

Hamilton celebrates 1st victory with Ferrari after winning Barcelona GP

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MONTMELO, Spain — Lewis Hamilton's wait for a race victory with Ferrari is over.

Yellow helmet still on, Hamilton pumped his fists and took a running leap into the arms of his fellow crimson-clad crew members after parking his Ferrari in the No. 1 spot on winner's row following his masterful race at the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix on Sunday.

It had been a throwback, vintage Hamilton win. A victory that showed the seven-time champion, whose last title came in 2020, may just be back to his best at age 41.

Hamilton thanked and thanked again his teammates, the engineers back in Italy, his family and his fans in an emotional celebration for the driver who once dominated the sport but hadn't won a race in nearly two years.

"I watched Ferrari have all this success when I was younger and wondered what it would be like to win in this car. I'm forever grateful and hopefully the first of many," Hamilton said from the winner's podium while thousands cheered.

His record-extending victory No. 106 may have also ignited a title fight with a Mercedes that looked untouchable following a rulebook overhaul this year and had won all six previous races.

"They are all special in their own way, but this one is something else," Hamilton said about the importance of a victory that ended a run of 40 races without a win, 30 of which had come since his move from Mercedes to Ferrari at the end of 2024. His last win had come at the Belgian GP in July of that year.

"It's all starting to come together and I'm just happy in my life," said Hamilton, who looks like a different driver from the despondent racer who struggled with Ferrari last campaign and never even reached the podium in a grand prix.

Hamilton admitted that during his troublesome first year with Ferrari he reached a point when he thought "maybe it is true that you get to a certain point you lose it."

"But you don't. It takes perseverance to tap into that inner self... now I feel great racing with 19 year olds."

To sweeten the day for Ferrari, Hamilton was already cruising to victory when Kimi Antonelli, the F1 points leader, came to a stop on the track with just four laps to go when his Mercedes suffered an electrical shutdown.

That ended the young Italian's incredible run of five straight wins.

Antonelli still leads with 156 points



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Ferrari driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain celebrates after winning the Spain F1 Grand Prix race at the Barcelona Catalunya racetrack in Montmelo, near Barcelona, Spain, on Sunday.

after seven races, but Hamilton has closed the gap and has 115. George Russell guided his Mercedes to a second-place finish and now has 106 points.

It was Hamilton's seventh win at this track, a record at Montmelo, and his first here since 2021.

He was building toward this long-awaited victory with runner-up finishes at Canada and Monaco. He said he had set the "foundation" with Ferrari before he qualified second ahead of Antonelli for the Barcelona race.

"Thank you so much to help me achieve this dream," Hamilton said on team radio after crossing the finish line more than 19 seconds ahead of Russell. "Thank you for everyone pushing so hard at home, thanks to my family, and to my fans who continue to remind me who I am. I couldn't have done this without you."

FERRARI OUTFOXES MERCEDES WITH PITSTOP STRATEGY

Hamilton took advantage of fresher tires and a superior pitstop strategy by Ferrari to overtake the pole-sitting Russell.

Ferrari opted for a three-stop race to give Hamilton fresher tires on a track that is known to be hard on rubber, especially with track temperatures at 50 Celsius (122 F). The quicker wheels had him slip ahead of Russell, who, like Antonelli, was on a two-stop plan, when a bit of luck sealed it for Hamilton.

A stoppage by Fernando Alonso's Aston Martin brought out a virtual safety car, and Ferrari called in Hamilton for his final stop while his rivals couldn't push the pace, and he emerged in the lead with a fresh set of tires.

Seeing Hamilton slip away, Rus-

sell was left to protect his position from Antonelli. They had jostled earlier in the race, before Antonelli eventually swept past.

Moments later, it all unraveled for Antonelli when he stopped and his shot at 18 points vanished.

Russell said his team will need to solve their mechanical issues, after he also had a late breakdown in Canada. He also had some nice words for Hamilton, his former teammate.

"It was a big bold move to join Ferrari and to see it paying off now is great to see, he is going to be a real threat," Russell said.

Defending F1 champion Lando Norris was third in his McLaren, making it the first all-British podium since 1968.

Max Verstappen for Red Bull in fourth. Oscar Piastri, who won here last year, was fifth in the other McLaren.

Isack Hadjar of Red Bull was sixth, followed by Pierre Gasly and Franco Colapinto of Alpine. Liam Lawson and Avrid Lindblad rounded out the top 10. Hamilton's teammate, Charles Leclerc, had to retire late when his Ferrari failed due to a hydraulic problem.

Alonso had a dismal day in what he said is likely his last race in northeastern Spain. The 44-year-old former champion started from the pitlane following an engine change after bottoming out in qualifying and then broke down in the race. Aston Martin's other car, driven by Lance Stroll, retired early because of a gearbox issue.

This is the last race near Barcelona for two years. It will return in 2028 as it alternates on the F1 calendar with the Belgian GP at least through 2032.



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Yana Wilson watches her tee shot on the 10th hole during the final round of the Dow Championship LPGA golf tournament Sunday at Midland Country Club in Midland, Mich.

Kim and Wilson team up to win Dow Championship

Pair earn their first LPGA Tour titles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDLAND, Mich. — Gina Kim and Yana Wilson teamed to win the Dow Championship on Sunday for their first LPGA Tour titles, closing with an 8-under 62 in best-ball play for a two-stroke victory over Hyo Joo Kim and Hye-Jin Choi.

