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## **F1 GRAN PRIX OF AUSTRALIA-MERCEDES POLE IN FRONT OF WILLIAMS AND FERRARI**

### **THE SIVER ARROWS DOMINATE IN QUALIFYING**

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**USPA NEWS** - Hamilton is unbelievable: 4 pole positions in Melbourne is something others had never achieved. Rosberg 6/10ths behind: the same machine, an embarrassing gap, although in qualifying sometimes just an episode can make a difference.

The Mercedes are in front of everyone, but on top of everyone: the reigning World Champion.

There was much anticipation to see the Ferrari in the first official qualifying session. Results good but not great: Massa (Williams) stole the third place from Vettel by only 4/10ths of a second. Raikkonen 5th. Then Bottas with the other Williams, slowed by an error. Four possible drivers for a spot on the podium, ready to pick up the crumbs that Mercedes might leave.

Impossible to even think to keep up with the leader: Hamilton has a lead of 1"4 over Ferrari and Williams. Better or worse than Ferrari had expected? Meanwhile, the Red Bull is backed up with serious reliability problems. so there was a pass on opponents. "We can be happy and fight for the podium - says Vettel.

In qualifying there were no failures. We have shown in all sessions to be there. " Raikkonen is disappointed: "I made a mistake, I would have been able to qualify better. We are quicker than in the qualifying sessions. I'm happy, but not quite. "

McLaren-Honda suffers a 5" gap. Could'nt have gone worse: during the race, due to reliability, the gap is expected to increase. For the former team of Prost and Senna this is something more than a defeat.

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