

## Max auctions off his original Austrian GP helmet for charity

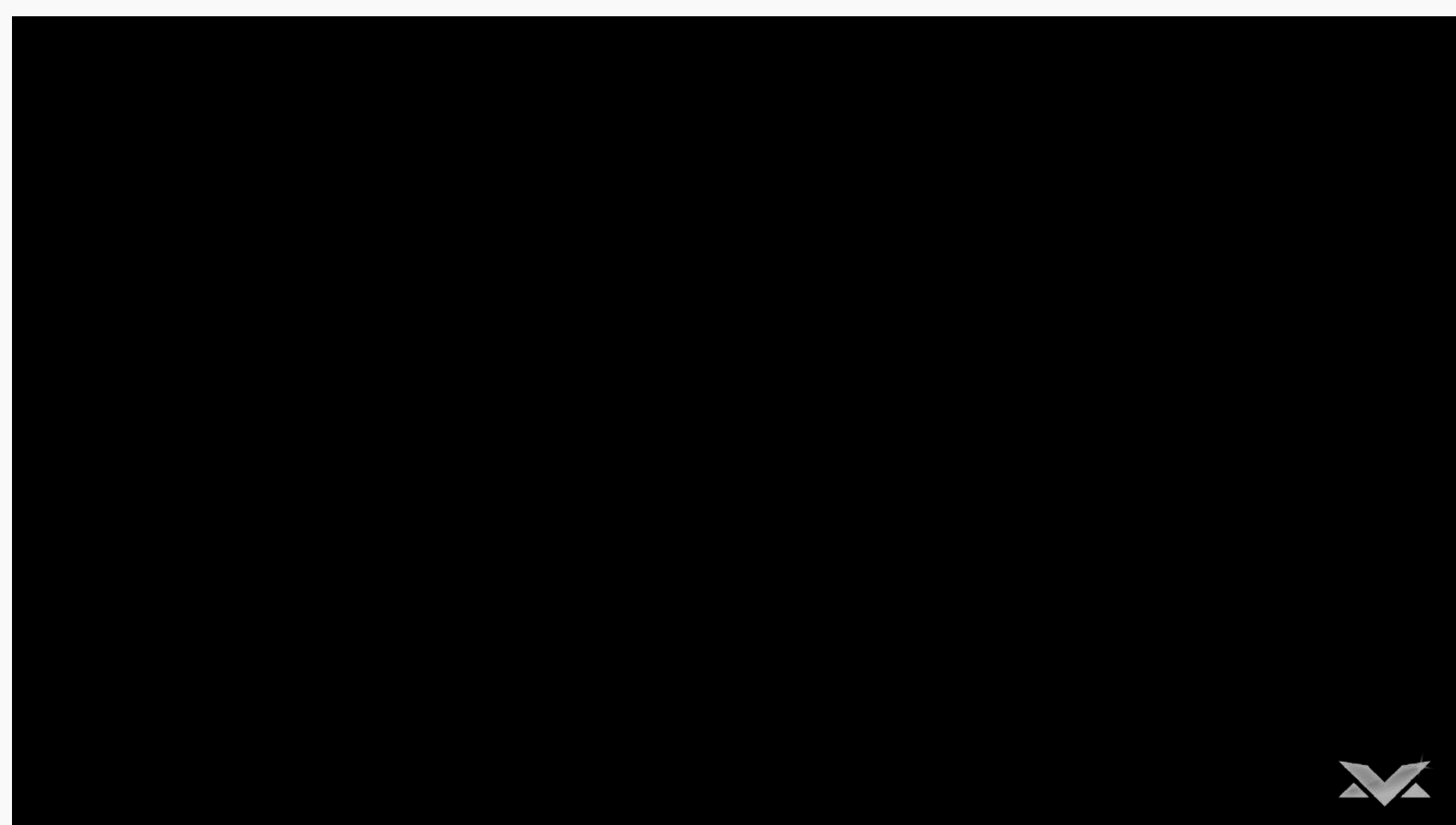
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Max Verstappen and Oracle Red Bull Racing are teaming up with the Wings for Life Foundation for a special charity campaign. For the benefit of spinal cord research, the reigning World Champion and current leader of the standings is donating his original helmet of the Formula One Rolex Grosser Preis von Österreich 2022.