Gina Kim and Wilson finished at 17-under 263 at Midland Country Club.

"I haven't been in a leading position for a long time," the 19-year-old Wilson said. "Even as a team, I feel like both of us haven't been in this leading position. We walked down 18 just now and we were like: 'Does this feel weird to you? Like this is so weird.' So it's a little nervy out there. I feel like we handled it really well."

Gina Kim holed out from the fairway for eagle on the par-4 fifth.

"I knew I hit a really good shot and I was thinking, 'Oh, OK, maybe I'll tap in in for birdie.' And then it just disappeared," she said. "I think that really set the tone for the day."

The 26-year-old Gina Kim won in her 64th start on the LPGA Tour, while Wilson was making the ninth start of her

rookie season.

"This has been the most fun week," Gina Kim said. "It's been tough, and it's nice to have a really good friend to be able to do this by."

Last year, Wilson — the 2022 USGA Girls' Junior winner — was second and Gina Kim third on the Epson Tour money list to earn LPGA cards.

"Part of the reason I asked Yana to be my partner is we actually played in the final group on Epson and we've played together numerous times," Gina Kim said. "So, I knew she was really, really good under pressure and I trusted her."

Hyo Joo Kim and Choi finished with a 65.

Somi Lee and Jin Hee Im had a 61 to tie for third at 14 under with former UCLA teammates Alison Lee and Lilia Vu (64).

Julie Inkster, who at 66 became the oldest player in LPGA history to make the cut in an official event, teamed with Angel Yin to tie for 12th at 9 under. They shot 64.

"We had an amazing time," Inkster said. "Angel played amazing."

Nelly Korda and Olivia Cowan tied for 17th at 8 under. They rebounded from a third-round 76 with a 66. Korda was coming off a victory in the U.S. Women's Open for her second straight major victory.

Havertz sparks Germany's 7-1 rout of Curaçao in World Cup

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HOUSTON — Germany's seven-goal rout of Curaçao in its World Cup opener on Sunday was the perfect outcome to overshadow a close first half and boost the team after consecutive group stage exits for the four-time champions.

Kai Havertz scored two goals as Germany pulled away from World Cup first-timer Curaçao and piled it on in a 7-1 win in group play. The smallest country to ever appear in the tournament hung tight at 1-1 until the 38th minute.

"We really needed this convincing win," coach Julian Nagelsmann said. "We needed this self confidence. It was there but it definitely grew."

He said Sunday's display was important for the country's fans.

"We have to show them that we can perform and we have to have the confidence," he said. "I think we're in a better spot than we were entering this match."

Livano Comenencia tied it at 1-1 with his left-footed shot through traffic from the center of the box in the 21st minute to give Curaçao its first goal in the tournament and send fans of the tiny Caribbean nation into a frenzy.

"Even though it wasn't me, it felt like it was me, it was all of us, the whole island, everybody," Curaçao's Jearl Margaritha said. "We screamed our lungs out. So



AP Photo/Karen Warren

Germany's Kai Havertz celebrates with teammate Jonathan Tah, left, after scoring his side's third goal during the World Cup Group E soccer match between Germany and Curacao in Houston, on Sunday.

we were happy."

It was all Germany after that with the team regaining the lead on Nico Schlotterbeck's header off Nathaniel Brown's corner kick in the 38th.

"One team has very high expectations and the other one doesn't and that's a bit tricky," Nagelsmann said.

The margin of victory comes well short of the World Cup record of nine goals which has happened three times, with the last one coming when Hungary beat El Salvador 10-1 in 1982.

Havertz connected on a penalty shot into the left goal in first half stoppage time to

make it 3-1. Germany was awarded the penalty shot after Felix Nmecha was tripped in the box by Riechedly Bazoer.

Germany wasted no time after halftime to extend the lead with Jamal Musiala scoring on a right-footed shot across the goalkeeper's area in the 47th minute.

Brown scored in the 68th minute to push the advantage to 5-1. The 22-year-old has an American father, but made it clear ahead of the World Cup he'd be representing the country in which he was born and raised by his mother.

Deniz Undav added a goal in the 78th minute. Havertz's second goal came in the 88th.

It was a strong start for Germany against underdog Curaçao as the team seeks redemption after failing to get out of the group stage in Russia and Qatar following its 2014 title.

"We are on the right path but of course there are things that we can do better and we will have stronger opponents," Nagelsmann said.

Nmecha one timed it with his right foot into the near post just inside the upper box with an assist from Florian Wirtz in the sixth minute to make it 1-0.

The crowd of 68,021 was overwhelming rooting for Germany but there was a

spirited contingent of people cheering on Curaçao.

It was the first match of the tournament at Houston Stadium, normally called NRG Stadium where the NFL's Houston Texans play.

Manuel Neuer, the 40-year-old goalkeeper who came out of international retirement for the tournament, had one save in his first appearance for Germany in almost two years.

The match featured the largest age gap between coaches in World Cup history with Curaçao's 78-year-old coach Dick Advocaat becoming the oldest ever in the tournament against 38-year-old Nagelsmann, who is the youngest coach in this year's tournament.

Germany faces Ivory Coast in its next match in Toronto on Saturday and Curaçao meets Ecuador Saturday in Kansas City.



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