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FIA World Rallycross Championship

One-two in Canada: Kristoffersson wins, ahead of Solberg

Perfect weekend for PSRX Team Volkswagen Sweden: Johan Kristoffersson (S), at the wheel of the Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar, won round eight of the FIA World Rallycross Championship in Trois-Rivières (CDN). Team-mate Petter Solberg (N), also driving the 570-hp Polo GTI, finished runner-up to complete the team's second one-two of the season. This latest victory was Kristoffersson's third in a row, and the fifth successive win for PSRX Volkswagen Sweden. And the list of achievements goes on: Kristoffersson took his place on the podium for the seventh time in a row in Canada – a new record. The team, which was formed in the run-up to this season, gave a clear statement of its intent on Saturday, when the two drivers overcame adverse conditions to end the day in first and third place. Kristoffersson and Solberg dominated the semi-finals on Sunday, and both started the final from the front row of the grid. In the end, it was the Swede who took victory, crossing the finish line with a lead of about one second over his Norwegian team-mate. In doing so, Kristoffersson extended his lead in the Drivers' Championship: after eight of the twelve rounds, he now holds a 35-point advantage over Solberg. PSRX remains the dominant force in the Team Championship: the Volkswagen team is already a full 108 points clear of the opposition.

Johan Kristoffersson: "It's incredible. What a brilliant result. Yesterday was quite tough with the conditions, but that's when this team really pulled together and came through. Everything went to plan this time. Once again, it was crucial that Petter and I went into the semi-finals in first and second so we could capitalise and try to get first and second on the grid in the final. I have a huge thanks to the team and to Petter for this weekend. We fly home a very happy team!"

More information: www.fiaworldrallycross.com

TCR Germany

Top rookie: Engstler impresses at the Nürburgring



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Luca Engstler (D, Liqui Moly Team Engstler) once again impressed as the top junior driver at round five of TCR Germany. At the wheel of the Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, Engstler was the best-placed rookie in both races and now holds a 26-point lead in the rookie competition. "We are obviously happy to have won the rookie classification. It is just a shame that we were not right at the front of the field. Based on our speed, that was definitely possible," said Engstler after Sunday's race, which was overshadowed by a number of safety car phases. Engstler narrowly missed out on the top-ten on Sunday, finishing eleventh overall. He had previously crossed the finish line in 15th place in Saturday's race. The two victories went to Josh Files (GB, Honda) and Antti Buri (FIN, Audi).

More information: www.adac-motorsport.de/adac-tcr-germany

▪ **Volkswagen Racing Cup UK**

Jamie Bond (Golf) and Tom Witts (Scirocco) took victory in the Volkswagen Racing Cup UK. Bond won the opening race at Brands Hatch, ahead of Bobby Thompson (Golf) and Simon Walton (Audi). Bond then finished third behind Witts and Kieran Gordon (Scirocco) in race two.

More information: <http://www.vvracingcup.co.uk/>

Next up:

12/08–13/08/2017, Global Rallycross, Atlantic City (USA)

13/08/2017, Swedish Touring Car Championship, Karlskoga Motorstadion (S)

12/08–13/08/2017, British Touring Car Championship, Knockhill (GB)

12/08/2017, Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa, Zwartkops Raceway (ZA)

12/08/2017, Global Touring Cars South Africa, Zwartkops Raceway (ZA)

09/08/2017, GTI Challenge South Africa, Killarney International Raceway (ZA)

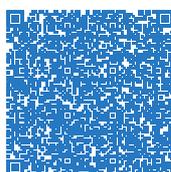


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