

## 14<sup>th</sup> GRAND PRIX DE MONACO HISTORIQUE (May 10-12, 2024)

## **EXPECTED TRIBUTES...**

Following the resounding success of the previous edition, the Organizing and Selection Committee AT Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM) has decided to retain the same 8 series and classes unchanged for 2024. The event will culminate in tributes and anniversaries in the form of real races in the authentic and majestic setting of the Principality's circuit. This 14<sup>th</sup> edition of GP de Monaco Historique is set to turn several pages in motor racing history. Here is an almost idyllic flashback, by decade since 1924, on cars and drivers who will be in the spotlight in 2024!

- **100 years ago** (1924), the iconic **Bugatti 35** was unveiled in Lyon, then winning the first two editions of Monaco Grand Prix in 1929 and 1930 in its compressor version. In 1984, Automobile Club de Monaco organized a Bugatti race to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the legendary Bugatti 35.

- **90 years ago** (1934), the **Mercedes** single-seaters that won the last three pre-war Monaco Grand Prix, in 1935, 1936 and 1937, appeared. Also appearing on the circuits in 1934 was ERA (winner of the first Prince Rainier Cup in 1936, monopolizing the podium). ERA was again on the starting grid in 1950 for the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Monaco Grand Prix, counting for the brand-new Formula 1 World Championship.

- **70 years ago** (1954), **Mercedes** was still at the top of the bill, with the appearance of the W196 which crushed the Grand Prix scene in 1954 and 1955, **Juan-Manuel Fangio** winning World Championship titles in the same two years. Also in 1954, the appearance of the **Maserati 250F** left no one indifferent. The Italian cars were present in Monaco from 1955 to 1959, winning twice: in 1956 with **Juan-Manuel Fangio**, and in 1957 with **Stirling Moss** at the wheel.

- **60 years ago** (1964), **John Surtees**, already a multiple Moto World Champion, also became one in Formula 1 with **Ferrari**. The Englishman was always present at the start of Monaco Grand Prix from 1960 to 1971, making 12 appearances. Later, Surtees became a full-fledged brand and manufacturer in the discipline, his single-seaters taking part in Monaco Grand Prix between 1971 and 1978.

- **50 years ago** (1974), the short-lived **Hesketh** brand entered the discipline. A young and flamboyant Lord, **Thomas Alexander Fermor-Hesketh**, along with his driver **James Hunt**, gave F1 a glamorous image in keeping with that of the **Principality**. It was also the year of the revelation for engineer **Harvey Postlethwaite**, who not only designed the first Hesketh, but also the **Wolf WR1** which won three Grands Prix in its very first season in 1977, including the Monaco GP with the experienced **Jody Scheckter** at the wheel.

- Finally, **40 years ago** (1984), **Ayrton Senna**'s already proven talent, in his modest **Toleman-Hart**, shone through when he took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the rain, behind **Alain Prost**, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix of his F1 career, held under torrential downpours in Monaco.

Monaco, August 4, 2023