

## **PSRX Friday facts**

FIA World Rallycross Championship Round 10  
World RX of Italy  
September 20-21

### **Petter's guide to Franciacorta**

Motorsport is everything in Italy, more than a passion – it's a religion. And that's why it's so important that we come to this country for a round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship. And we'll be in Italy just five days after this weekend's World RX of Germany.

I have competed in Italy a lot of times on the Sanremo Rally and at the Bettega Memorial Rallysprint in Bologna – as well as in Sardinia, of course – and every time you see such incredible fans. Next week, we will be in the true heartland of the *tifosi* and that always makes the pulse beat a little faster.

Not that my pulse is having much chance to slow down right now. We are in the middle of a very busy period. Per-Espen and I are writing these words at scrutineering for World RX of Germany!

But this story is about Italy. We went to the Franciacorta International Circuit for the launch of World RX at the start of the season, so we have some idea of what to expect. We didn't drive the full circuit, though, so I can't give you a complete guide to what it's like – but I do know that it's one of the longer tracks we will compete on this year. There's a very long, fast straight and a big jump. Don't worry: there will be plenty of action!

It's quite a change in character from the other circuits. In our set-up data, we have a compromise, but it looks like we will run the car in similar specification to Lohéac in France. Of course, there is gravel at the Franciacorta circuit, but it's really hard and packed gravel, which is a bit more like asphalt.

Like I've said before, the big thing for me now is points. Yes, if I see the chance to go for the win in Italy, I will be there straight away – you all know how much I love to win – but all of our eyes are on the title now.

As much as the whole PSRX team is focused on the job we are doing, we will still have the chance to enjoy Italy. This is our kind of religion! The circuit is between Brescia and Monza; can you imagine a place with more motorsport history? Motorsport has been happening here since 1900!

114 years after the Coppa Brescia, we will try to emulate Alberto Franchetti's first win. Certainly, I think we have a bit more power: his Panhard only had 12bhp – we've got around 50 times that in our DS3 Supercar.

*Forza PSRX!*

**Circuit:**

Length: 1390m

Width: 12m

Tarmac: 60%

Dirt 40%

Website: [www.ustering.de](http://www.ustering.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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