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## **FORMULA1-SEBASTIEN VETTEL 3rd IN FREE QUALIFYING IN MELBOURNE**

### **MERCEDES STILL OUT OF REACH**

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**USPA NEWS** - The German driver chases the Mercedes after the first free qualifying Melbourne: "Good day, without problems'. Work is ok: Mercedes is out of reach, but we hope to stay ahead of the Williams."

Ferrari manages to smile after the first practice session in Melbourne, home of the first GP of the season. Mercedes is in front of everyone, of course, but the first of the others are the red single-seaters from Maranello, with Vettel third ahead of teammate Raikkonen. "It was a good day - said the Vettel hot on TV - we have not had problems with the car and it is important, it's a positive signal that the bulk of the work done in testing and continued both here and in Maranello, has been well done. Fighting for the top 5? For what we have seen in this Friday I would say yes, then we will see. Its only the first day and we have to see with how much gas the other teams have run.

The Mercedes is out of reach, but we hope to stay ahead Williams and others.

KIMI NOT AT BEST - Fourth of the day Raikkonen, 4 tenths of a second from mate Vettel. And the Finn explains why: "It was not a perfect day but I have driven well and the car has a bit 'improved. We know where we want to go."

What has not changed since last year is the domain of the Mercedes, that just as in 2014, placing two cars in the top two positions after Q2 at Melbourne two seconds quicker than last year.

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