

News release
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World RX of Italy preview

Petter ready for the Italian job

We have no intention blowing any bloody doors off this weekend.

It's time for *calma calma*.

Now more than ever we need to be thinking about points. I know I said that in Germany and I know I said I wouldn't be taking any chances – but what was I supposed to do when I saw the gap!

Honestly, it's so tough saying these things now, when I really mean them. But then you put on the crash helmet and head to the track and that's when the racer really takes over. But now, I have to stay sharp and think all of the time. Everything has to be right at this end of the season and with the advantage we have.

That all sounds really serious. We shouldn't forget we're going to Italy, to see some of the best fans in the world for some of the best motorsport in the world.

And we're going to see Gigi.

Gigi Galli and I competed together in the World Rally Championship a few years ago and it's fantastic to see him back in a car again. Gigi and I share the same passion for driving and the same passion for sharing everything with our fans. He's a great guy and I am really looking forward to catching up with him again this week.

After such a good run, a few people have asked me if I am feeling nervous about this weekend. Being honest, I was more nervous about the first corner in Germany last week – that was such a gamble every time you went into it! Italy is looking good. We have made more changes to our car, which will suit this kind of track even more.

I can't wait to get there now. I can't wait to get on with my own Italian job.

Championship positions*

1 Petter Solberg	212pts
2 Toomas Heikkinen	160pts
3 Reinis Nitiss	158pts
4 Andreas Bakkerud	136pts
5 Timur Timerzyanov	128pts
6 Anton Marklund	124pts

Last time out...

Petter Solberg took a comfortable win, enjoying a five-millisecond margin over Mattias Ekstrom! Petter's fourth win of the season was not only his third in succession but also the closest in World RX history. (World RX of Germany, Estering, September 21)

Circuit:

Length: 1390m

Width: 12m

Tarmac: 60%

Dirt 40%

Website: www.estering.de

Timetable

Saturday September 27

1000 practice

1230 qualifying heats

1800 RX press conference

Sunday September 28

0800 warm up

0915 qualifying heats

1500 semi-final

1530 final

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