

It's Rory's to Lews

RORY McIlroy and Lewis Hamilton are almost neck-and-neck among punters to win BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

The golfer, 25, is 4-9 favourite – but F1 champ Lewis, 29, is attracting almost as much in bets as 13-8 second favourite.

They make up 86 per cent of all Ladbrokes wagers on Sunday's gala.

The bookies said: "It's the closest race we've seen." Tennis ace Andy Murray won last year.

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The Alfa Romeo in which Mussolini's lover Claretta Petacci was caught fleeing Italy may fetch £1.9million in Paris.

FURY AS BBC REHIRE 700 AFTER REDUNDO



Revolving doors . . . Beeb HQ

THE BBC has been blasted for operating a "lucrative revolving door" and re-hiring 700 people it made redundant.

A total of 286 were brought back as full-time staff after getting pay-offs.

Their redundancy payments

EXCLUSIVE by ANDY HALLS

totalled more than £10.3million. Figures obtained by The Sun on Sunday under Freedom of Information also reveal 418 were back working freelance at the Beeb despite being laid off.

They show that eight per cent of the corporation's 5,000 freelancers had previously

received a redundancy pay-off. Campaigners slammed the policy last night. John O'Connell, director of the Taxpayers' Alliance, said: "It's time the lucrative revolving door at Broadcasting House stopped spinning. "Licence-fee payers will be furious that their cash is being wasted on generous golden goodbyes, only for those made 'redundant' to walk back in on

a new salary. The BBC has to cut out this wasteful spending."

BBC policy states no individual can be re-hired for 12 months after redundancy or three months as a freelance.

A spokesman said last night: "It is common in all industries, especially journalism, to have seasonal freelancers. This helps keep pay costs down."

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2 TEENS DIE AS CAR HITS WALL



Tragic . . . hair stylist Abbey, 19



Horror . . . barmaid Lily, also 19

TWO teenagers died when a sports car smashed into a wall yesterday.

Lily Godwin and Abbey Rogers, both 19, were passengers in a Mazda RX-8 driven by a friend.

Emergency services rushed to Lyndhurst, Hants, after the crash around midnight but the pair were pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver — a 21-year-old man — and another 19-year-old woman in the car were taken to hospital in Southampton with non-life threatening injuries. Mourners visited the

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crash site to lay flowers and pay their respects to nanny and barmaid Lily and hair stylist Abbey.

Nicky Marshall, landlady of the Stag Hotel where Lily worked, said the girls had been socialising in the pub shortly before the crash.

She said of Lily: "She was a lovely girl, full of energy. It's awful."

She added: "Abbey was a lovely girl. They were really good friends."



Tributes . . . friends and relatives leave flowers at crash site yesterday