

### Hamilton Positive Ahead of Monaco Weekend

Lewis Hamilton has admitted he is happy to be the closest challenger to defending world champion Sebastian Vettel, ahead of the Brit racers “favourite” course.

McLaren driver Hamilton trails Red Bull’s Vettel by 46 points in the current standings, but is buoyed after a fantastic race last weekend in Barcelona where he finished just half a second behind the German star.

Hamilton said: “A few more laps and you might have seen a different result. I didn’t expect to be that quick; we were quicker than the Red Bulls except in the high-speed corners”

“It’s positive going into Monaco, where the driver can make a difference.”

Hamilton last won on the Monaco circuit back in 2008. Last year’s race saw Hamilton finish 5th, three places behind Vettel who was beaten by his Red Bull teammate Mark Webber.