



Red Bull Global Rallycross (GRC)

Hat-trick of titles in the USA: Scott Speed crowned Global Rallycross Champion again in the Volkswagen Beetle

- **Champion! Scott Speed wins the drivers' title in the GRC, courtesy of second place in Los Angeles**
- **Team success! Tanner Foust wins season finale to finish runner-up in the championship**
- **Impressive record! Nine wins from twelve events for the Volkswagen Beetle GRC**

Wolfsburg (15 October 2017). First the Manufacturers' Championship, now a hat-trick of titles: Scott Speed (34, USA) has won the Red Bull Global Rallycross (GRC) again. Second place in the final race in Los Angeles (USA) was sufficient for the former Formula 1 driver to clinch the coveted drivers' title at the wheel of a Volkswagen Beetle GRC. This is the third year in a row that Speed has won the championship with the 560-hp, four-wheel drive powerhouse, having previously won in 2015 and 2016. Speed's team-mate at Andretti Autosport, Tanner Foust (44, USA), won the finale in L.A. to claim his fifth victory of the season and second place in the overall standings. Volkswagen had already wrapped up the title in the Manufacturers' Championship before the final round. This is the second title in a row for the Wolfsburg-based car maker.

"Champion driver for the third time, and champion manufacturer for the second – what an incredible success for Scott Speed and Volkswagen," said Volkswagen Motorsport Director Sven Smeets. "Congratulations to the whole team at Andretti Autosport. The cooperation between Volkswagen of America, Andretti Autosport and our technicians in Germany deserves a special mention. Everything has really come together perfectly: the communication between the USA and Hannover, the positive atmosphere in the team, and the shared will and desire to constantly improve and optimise the performance of the Volkswagen Beetle GRC."

"I am obviously overjoyed and relieved! During the week prior to the finale, I repeatedly found myself considering what could still happen with such a big lead," said Scott Speed after the finale. "Now I have done it – and I salute everyone who worked on this project. It is a fantastic team success."

String of successes for Speed: Three wins in a row lay the foundations for the title

Speed and Foust got the 2017 season off to a spectacular and successful start, with a one-two in Memphis. Having seen Foust move to the top of the championship on the back of two wins in the middle of the season, defending champion Speed hit back with an impressive run



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of success. He laid the foundations for his hat-trick of titles with victory in Indianapolis and a brace of wins at the double-header in Atlantic City (USA). Foust did make it exciting, courtesy of victories number three, four and five of the season at the double-header in Seattle (USA) and the finale in Los Angeles, but Speed, who racked up four wins over the course of the season, was a model of consistency with three runner-up finishes. Having gone into the final round of the season with a 30-point lead, he eventually finished 19 points clear of the rest of the field.

Impressive figures: Volkswagen Beetle GRC the car to beat

The 2017 season saw the Volkswagen team add another chapter to its success story "Beetle goes America". The two 560-hp Beetles, run by Volkswagen of America and developed in Hannover by Volkswagen Motorsport, won nine of the twelve GRC events and claimed 19 podium finishes between them. Since Volkswagen joined the GRC championship in 2014, the Wolfsburg-based car maker has 27 wins and 51 podiums to its name.

Red Bull Global Rallycross (GRC), final standings*

Drivers' Championship

1. Scott Speed (Volkswagen), 826; 2. Tanner Foust (Volkswagen), 807; 3. Steve Arpin (Ford), 743; 4. Sebastian Eriksson (Honda), 651; 5. Mitchell deJong (Honda), 640; 6. Oliver Eriksson (Honda), 601; 7. Chris Atkinson (Honda), 585; 8. Patrik Sandell (Subaru), 582; 9. Austin Dyne (Ford), 562; 10. Cabot Bigham (Ford), 473; 11. Austin Cindric (Ford), 102.

* provisional.

Red Bull Global Rallycross (GRC), 2017 season – races and winners

29/04/2017 Memphis – Winner: **Scott Speed (Volkswagen)**
21/05/2017 Louisville – Winner: Sebastian Eriksson (Honda)
03/06/2017 Thompson I – Winner: **Tanner Foust (Volkswagen)**
04/06/2017 Thompson II – Winner: Steve Arpin (Ford)
17/06/2017 Ottawa I – Winner: Steve Arpin (Ford)
18/06/2017 Ottawa II – Winner: **Tanner Foust (Volkswagen)**
09/07/2017 Indianapolis – Winner: **Scott Speed (Volkswagen)**
12/08/2017 Atlantic City I – Winner: **Scott Speed (Volkswagen)**
13/08/2017 Atlantic City II – Winner: **Scott Speed (Volkswagen)**



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09/09/2017 Seattle I – Winner: **Tanner Foust (Volkswagen)**
10/09/2017 Seattle II – Winner: **Tanner Foust (Volkswagen)**
14/10/2017 Los Angeles – Winner: **Tanner Foust (Volkswagen)**

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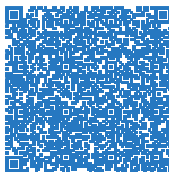


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