap and two points on his racing licence after Sunday's smash in Austria.

to be proportionate to the outcome."

But Red Bull's triple world champion still finished fifth behind winner George Russell - while Norris (*below*) was forced to retire.

Norris branded his rival "stupid, reckless and desperate," accused the Dutchman, 26, of driving into him and demanded an apology.

And the Brit's livid McLaren boss Andrea Stella is demanding tougher sanctions against the Dutchman.

Stella blamed governing body, the FIA, for not punishing Verstappen properly over his 2021 track clashes with seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton.

Stewards ruled Verstappen was at fault but he still extended his lead over Norris, 24, in the drivers' table to 81 points.

They had several run-ins that season, notably in Brazil when Verstappen pushed Hamilton off the track but stewards did not punish the Red Bull driver.



And Stella fumed: "The rules were not enforced. This should be a chance to tighten up and enforce them.

Stella added: "We don't want another 2021. That was not a good point in F1. It might have been entertaining - but not for good reasons.

"We need to be very clear these rules cannot be abused. Stewards found Max was fully at blame and the regulations must be enforced effectively.

"If you don't address things, as soon as you introduce competition, as soon as you introduce a sense of injustice, these things escalate.

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MAX VELOCITY

FRIENDSHIP PUNCTURED Sunday's clash is a big test for relations between pals Verstappen and Norris

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But his Red Bull team boss Horner expects more stiff competition from Norris, who now has an axe to grind.

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The British GP attracted a record 480,000 crowd last season.

But with just days to go before the event, general admission tickets were still on

sale. Those in attendance on race day will see how Norris reacts to Verstappen's actions.

Verstappen has been booed by some fans at each of his last two visits to Silverstone, a consequence of his 2021 rivalry with Lewis Hamilton.

He will surely hear their wrath again this weekend. Russell's

good fortune means, for the first time since 2020, F1 heads to Silverstone with a Briton as the most recent race winner.

The result has further buoyed Mercedes, who have made impressive improvements through recent upgrades, but have still only won two races since the end of 2021.

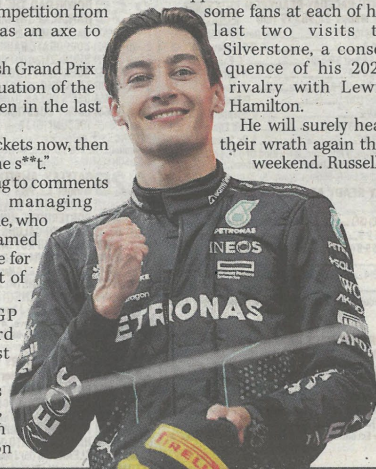
Russell secured both those victories and Hamilton remains in the midst of by far the longest drought of his F1 career.

And the younger Briton's success in Austria has given Mercedes boss Toto Wolff renewed hope that his other driver will win again before he leaves for Ferrari.

He said: "(Hamilton) has had a bad spell and, as a racing driver, it can be mind-crushing if you feel that you are not able to deliver your best performances.

"He had a brilliant race in Barcelona.

"We have just got to go through this and we are going to win a race with him this year."





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### Ted Toleman

Entrepreneurial boss of the underdog Formula One team that gave Ayrton Senna his first drive

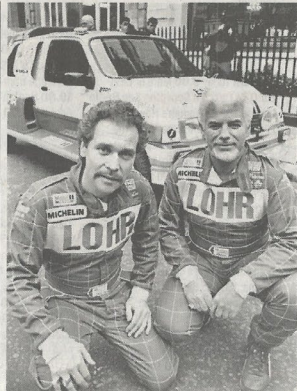
**T**ED TOLEMAN, who has died aged 86, was the motor-racing entrepreneur who gave Ayrton Senna his first drive in Formula One. As the owner of a British underdog team he had many admirers – and some detractors – in an era when motor racing was fraught with risk, precarious sponsorship deals and rumours of financial shenanigans.

Having risen through F2, the Toleman team not only created a new F1 car, they designed a new engine using the new turbo technology. A Toleman TG184 driven by Ayrton Senna was on course to win the Monaco Grand Prix in 1984, having risen to second place from a lowly start, when the rain-affected race was controversially stopped, handing victory to the French driver Alain Prost, although Senna had just overtaken him.

The Toleman team was also a proving ground for other racing drivers: Teo Fabi, Stefan Johansson, Johnny Cecotto, Pierluigi Martini, Bruno Giacomelli and, notably, Derek Warwick. Rory Byrne, who would design several of Michael Schumacher's world-championship-winning cars, joined Toleman in 1979. Brian Hart's turbocharged engines were honed at Toleman, as were Pat Symonds's aerodynamic ideas.

Founded in 1977, and led by Ted Toleman, Toleman Motorsport quickly established itself as a PR-savvy motor racing outfit. The Toleman dynasty was also a major name in British haulage, with its blue transporters delivering new cars to the nation's Ford dealers and others. Yet Ted's own story was more complex.

