

Ferrari Fiasco: What Hamilton's Decision Could Mean for the 2025 Season

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In a shocking turn of events, on February 1, 2024, Sir Lewis Hamilton revealed that he will drive for Scuderia Ferrari for the 2025 Formula 1 season.

Why is this big news?

After twelve years of partnership and six World Championship titles, most fans thought that Hamilton would retire with his current team, Mercedes. Additionally, he was reported to have extended his contract to 2026, but found a way out a year early.

Who will he be replacing?

It was no secret that the contract of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz was due to expire at the end of 2024, but it's not uncommon to see drivers extend their contracts. Unfortunately, Sainz will not get the opportunity to do so as his seat is going to Hamilton. It is unclear where he will drive next season, if he gets to drive at all. There's current reports that Sainz has signed a [pre-contract](#) with Audi, who will be taking over the Sauber team in 2026.

Who gets the empty Mercedes seat?

The other pressing question is who will replace Hamilton if he's replacing Sainz. It could be anyone's game: excluding those two, there are twelve drivers whose contracts are up at the end of the year. Any of them could take the seat, or it could even go to a rookie and put a current driver out of a job.

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