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FIA World Rallycross Championship

Unstoppable: Kristoffersson and PSRX Volkswagen Sweden extend their overall lead

Johan Kristoffersson (S) claimed an impressive victory at round six of the World Rallycross Championship in Hell (N). In doing so, he extended his overall lead in the championship. The Swede notched up his second success of the year at the wheel of the 570-hp Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar. With 151 points to his name after six rounds, he now leads his closest rival Mattias Ekström (Audi/S) by eight points. Kristoffersson's team-mate Petter Solberg (N) may have had a relatively disappointing home event, failing to make it into the final for the first time this season, but is still third in the overall standings.

"It is fantastic," said Kristoffersson after the final on the undulating track in Hell. "I cannot say it often enough, but our team is really rather special. The way we work and achieve these results together is really fantastic. That was a tough weekend. The wet conditions were not easy yesterday. However, my Polo GTI was just superb." After Kristoffersson suffered a setback with a puncture in the fourth qualifying session, he was simply unstoppable: he followed victory in the semi-final with a dominant win in the final. Even a painful ankle injury, which he sustained on the starting grid on Saturday, could not stop the big Swede.

In the Team Championship, PSRX Volkswagen Sweden now has 285 points and is an impressive 81 points clear of the Peugeot Hansen (204) team. The next race weekend in the World Rallycross Championship will take place at the iconic Höljes circuit in Sweden on 1 and 2 July.

More information: www.fiaworldrallycross.com



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FIA European Rallycross Championship

Marklund maintains championship lead with third place

Anton Marklund (S) achieved a podium result at round five of the FIA European Rallycross Championship in Hell (N) and, in doing so, defended his overall lead in the European championship. The Swede crossed the finish line third at the end of a hard-fought final to score valuable points towards the championship. With four race weekends remaining, Marklund tops the table with 55 points. Second place in the championship is currently occupied by Robin Larsson (Audi/S/44), who was victorious in Hell, followed by Tamas-Pal Kiss (Peugeot/H/43), who was runner-up in the final.

In total, three Volkswagen Polo cars progressed to the final race in Hell. Marklund was followed over the line by Alexander Hvaal (N) in fourth and Peter Hedström (S) in fifth. Höljes (S) will host the next race weekend in the European Rallycross Championship on 1 and 2 July.

TCR International Series

Morbidelli fifth, Vernay concedes overall lead

Gianni Morbidelli (I) was the best-placed Volkswagen driver in fifth place at round five of the TCR International Series at the Salzburgring (A). The Italian, at the wheel of a Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR, crossed the finish line just 2.4 seconds behind winner Roberto Colciago (Honda/I). Fellow Volkswagen driver Giacomo Altoè (I) also finished in the top ten in eighth place.

In contrast, it was a disappointing weekend for Jean-Karl Vernay (F), who led the championship coming into round five. The Frenchman from the Leopard Racing team, and his team-mate Robert Huff (GB) both crashed out in race one. The two Golf GTI TCRs were so badly damaged that Vernay and Huff were unable to take their place on the grid for race two. Vernay consequently lost his championship lead to Stefano Comini (Audi/I) and is now third overall, behind Roberto Colciago (Honda/I). The next races in the TCR International Series will take place this weekend (17/18 June) at the Hungaroring (H).

More information: www.tcr-series.com

TCR Germany

Pajuranta just misses out on the top ten in a Golf GTI TCR

Juuso-Matti Pajuranta (FIN) narrowly missed out on a top-ten finish at round two of TCR Germany at the Red Bull Ring (A). The driver from the Positione Motorsport team came home



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eleventh in race two in his 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR. He was rewarded for his efforts with twelve points towards the Drivers' Championship. Fellow Volkswagen driver Florian Thoma (CH) was the top Volkswagen in eleventh place in the opening race. TCR Germany heads to Eastern Germany next: Oschersleben will host round three of the season from 7 to 9 July.

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

▪ **Volkswagen Fun Cup France**

Philippe Illiano and Julien Andlauer of Team SPI won the 12-hour race in the Volkswagen Fun Cup France in Magny-Cours (F). The duo in the number 911 car finished ahead of Alain Ferte and Michael Leenders of the Groupe Lemoine team, who led the race for almost nine hours. Third place went to the DNS Racing trio of Cédric Bollen, Kevin Caprasse and Philippe Roulet.

More information: www.funcup.net

Next up:

17/06-18/06/2017, TCR International Series, Hungaroring (H)
17/06-18/06/2017, FIA Formula 3 European Championship, Hungaroring (H)
16/06-18/06/2017, TCR Italy, Monza (I)
17/06-18/06/2017, Global Rallycross Championship, Ottawa (CDN)
17/06.-18/06/2017, Russian Circuit Racing Series, Novgorod (RUS)
17/06/2017, Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa, Zwartkops (ZA)
17/06/2017, Global Touring Cars South Africa, Zwartkops (ZA)
17/06/2017, Swedish Touring Car Championship, Solvalla (S)



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