The public bidding race starts today and will see the chequered flag on September 4th, 2022, the day of Max Verstappen's home Grand Prix in Zandvoort, Netherlands. Willing participants from all over the world can now enter through [viprize.org/Verstappen](https://viprize.org/Verstappen) to take part in the digital auction.

Designed as a special edition, the helmet will be worn by Max Verstappen exclusively during the Grand Prix weekend at the Red Bull Ring. As a special addition, the prize includes two VIP tickets for the Formula 1 season finale in Abu Dhabi (November 18th-20th). On the last race weekend of 2022, the auction winner will also meet Max Verstappen for a personal handover in the paddock where the helmet will be signed.

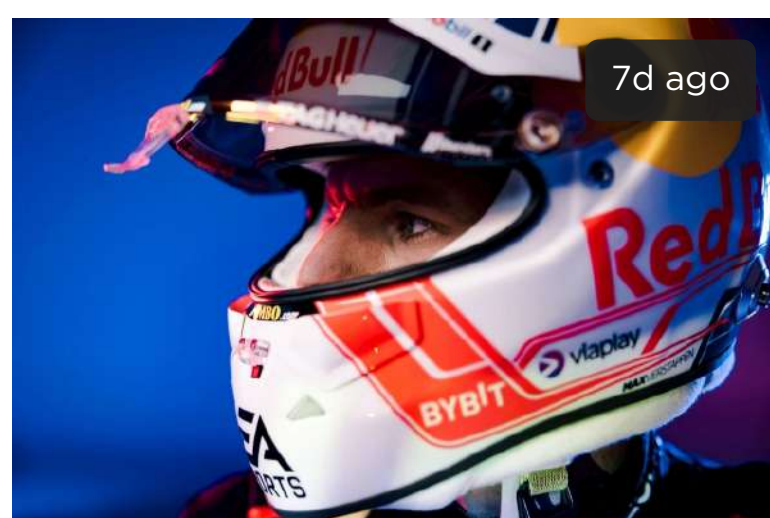


All proceeds of the auction will go to Wings for Life, a research foundation who aims at finding a cure for spinal cord injury. To reach this ambitious goal, Wings for Life is handing out grants to high-class research projects all over the globe. The foundation is especially proud of serving researchers from renowned institutions such as Harvard, Yale or the Charité in Berlin. To date, Wings for Life has funded 274 research projects. With each project, the foundation is getting closer towards its' ambitious goal.

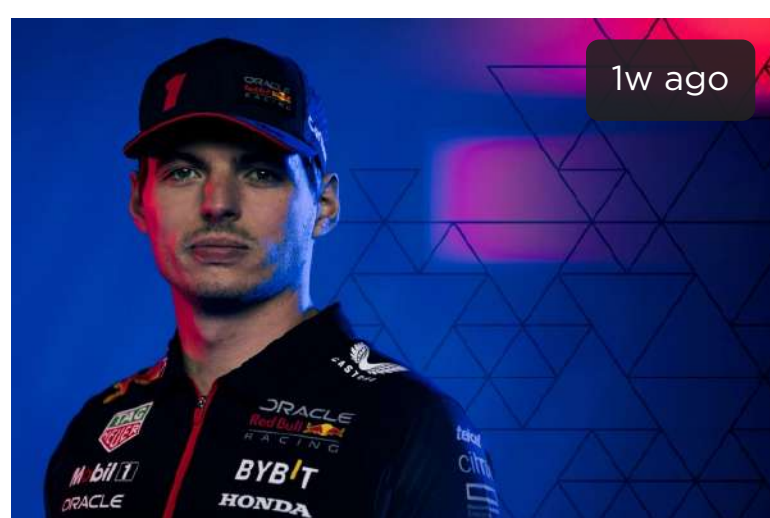
Anita Gerhardt, CEO Wings for Life: "On behalf of our SCI research community and the team behind Wings for Life, I want to deeply thank Max for providing this amazing auction item. With the whole Red Bull family, especially Oracle Red Bull Racing, we are also truly blessed to have some strong partners on our side to push the campaign."

Max Verstappen: "Wings for Life is an incredible charity trying to find the cure for spinal cord injuries. I hope that we can raise awareness and vital funds for its research, and I look forward to meeting the highest bidder in Abu Dhabi at the end of the season!"

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