

News release
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World RX of Germany preview

Petter's got to be starting... fastest

Go!

And this weekend, more than any other weekend of the year, you absolutely have to be the first to go and be gone. The start is so, so important at this track because the first corner is completely crazy!

The start of the track is really nice and wide and with good grip if the sun is shining. But then after we have accelerated to an incredible speed, you have to brake, brake, brake for that corner. And, just to make it even more interesting and exciting, the braking area for that all-important hairpin right is on gravel.

I won this race last year, but it was so close. I won by just five milliseconds and that was *too* close. The job for this weekend is to win by a bigger margin than last time. Actually, I don't mind about the margin, a win is still a win!

After a really busy start to the season, we had a small break since competing (and winning) in Great Britain. But there's been no break for the PSRX team in Torsby. Everybody has been working really hard to make our Supercar even faster. Honestly, I have the best team in the world with me – I remember this every time I lift the clutch and fly!

This is our second trip to Germany already this year, but the Estering track and this weekend's event in Buxtehude will be really different to Hockenheim in May. That race was running on the back of the DTM event, but this one is all about the rallycross and the fans we get here – and there are lots of them – are pure rallycross fans. They just love it! And so do I.

Circuit:

Length: 952m
Max width: 16m
Min width: 10m
Tarmac: 60%
Dirt 40%
Website: www.estering.de

Timetable – all local times

Saturday June 20
1000 practice
1230 qualifying heats
1830 autograph session

Sunday June 21
0830 warm up
1000 qualifying heats
1500 semi-final/final
1610 World RX press conference

Last time out...

Petter took his second win from the last three starts at last month's World RX of Britain – his success in Kent also maintained his 100 per cent podium record in 2015. The two-time FIA World Champion has won or finished runner-up in all four World Rallycross rounds so far this season. Not even a puncture in the final race could stop Petter ending a hugely competitive weekend at Lydden with victory.

Germany in *anzahl* (again):

-45.9 is the coldest temperature recorded in Germany
0.005 seconds was Petter's winning margin last time he was in Estering
1 is how many Brothers Grimm books are set in Buxtehude
3.54 metres is how far Germany goes below sea level at Wilstermarsch
4 is how many times Germany has won football's World Cup
40.2 is the hottest temperature recorded in Germany
50 points was the size of Petter's WRX lead when he left Estering in 2014
2,962 metres is the highest point of Germany on the Zugspitze mountain
502,000 is how many people Germany's biggest company VW employs
600,000 years ago is how long (ancient) humans have been in Germany

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