

# Was this the most thrilling finish ever?

Formula One race victories are usually measured in seconds but rarely are world drivers' championships won by such narrow margins. With three laps remaining, Lewis Hamilton seemed to be breezing towards his destiny of becoming the youngest world champion, but in the end it came down to a dramatic final few moments



## Highs and lows of Formula One

Luis Antonio Massa, right, joins the Ferrari mechanics in celebrating his son's championship success, but their joy is premature. Hamilton steals fifth place in the final seconds to turn Ferrari cheers to tears

● Felipe Massa (Brazil) Ferrari wins in time of 1hr 34.11.4  
Hamilton's time is 1hr 34.50.1

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Lap 62: the first drops of rain fall

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Massa leads but Hamilton is in fifth place and has one hand on his first championship. However, Vettel in his Toro Rosso is closing fast



Massa (Ferrari)



Alonso (Renault)



Raikkonen (Ferrari)



Glock (Toyota)



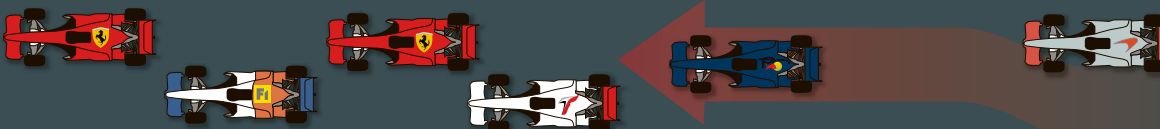
Hamilton (McLaren)



Vettel (Toro Rosso)

● Race points standings: Massa 10, Hamilton 4. ● Championship: Hamilton 98, Massa 97

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Hamilton's worst fears are realised as Vettel goes past and pushes the Briton into sixth place

● Race points standings: Massa 10, Hamilton 3. ● Championship: Hamilton 97, Massa 97 (Massa wins on higher number of race victories 6-5)

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Massa starts a double celebration – race victory and world championship. But Hamilton, on wet tyres, has passed the fading Glock's Toyota on dry treads to retake fifth place and the title in a dramatic finish



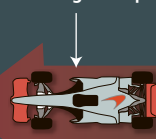
1 Massa finishes. He is world champion for

21.4 seconds



Vettel (Toro Rosso)

2 Hamilton overtakes Glock after starting the lap 13 seconds behind



Glock (Toyota)



3 17.5 seconds later he crosses the line to become world champion

Glock's last lap times	Hamilton's last lap times
69 – 1min 18.7sec	69 – 1min 24.6sec
70 – 1min 28.0sec	70 – 1min 25.6sec
71 – 1min 44.7sec	71 – 1min 26.1sec

● Race: Massa 10, Hamilton 4. ● Championship: Hamilton 98, Massa 97