Norman Edward Toleman was an adopted son, born on March 14 1938 – reports differ



Toleman (r) with Barry Lee, and Senna at Monaco



motor sport in the 1970s, as well as involvement in Formula Ford 2000. Possessed of a perfectly trimmed naval-style beard and a pompadour of latterly whitening hair, Toleman was rarely seen without a gold watch and flash car. He lived in a house in the grounds of Gedding Hall in Suffolk, owned by the Rolling Stone Bill Wyman.

Alongside his undoubted talents and charisma, Toleman had, in the words of one F1 luminary, "a remarkable ability to come up smelling of roses – or champagne, petrol, and sponsors' money".

He expanded the Toleman Group into other areas, notably purchasing Cougar Marine – power boats were his principal passion. In 1976, however, Robert was killed aged 30 racing a Royale RP21 at Snetterton.

After a season running a March 782 chassis in 1978, Toleman Motorsport became a racing car constructor, entering the 1980 European F2 championship with the first Toleman designed in-house, the TG280, driven by Brian Henton, who won that championship. His team-mate Derek Warwick was runner-up.

In 1982 Warwick led the 1982 British Grand Prix for 16 glorious laps. The next year he scored Team Toleman's first F1

championship points. The team then signed up the F3 champion Ayrton Senna from under Bernie Ecclestone's nose, but after the 1984 Monaco debacle, Senna exited his contract to go to Lotus. That, and self-inflicted tyre-supplier troubles, saw Ted Toleman sell the team, and its new TG185 car, to Benetton.

A winner of the British and Australian powerboat championships, in 1985 Ted Toleman joined Richard Branson in an attempt to break the transatlantic speed record in a powerboat; they hit debris near the finish line and sank. Toleman would also race in the Paris-Dakar Rally on three occasions.

In 1992 the Toleman Automotive transport company was hit by strikes after it made workers redundant and had refused to restore a 25 per cent pay cut that had been forced on it by its bank. A reported £22 million had also been spent developing a new design of car transporter.

In 1993 Ted Toleman moved to South Africa, having sold the family transport company, and bought a banana plantation near Nelspruit. A role in a failed attempt to create a new racing team reputedly damaged Toleman's standing in South Africa and, having moved to Australia, he then became resident in Manila in the Philippines.

Ted Toleman's first wife Dianna died in 1999. In 2003 one of their twin sons was murdered in South Africa by car-jackers. Toleman is survived by his second wife, Maiti, and the surviving son from his first marriage.

*Ted Toleman, born March 14 1938, died April 10 2024*



**FORMULA ONE**



**WHEEL DANGER**  
Norris' McLaren has a shredded tyre after the clash with Max

**SCHU FITS WITH MAX**

Herbert: Verstappen driving style is just like racing legend Michael

**BY SAM MEADE**  
**FORMER British Grand Prix winner Johnny Herbert expects more fireworks at Silverstone - and believes Max Verstappen has taken a leaf out of Michael Schumacher's book on wheel-to-wheel combat.**

The Dutchman is well clear in the championship but had his first on-track clash with nearest rival and British hopeful Lando Norris (right) last weekend in Austria.

The pair were battling for the win as the chasing McLaren looked to have had the speed to pass his Red Bull rival.

It led to them coming together with Norris having to retire while Verstappen was hit with a penalty and ended up in fifth.

Schumacher (right) became known for his aggression on track and Herbert, a winner at Silverstone in 1995 in a race overshadowed by a crash involving the German seven-time world champion and Damon Hill (inset, middle), claims Verstappen is of the same ilk after his father's teachings.

"It was Max's fault," said Herbert of Verstappen's clash with Norris.

"He is a hard racer. He is very, very hard to beat. He intimidates everybody. That intimidation is something that Lewis Hamilton, Michael Schumacher, and Ayrton Senna, have always done.

"Jos, Max's father, drove with Michael at Benetton and he would have seen

first-hand those incidents, how Michael operated.

"I can imagine him saying to Max in his younger days, 'I want you to drive and intimidate everyone off the circuit effectively. You make sure that you win the race by being the toughest driver'.

"Lando did the right thing. He did not move. He did not have to. Some people said he could have moved. But that is not how you beat Max or how you win the Grand Prix."

Norris, who has long had a strong friendship with Verstappen, was adamant his rival was at fault and claimed he would lose respect for him if he did not own the error.

The Dutchman has stopped short of accepting blame - a theme of his time in Formula 1. He was involved in an infamous crash with Lewis Hamilton at Silverstone three years ago.

Norris will need a big result in front of his home crowd this weekend if McLaren are to mount a charge on Red Bull and Verstappen.

Their package looks to be a match for the world champion.

Herbert added: "It is good that Verstappen is under pressure for the first time in a long time.

"Lando and McLaren have been chipping away at it and now you start seeing those little cracks appear. Max had to go back to his hard self which sometimes just goes over the top and gets him into trouble."





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