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Hollywood's a world champion (again)

Last year, we sang you a song. Remember? *We are the champions*. Fancy an encore? Petter Solberg has done it again here in Rosario, Argentina. He's first, second, third and 17th.

Petter's the **First** to win back-to-back FIA World Rallycross Championship titles.

This is his **second** FIA World Rallycross Championship.

And his **third** FIA World Championship, who could forget his 2003 World Rally Championship?

But the real history comes with number **17**. Petter's the **17th** driver in the history of motorsport to take a third FIA title.

No wonder the triple World Champion's singing in South America tonight.

PSRX superstar Petter *only* needed five points to claim the 2015 FIA World Rallycross Championship in Rosario; making the semi-final would be enough.

He did it.

"It's unbelievable! I found out I was world champion when I was in the toilet – can you believe that? This has been a crazy, crazy weekend. In the end, because of the dust, the first day was cancelled, so everything was coming today: all the heats, semis and finals.

"I was nervous as hell to start with, this made me even more nervous. I was hoping to go to sleep on Saturday night with some good points on the board, but nothing.

"And then we had a problem with the car. There was an issue with the wiring loom, which burned out and meant the gear-cut stopped working; this made it so difficult for me to get a gear.

"For me, this is where PSRX showed why we are world champions. Nobody panicked, nobody was worried. OK, I was a little bit stressed, but the guys got the problem fixed.

"As you all know, we have had a big plan for the PSRX team in the second half of this year. I had to drive smart; I couldn't go flat out all of the time, we couldn't risk anything. I must admit, I found this so frustrating! All I wanted to do was race and push as hard as I could.

“When we won the title, I couldn’t wait to get out there for the semi-final. The pressure had gone, I wanted to race. The semi went really well, I got into the lead and stayed there until the joker on the final lap. There had been a crash and I went into the joker under waved yellows, so I was quite cautious – it was so slippery in there.

“In the end, I missed the win in the semi-final, but the second row for the final meant a really exciting race. Actually, it was quite a crazy race, the first few corners were unbelievable; I have no idea what actually happened! I ended up on the grass and I think I was actually last! Then [Mattias] Ekström hit me in the side coming off his joker lap. I’m sure he didn’t even see me! But it was quite a big hit and broke the steering – I was happy to make the podium in the end.

“It would have been the perfect finish to win, but really I don’t care so much. I came here with one objective and we did that.

“We didn’t come to Argentina for a glass of champagne, we came for the bottle. And we got it. A bloody big bottle!”

“I am the world champion again!”

The three-word weekend:

Three’s the word!

The big number:

50 That’s how many World Rallycross races Petter has won from 25 events in the last two years.

Result:

- 1 Robin Larsson 4m16.346s
- 2 Mattias Ekström 4m16.799s
- 3 Petter Solberg 4m21.587s**
- 4 Janis Baumanis 4m23.042s
- 5 Timmy Hansen DNF
- 6 Kevin Hansen DNF

Drivers’ championship positions:

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Petter Solberg | 297pts |
| 2 Timmy Hansen | 274pts |
| 3 Johan Kristoffersson | 234pts |
| 4 Andreas Bakkerud | 232pts |
| 5 Davy Jeanney | 201pts |
| 6 Mattias Ekström | 196pts |

Teams’ championship positions:

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| 1 Peugeot-Hansen | 442pts |
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2 Ford Olsbergs
3 SDRX

379pts
312pts

And finally, finally, for the final time this season... an answer:
THREE is Petter's new favourite number!

Want to know more about your FIA World Rallycross Champion?

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