Vettel celebrates home pole

Hamilton limps out of German qualifying

AFP | Hockenheim, Germany

ebastian Vettel surged to pole for his home German Grand Prix yesterday as Lewis Hamilton suffered a setback when his Mercedes broke down to leave him at the back of the grid.

Vettel topped qualifying with a devastating final lap in his Ferrari to pip Valtteri Bottas in the second Mercedes.

A distraught Hamilton limped out in the first qualifying session when his car broke down with a hydraulics failure.

Vettel rubbed salt in the British defending wporld champi-Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel on his way to pole at Hockenheim on's wounds by outpacing Bottas by two-tenths of a second.

flag-waving Germans at the happy." track near his Heppenheim record in one minute and 11.212 his career. seconds to top the Finn's 1:11.416.

Vettel. "It was amazing to see so his first Formula One victory at Hulkenberg was seventh ahead and gather your thoughts and many Ferrari and Germany flags. Hockenheim and only his sec- of his Renault team-mate Carlos live to fight another day.

a little bit more – I



In front of a huge crowd of full of adrenaline, but feel so

It is his second pole for a Ger-

Vettel's qualifying success Grosjean. "Thanks to those fans," said makes him favourite to land "It just kept getting better ond Grand Prix win in Germany Sainz, rising Monegasque star and I knew for the last lap I had as he seeks to extend his eight- Charles Leclerc of Sauber and a m point advantage over Hamilton. Sergio Perez of Force India.

Kimi Raikkonen was third in **Airborne** the second Ferrari ahead of Max

Verstappen of Red Bull and the Hamilton, who had attempted birthplace, Vettel delivered a lap man Grand Prix and the 55th of two Ferrari-powered Haas cars to push his car to stay in conof Kevin Magnussen and Romain tention, said: "It was definitely Another home hope Nico happen and all you can do is try

"I'll give everything tomor- a hydraulics failure. row to see how high I can get

The most successful driver in the German Grand Prix is local pilot Rudolf Caracciola, who won six times between 1926-1939. Michael Shumacher recorded 4 wins in his home Grand Prix, all at the Hockenheimring. Ferrari is the most successful constructor with 22 wins

Silverstone."

Hamilton is expected to start team-mate's 1:12.505. 14th on the grid after his seta tough one, but these things and go off again at Turn Eight.

was told by the team to stop to Stroll of Williams and Stoffel avoid further damage, following Vandoorne of McLaren.

up, but its not going to be like he crouched over it as if praying forced him to abandon.

before taking a motor-cycle ride back to the paddock.

It came two days after Mercedes confirmed he had signed a blockbuster two-year contract extension and followed other unexpected disappointments in Canada, Austria and Britain where Hamilton and his team had been unable to match expectations.

After heavy rain had washed out final practice in the morning, the session began in improved conditions and on a drying track, the two Saubers again setting the pace as they had in the rain.

The atmosphere was sultry with a track temperature of 27 degrees Celsius, air at 21 and humidity at 84 per cent.

The two Ferraris were soon on top of the times ahead of the Mercedes before Verstappen entered the fray, Vettel having set an early lap record in 1:12.538 that was soon trimmed by his

The Q1 segment ended with back which saw him take a brief Ferrari on top and the eliminaairborne excursion at Turn One tion of Esteban Ocon of Force India, Pierre Gasly and Brendon He lost use of his gearbox and Hartley of Toro Rosso, Lance

Hamilton clocked the fifth After trying to push the car, best time before his problems

Justin Rose threaten leaders at Open

AFP | Carnoustie, United King-

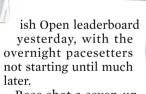
to shoot his best ever round in what the leaders do later. a major and climb up the Brit-

No Englishman has won the Claret Jug since Nick Faldo at Muirfield in 1992, but whether Justin Rose made the most of Rose can be the man to end that long drought may depend on

England's

Justin

Rose



Rose shot a seven-under-par 64, equalling the lowest round in an Open at Carnoustie set by Steve Stricker and Richard Green here in 2007, to climb to four-under for the champion-

That left him just two shots adrift of American duo Zach Johnson and Kevin Kisner, who were due to go out in the final pairing at 4pm local time (1500

Rose's blemish-free round was capped by birdies at the last two holes, including after a stunning approach shot onto the 18th green.

It was not quite good enough to trouble Tommy Fleetwood's overall course record of 63, set last year at the Dunhill Championship, but it was still former US Open champion Rose's best ever round in a major.

"I felt like it was a beautiful morning to play golf. I felt like it was an opportunity to score well out there. The greens were somewhat receptive, obviously, and the pins weren't as tough as maybe the first couple of days," said the 37-year-old, who only made the cut thanks to a birdie at the last on Friday.

