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FORMULA 1-RAIKKONEN PUTS FERRARI BACK ON TOP

FASTEST ON FINAL DAY OF TESTS AT JEREZ

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USPA NEWS - The Scuderia's new SF15-T had already topped the first and second days in the hands of Sebastian Vettel, and Raikkonen carried on that momentum by setting the best time of the test last Wednesday, dipping down to 1m 20.841s to finish comfortably clear of the chasing pack.

"Over the winter, we have made a good step forward and this car is definitely an improvement over the 2014 one," Raikkonen reflected. "It's the whole package that has progressed, but there is still a lot of work to do.
"We are not comparing ourselves to the others, we just got on with our own job, without looking at what they were doing. Times are of relatively little importance; what matters is that we have put together a good number of laps without having any real problems. We now have a good basis from which to start the development work."

Behind him, Marcus Ericsson continued Sauber's encouraging start to the new season by finishing second fastest, after new team mate Felipe Nasr had put the team top of the timesheets on day three.
The Swede also broke into triple figures in the lap charts, although Mercedes once again led the way in terms of total mileage as Lewis Hamilton clocked up 117 laps en route to setting the third fastest time of the day.
Testing resumes at Barcelona on February 19-22. Force India are expected to join the fray, although their new car is not likely to appear until the third and final test, also at Barcelona, on February 26-March 1.

Unofficial testing times from Jerez
1. Kimi Raikkonen - Ferrari, 1m 20.841s, 106 laps
2. Marcus Ericsson - Sauber, 1m 22.019s, 112 laps
3. Lewis Hamilton - Mercedes, 1m 22.172s, 117 laps
4. Max Verstappen - Toro Rosso, 1m 22.553s, 97 laps
5. Felipe Massa - Williams, 1m 23.116s, 73 laps
6. Romain Grosjean - Lotus, 1m 23.802s, 53 laps
7. Daniil Kvyat - Red Bull, 1m 23.975s, 64 laps
8. Jenson Button - McLaren, 1m 27.660s, 35 laps

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