

News release
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World RX of Sweden preview

Oliver asks for more

Sainz. Rosberg. Brabham. Hill. Villeneuve. Andretti.

Carlos. Keke. Sir Jack. Graham. Gilles. Mario.

They're all world-famous fathers with super-quick sons.

And now Solberg. Petter. Oliver. It's happening.

Oliver Solberg can't stop winning. And this weekend he's putting plenty of pressure on his triple FIA World Champion father Petter to start winning again.

Petter began his second consecutive FIA World Rallycross title defence in exemplary fashion with a brilliant World RX of Portugal victory in April. But since then he's missed out on the top step of the podium.

Oliver, who is dominating the North European Crosskart title race (he's pretty much a second per lap quicker than his rivals in the same machinery...) is offering his dad some advice.

"I told him," says Oliver, "winning isn't easy, nothing is easy, but he has to push like crazy and it will come. He's the best in the world. He'll make it happen. I believe in him. We all believe in him."

Wise words from the 14-year-old superstar in the making.

"Oliver's right," smiled Solberg Sr. "It will come. We did more testing with the car last week; we worked even more on the geometry, the suspension and the differentials.

"Honestly, the car is like new now. From the start of the season, the team has done an incredible amount of development on this car and we keep on working, we keep on finding more speed. We cannot stand still.

"It's Sweden this week and that means my second home race of the month. As you know, PSRX is based in Torsby, Sweden. So many of the team are from here, including my wife Pernilla. Holjes is such a special place to drive. I love being there – and not just because it's so close for us. The track's a really cool one: a place the driver can really make a difference and make a big attack.

“But the really big thing is the fans. Holjes is just massive. Honestly, it’s unbelievable how many people are there in the campervans and motorhomes. The people will be there for one week before the race, just having the big party and enjoying themselves. I love that. It’s like the RX equivalent to the El Condor stage on Rally Argentina.

“When fans have this kind of passion, I know we are in the right game. With the right kind of people.”

Petter is second in the World RX standings, five points down on Mattias Ekström, but 37 ahead of third-placed Sébastien Loeb.

What? When?

Qualifying 1/2: Saturday July 2 1330/1530

Qualifying 3/4: Sunday July 3 1000/1130

Semi-finals/Final: Sunday July 3 1500/1540

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