

Media briefing
February 4, 2018

Event: Race of Champions

Date: February 2/3, 2018

Venue: King Fahad International Stadium, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Result: Petter Solberg 2nd; Johan Kristoffersson (semi-final)

Detail:

PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden drivers Petter Solberg and Johan Kristoffersson competed at Race of Champions. Both drivers enjoyed strong early form in the individual event and ultimately faced each other in the semi-final, which was won by Petter.

Petter lost out to 13-time Grand Prix winner David Coulthard (GB) in the final.

Petter was joined by Tom Kristensen (DK) in Team Nordic, while Johan and Joel Eriksson (S) formed Team Sweden. Team Nordic made the semi-final while Team Sweden lost out on a semi-final spot on countback.

Quotes:

Petter said: "Congratulations to David [Coulthard]. This was my first time in the final of the Race of Champions and I really wanted to win. In the end, I came up just short. David is a worthy winner. It was great fun to be at this fantastic event and to compete against all those motorsport greats. This event is always about mixing a lot of fun with friends with some fierce rivalry. I'll get my revenge on DC next time!"

Johan said: "I really enjoyed my first time competing at Race of Champions in Riyadh. The competition was really intense on such a technical track where you couldn't afford to put a wheel out of line. It's good to get the chance to drive a few different cars and meet drivers from so many different disciplines. It's funny that you just couldn't keep Petter and I apart – we spent last season racing each other and then we end up in the same semi-final. It's been great. But after the sunshine, it's time for the snow and Rally Sweden next week now."

Next event: Both PSRX Volkswagen Sweden drivers will contest Rally Sweden (Torsby, February 15-18) with Johan driving a Skoda Fabia R5, while Petter is joined by his wife and team principal Pernilla in a Ford Escort RS1800 for Rally Sweden Historic.

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