

News release
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World RX of Canada preview

Three rivers, two days, one aim for Solberg

There's nothing worse than not making a good start. It doesn't matter if you are talking about life in general or a round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship.

Hello Canada, we're ready to get this thing started now. And started very, very quickly.

We discovered a small problem with the start system on our PSRX Supercar in Sweden – there was an issue in the data which we sorted in the week after the race. We didn't have long to work on the car because it had to be shipped to the race here in Canada, but we got it fixed. How do I know we got it fixed? Because we tested it and it went off the line like the bullet from a gun!

The last race in Holjës was maybe a little bit frustrating, we simply couldn't have done more than we did. Obviously, the key is to stay ahead in the championship and we're doing that, but I want to win again.

I think it might be time to switch the strategy a little bit and focus more on taking the chequered flag in the final. You know what I'm like, I'm only happy if we are winning and it's been three races since we did that – that's too long!

And what about Canada and this circuit? Well, it's a fast one, a really quick one, actually. It needed some work on the gravel sections and it needed a jump, but I know the organisers will have worked really hard and sorted all of that out by the time we get there. I have great memories from the race last year, it was an amazing atmosphere when we won.

One thing I am really happy about is the way the organisers have made the race over two days. Last year was too much. The guys were up and working on the car at four in the morning and didn't finish until seven in the night – that's not fair at all. And running over two days gives us the chance to make more show for the fans.

Being a bit of a street circuit, the track is close to the centre of the Trois-Rivieres which makes for a really nice feeling with all of the fans coming close and really enjoying the action. It's great to be able to get out of Europe for some of these rounds and to be able to compete in front of some really enthusiastic and knowledgeable North American race fans.

So, like I said, let's get started. We're in front, let's stay in front and let's get even further in front!

Circuit:

Length: 1370m

Max width: 15m

Min width: 10m

Tarmac: 60%

Dirt 40%

Website: www.gp3r.com

Timetable – all local times

Friday August 7

1300 practice

1425 practice

1600 qualifying heat 1

1900 qualifying heat 2

Saturday August 8

1215 warm up

1300 qualifying heat 3

1500 qualifying heat 4

1900 semi-final/final

2010 World RX press conference

Last time out...

Petter won two of his World RX of Sweden heats to set himself up nicely for the semi and final, but a broken steering arm forced him out of the last race of the weekend. For the first time this year, Petter didn't finish first or second in the final. Courtesy of his huge early effort in the race weekend, he did, however, extend his lead in the championship. Oh, and he gave the 39,000 fans at Holjës plenty to cheer about.

Canada in *numéros*:

3 is how many rivers make up Trois-Rivieres...

5 (from six) is the number of races Petter won in Canada last year

6 is how many time zones Canada covers

14 is how many gold medals Canada won at its Winter Olympics in 2010

16 weeks is how long Canada's Bryan Adams was at number one in the UK with I do it for you

24.3 metres square is the world's smallest jail... in Ontario

2000 km is the length of Yonge Street, Canada – the longest street in the world

55,000 species of insect live in Canada

202,080 km is the length of Canada's coastline. Longest in the world

3,850,000 million square miles is Canada's total land area

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