



## F1 Rewind #1

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**Chris:** Welcome to the first official episode of F1 Rewind. Yes, I know, the pilot was ages ago, but we had to have time to digest all your wonderful feedback and make sure we were ready to bring you the best show we possibly can. And now we're ready, so let's get on with it.

Coming up on today's show, we recap the recent tests in Spain, we take a look at our featured website, and I want your predictions.

### News

**Chris:** Testing has been going on throughout the winter, but it's only now as the season draws closer we can start to draw conclusions. The most obvious assumption we can make is that Ferrari are going to be quick. They've posted plenty of fastest times, they've put in a ton of work, and they are looking on top form. Even Trulli is concerned by the pace, declaring that the season may as well be over already, the championship has already been won. Toyota haven't been setting the track on fire as they probably would have liked. With Ralf Schumacher gone and former test driver Timo Glock stepping into his shoes, development should start happening, but as yet, we haven't seen any progress.

BMW were consistently good last year, with fourth place being a common occurrence. They struggled in the early tests, but seem to have got on top of their problems now. They spent some of their testing allowance by themselves at Valencia, suffering with bad weather conditions, so it's difficult to assess how they stack up against everyone else.

Red Bull have been testing out some new aero pieces but of course, we're all really interested in whether their gearbox will be able to withstand four races. So far Mark Webber seems to be optimistic. He says he's happy with the improvement in reliability. I reserve judgement until the first race.

The other notable concern is Honda, who spent a lot of last year running around at the back of the grid. So far their testing times haven't shown any improvement but both Button and new team principal Ross Brawn say that progress is being made, even if we can't see it. Let's hope so.

And what of the others? McLaren are keeping their heads down, Williams appear to be doing much better, Renault are already benefiting from Alonso's return, Toro Rosso are still running last year's car, Force India have gold paintwork and Super Aguri can't actually afford to test.

### Team Talk

**Chris:** I want to know your predictions for the Australian Grand Prix. It's nice and easy, all you have to do is call the Skype voicemail and tell me who you think the top three finishers will be. If you're a Skype user, it's free, just search for the username Sidepodcast. Otherwise you can call us on +44 121 28 87225, that's 0121 28 TRACK. If you're not sure what to say, keep it simple. "I'm... then your name, and my predictions for the top three finishers in Australia are..." It will sound something like this:



[Audio] “Hi, I’m Christine and my predictions for the top three finishers in Australia are third Massa, second Hamilton and first Button.” [End Audio]

I don’t really think Button’s going to win, but that’s just an example. So, share your predictions with me and we’ll see if you’re right.

### **F1 On The Web**

**Chris:** This is the part of the show where we take a look at some of the F1 sites on the web that can make your day just that little bit more fulfilled. We want you to submit your favourite sites, so they can be featured on the show and we can gather together a directory of the best places to go for your Formula 1 information. Email me at [christine@sidepodcast.com](mailto:christine@sidepodcast.com) or visit [F1rewind.com](http://F1rewind.com) to leave a comment.

Today’s submission came from Andrea Gallazzi and is CircusF1.com. The main thing about this site is that it’s in Italian, which makes a refreshing change. I like it, it covers the main news topics, has some well designed championship and results tables, and galleries dating back to 1992. Personally, my favourite bit of the site is the information on each driver, each team and each circuit. If you’re after hard facts, this could be the place to go. Plus, they sometimes show our videos – what’s not to like?

That’s all for this show. Like I said earlier, we had a ton of good feedback from the pilot. This is still a work in progress though, and things might change a little bit here and there. Don’t be afraid to let us know if we’re on the right path or the wrong one. If you’ve got any feedback, comments, complaints or suggestions, please get in touch. See you next time.

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