"I felt like it was a typical set-up for a moving day today. So it was nice to make that move."

Woods charges into contention

Reuters | Carnoustie, United Kingdom

Tiger Woods turned back the clock and briefly tied for the lead en route to a fiveunder-par 66 as players plundered Carnoustie in perfect conditions in the third round of the British Open yesterday.

Woods posted a five-under 208 total that left him three the first 14 holes. strokes behind American oncourse leader Kevin Kisner, lifted him to the top of a major

those in the prime of his ca-round at the 2013 Masters. reer, waves of excitement rip- But no sooner had he done pled through the massive gal- so than his six-iron to the parlery as 14-times major cham- three 16th trickled off the side pion Woods charged up the of the green, from where he leaderboard.

ter starting the day six strokes behind, Woods wielded his last, where his pulled tee shot driver aggressively and was came within inches of landing rewarded with six birdies in in the Barry Burn.

If the weather remains calm, en-under for his round after 13 Johnson and Kisner will also holes. hope to score low. England's Pat Perez and Xander Schaufstarting the day on five under nestled against a fence.

were Rory McIlroy, Erik van the first couple of days has been Rooyen, Zander Lombard, Tony terrible," said the Englishman Finau and Matt Kuchar, who when asked how important that finished runner-up to Jordan had been for his round. Spieth last year at Royal Birk-

urday were Japan's Yusaku Mi- expected to be seven-under on yazato, who had a bogey-free the day. 65, and England's Chris Wood,

der for the championship, added Wood, who finished tied although it could have been for third in The Open at Turnbetter for Wood, who was sev- berry nine years ago.



Tiger Woods from the fifth tee

A tap-in at the par-five 14th who had completed six holes. championship leaderboard for In scenes reminiscent of the first time since the second

could not avoid dropping his Throwing caution aside affirst and only shot of the day.

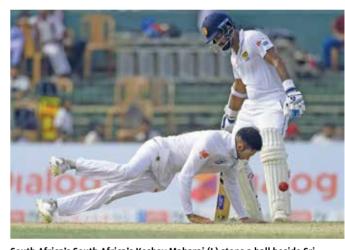
He got a lucky break at the

However, he dropped shots at Fleetwood and American duo the long 14th and the 17th, before a sensational par save at the fele are also right in the mix, last after his approach ended up

"To be honest, it wouldn't Level with Rose at four-un- have changed my mood an awful der before starting their rounds lot because the way I've played

"It was a good effort to get through and make the week-Also impressing early on Sat- end really. So there's no way I

"So to shoot mid-60s today, regardless of how I finished, Both are now three-un- would have been a good effort,"



South Africa's South Africa's Keshav Maharaj (L) stops a ball beside Sri Lankan cricketer Dimuth Karunaratne

Sri Lanka reign despite Maharaj milestone

Karunaratne builds lead after spinners rout **South Africa again**

Reuters | Colombo

 $K_{ ext{the second best figures by}}^{ ext{eshav Maharaj returned}}$ a South African bowler in a test innings but Sri Lanka took a firm step towards a 2-0 series gelo Mathews on 12 at the othsweep after thoroughly dominating day two of the second and final test on Saturday.

were laid bare once again as the tourists collapsed for 124 to concede a first innings lead of 214 runs at Colombo's Sin- and Rangana Herath frustrat-

Sri Lanka 338 (de Silva 60, Maharaj 9-129) and 151 for 3 (Gunathilaka 61, Karunaratne 59*, Maharaj (du Plessis 48, Akila 5-52, Dilruwan 4-40) by 365 runs halese Sports Club Ground.

Sri Lanka, who made 338 in the first innings, were 151-3 at stumps after deciding not to impose follow-on against the tourists who now stare at the possibility of a second successive test defeat inside three days.

Dimuth Karunaratne was batting on 59 at stumps, his fourth successive 50-plus knock in the series, with An-

For South Africa, left arm-spinner Maharaj took his South Africa's spin frailties match-haul to 11 wickets but his team were in dire straits.

> Earlier resuming the day on 277 for nine, Akila Dananjaya ed South Africa with a dogged 74-run stand for the final wicket before Maharaj struck when the latter was caught behind for 35. Dananjaya remained unbeaten on 43.

Maharaj's 9-129 is the second best by a South African in tests, behind only Hugh Tayfield's 9-113 against England in 1957, but his success brought little cheer to a side battling their own spin vulnerabilities.

BRIEF SCORE

2-90) lead South Africa 124