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FORMULA 1-ROSBERG TAKES POLE IN FRONT OF HAMILTON FOR SPANISH GP

FERRARI DRIVER VETTEL 3RD ON GRID

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USPA NEWS - Nico Rosberg finally clinched his first pole position of the season at the Spanish Grand Prix on Saturday, ending his Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton's bid for a fifth consecutive qualifying win.

Rosberg had the fastest time in two of the three practice sessions this weekend, and continued that form with a dynamic drive in qualifying. The German finished 0.267 seconds clear of Hamilton and 0.777 ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

"Awesome, thanks guys" Rosberg told his team over the race radio and gave both thumbs up as he climbed out of his car. His previous pole came at the season-ending Abu Dhabi GP last year. His last victory came at the previous race, at the Brazilian GP, where he started from pole.

"Psychologically it feels great. Starting with the car I have I will be trying for the win for sure," said Rosberg, who will try for a ninth career race victory.

Overtaking is more difficult on this track so starting in front is a particularly big advantage."

Vettel, who beat Hamilton in Malaysia, will need a strong performance to challenge the Mercedes cars on Sunday.

"We would have loved to be a little closer," the four-time champion said. "I hope it will be better in the race, we expected them to be very strong."

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