

F1: Session Report

2026 Monaco Grand Prix - Sunday

Kimi makes history with victory in Monaco

- Kimi Antonelli became the youngest Monaco Grand Prix winner in history as he took victory on the streets of the principality on Sunday afternoon.
- George came home out of the points in P12 after having to serve a drive-through penalty in the closing laps with the field bunched up following a red flag.
- Both drivers started on the Medium compound and were running a conventional one-stop, switching to the Hard tyre.
- Kimi had the race under control at the front whilst George pulled off the undercut on the Red Bull of Isack Hadjar to take net P4 at his first stop.
- George picked up a five-second time penalty for speeding in the pitlane but this was en route to being irrelevant as he had a comfortable gap and the race headed to a calm conclusion.
- That came to an end when Lance Stroll hit the barrier at the final corner and the Safety Car was deployed.
- After missing the opportunity to pit first time around, both cars stopped at the next opportunity but the team failed to serve George's penalty correctly; that led to a stop-go penalty.
- After Charles Leclerc also crashed on the restart, the red flag flew and George would be punished severely when taking his penalty once the race resumed.
- Kimi, now on used Soft tyres, managed the standing start well and calmly brought his car home to take victory.
- George meanwhile served his penalty and emerged in P14, gaining a few positions due to time penalties to be classified P12 ultimately.
- Kimi, at 19 years, 9 months, and 13 days old, becomes the youngest Monaco GP winner in history.
- He also takes the team's first victory in Monte Carlo since 2019 where Lewis Hamilton claimed an emotional victory following the recent passing of Niki Lauda.
- Toto Wolff, Team Principal, CEO, and Co-Owner, represented the team on the podium.
- Imagery of the day is available on our [media site](#). All imagery is rights-free for editorial use.

Driver	Grid	Result	Fastest Lap	Start Tyre	Stop One	Stop Two
Kimi Antonelli	P1	P1	1:13.481	Medium	Hard (L37)	<u>Soft</u> (L68)
George Russell	P6	P12	1:15.773	Medium	Hard (L32)	<u>Soft</u> (L68)

Kimi Antonelli

It's an incredible feeling to win in Monaco. It's such a special weekend and one I'll remember for a long time. Today was one of those days where everything just clicked; I had a lot of confidence in the

car, felt strong throughout, and to bring the win home in a place like this makes it even more meaningful.

From a race perspective, there were definitely some key moments to manage. The starts are still an area we're working on, but I've made good progress. My first one was solid, and although the second was a bit more challenging with the tyres, it's positive to see improvement.

The red flag added a bit of stress, especially knowing the restart could change everything, but we handled it well. In the final laps, I really enjoyed myself out there, even though I still had to carefully manage the tyres. This track demands a lot of focus, you have to find the right balance between pushing and not making mistakes, and once you settle into that rhythm, everything starts to come together.

At the same time, I know there's still a lot to learn and improve. I just want to keep pushing, keep building on this momentum, and most importantly, keep enjoying the journey. That's what makes moments like this so rewarding.

George Russell

Firstly, congratulations to Kimi. He did an amazing job today and over the weekend and is a well-deserving winner. On my side, the race was very difficult. I had managed to get to P4 but the penalty for speeding in the pitlane is difficult to understand. I was under the limit but then that was compounded by us not serving the penalty at my second stop; that ultimately cost me a lot and left me with zero points again.

It's tough to take but I'm not going to give up. Across the last two races, I've effectively lost around 40 points. It's incredibly frustrating but the rest of the season can still look very different. We saw that last year and, in many seasons previous. It's unfortunate how things have played out so far but I'm aiming to bounce back in Barcelona. I believe in myself and I know what I'm capable of.

Toto Wolff, CEO & Team Principal

Kimi delivered a very controlled race from start to finish today. It was a clean start, strong pace, and above all, very mature driving. It's exactly what you want to see, and he was a well-deserving winner. Congratulations to him and the team.

On George's side, he had done a good job to get back into the battle for the podium but was unfortunate to receive a pitlane speeding penalty. That undid his race unfortunately and the subsequent drive-through penalty for not serving the penalty correctly ended with him out of the points. He has not felt fully confident in the car this weekend and that is on us as a team. We win and lose together, and this is something we will learn from and help him recover from.

In terms of the bigger picture, we're not talking about the championship at this stage. There are still many races to go, and while it's been a positive start overall, we'll take it step-by-step and see where we stand as the season develops.

Andrew Shovlin, Trackside Engineering Director

Congratulations to Kimi and the team. Winning in Monaco is always a special feeling and one that



never comes easy. He had strong pace throughout and allowed us to control an unpredictable and difficult race.

George had an unfortunate weekend where few things went his way. He had done a good job to get into a position where he would have been fighting for a podium, however his race unravelled after receiving a penalty for speeding in the pitlane. The timing of the Safety Car posed a challenge to the team to co-ordinate the double stack with little time to react. Having failed to correctly serve the penalty at his second stop, George was handed a drive-through penalty. After the red flag had brought the field together, it turned what would have been a couple of positions dropped into finishing outside of the points. We will analyse our communication and processes to become more resilient to similar situations in future.

Whilst we leave here with mixed feelings, we can be content with the work done to produce a car that is capable of winning at a unique circuit like this where we have struggled in recent years. We now move on to Barcelona and a very different track; we will be doing everything we can to carry on this run of form.

Contacts:

Adam McDaid

Head of Media Relations & Editorial, amcdaid@mercedesamgf1.com, +44 (0) 7918 335 332

Rosa Herrero Venegas

Senior PR Manager, rherrerovenegas@mercedesamgf1.com, +44 (0) 7469 353 191

Charlotte Davies

Senior Communications Manager, cadavies@mercedesamgf1.com, +44 (0) 7833 913 418

Charlotte Jacobe

Press Officer, cjacobe@mercedesamgf1.com, +44 (0) 7353 137 810

Further information about the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team is available online: www.mercedesamgf1.com

