



“My best win,” says Hamilton at Circuit of The Americas™

Title fight continues to Brazil with Vettel, Alonso on Austin podium

AUSTIN, Texas (Nov. 18, 2012) – Lewis Hamilton produced one of his finest performances to win the inaugural United States Grand Prix for McLaren Mercedes at the Circuit of The Americas™.

Hamilton passed polewinner Sebastian Vettel’s Red Bull on lap 42 of 56 with a clean move at the end of the DRS zone into Turn 12 to claim his fourth win of 2012 and the 21st of his Formula 1 career.

“That was my best win, guys!” yelled a delighted Hamilton to his pit crew, whom he leaves at the end of this season. “That was wicked!”

With Vettel second, the title fight continues to the last race in Brazil as Fernando Alonso’s Ferrari again fought through the field for the final podium position.

Alonso started seventh after teammate Felipe Massa took a late five-place penalty but the Spaniard rocketed through to fourth by the end of the opening lap.

Vettel now leads by 13 points with 25 more on offer next Sunday.

In a clean, absorbing race there were only two retirements. The first was Jean-Eric Vergne in the Toro Rosso, the second was Vettel’s Red Bull teammate Mark Webber. The Australian was running third when he fell victim to another apparent alternator failure, a gremlin that has plagued the Renault-engined team this season.

Despite that, Vettel’s 18 points mean Red Bull have clinched their third straight constructors’ title.

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