

News release
July 9 2014

Solberg: no time for Belgian waffle

Welcome to the final round of the race within the race. The last three weeks have been a little bit crazy.

We've laughed with 35,000 fans in Sweden and almost cried in the rain when we weren't allowed to start the final in Finland. We've won heats; we've traded paint (mainly with Andreas Bakkerud in Höljes); we've made friends and, most importantly, we're still in the race.

We were second in the championship two rounds ago and we're second in the championship now. Yes, we might be missing a few points from Finland, but we're only nine down on [Reinis] Nitiss. Nitiss is looking like the one to watch for me: he has good speed, but he's consistent as well. Always scoring good points. And that's what we want in Belgium this week. Circuit Jules Tacheny looks like a good one. I think it will certainly be a good one for the fans – the joker doesn't come until quite late in the lap, which means we'll be in a big bunch for quite a while.

Getting a good start will be vital to get into the first right-hander quickly, after that it's quite technical with the surface changing to and from gravel three times before a long left-hander leads us back to the main straight.

When it gets to Sunday night, I think the whole team will be ready to just take a breath. But it'll have to be a quick breath as we have to get the car ready to transport it to Canada for round six at Trois-Rivieres. That will be the first time rallycross has been to this circuit and I must say I'm quite excited to see how the World RX circus travels – and to see how Canada welcomes Jacques Villeneuve.

But, before that, we have another local hero to contend with in Belgium this weekend, when Francois Duval comes to compete. I'm sure Duval will be quick, but we have to make sure our Citroen DS3 Supercar is quicker.

Five different drivers have won rounds of the championship so far this year. It would be nice if it stayed like that this weekend and even nicer if PSRX celebrated win number two.

Championship positions:

1 Reinis Nitiss	112pts
2 Petter Solberg	103pts
3 Andreas Bakkerud	99pts
4 Topi Heikkinen	88pts
5 Anton Marklund	64pts
= Timur Timerzyanov	64pts

Last time out... (World RX of Sweden, Höljes, July 5/6)

More than 35,000 fans cheered Petter Solberg to third place in the supercar final of what the PSRX team leader calls his second home race. Solberg had been looking good for second place prior to a late lunge from Andreas Bakkerud – but his third podium in five rounds was enough to take Solberg back to second in the standings.

Circuit:

Length: 1030m

Width: 10m

Tarmac: 69%

Dirt: 31%

Website: mettetrx.com

Timetable

Saturday July 12

1100 free practice

1330 heats

Sunday July 13

0900 warm-up/qualifying heats

1500 finals

1725 podium

Contacts:

PSRX media:

per-espen@pettersolberg.no

+46 76 110 7 110

+47 952 43 245

FIA World RX media:

rxmedia@imgworld.com

rachel.cavers@mpacreative.com

+44 1372 414120

+44 7500 877304

pettersolberg.com

rallycrossrx.com

@Petter_Solberg

@RallycrossRX

www.facebook.com/PetterSolbergWRC

www.facebook.com/fiaworldrallycross