

# Verstappen makes it two out of two this season with victory in Saudi Arabia

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Max Verstappen won the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, making it his second victory (1) this season in Formula 1. He also won the opening race in Bahrain last week.

Verstappen, a three-time world champion (2), drives for Red Bull Racing. In the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix, Verstappen started from pole position (3) and converted it into a win. His teammate, Sergio Pérez, finished second, despite receiving a five-second time penalty (4). Pérez's penalty did not affect his second-place finish, as he had a comfortable lead over Charles Leclerc of Ferrari, who finished third.

Verstappen now has 51 points and leads the standings after two races. He dominated the race, quickly building (5) a lead of one second after the first lap. Pérez managed to overtake Leclerc after four laps (6), securing a one-two finish for Red Bull Racing. During the race, a crash (7) by Lance Stroll brought out the safety car on the eighth lap. Verstappen and Pérez took advantage (8) of this opportunity (9) to make a pit stop without losing much time. The Red Bull Racing mechanics efficiently changed the tires in ten seconds.

Despite briefly losing the lead to Lando Norris of McLaren, Verstappen regained the position after thirteen laps. Pérez, however, received a five-second time penalty for impeding Fernando Alonso's Aston Martin after his pit stop. Verstappen's prediction (10) after qualifying proved accurate, as his car performed exceptionally well throughout the race. Red Bull Racing seems to have a competitive edge over other teams like Ferrari, McLaren, Aston Martin, and Mercedes.