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It's heaven in Hell (almost) for PSRX Volkswagen Sweden

Johan Kristoffersson scored a sensational second win from three rounds to extend his advantage over defending FIA World Rallycross Champion Mattias Ekström to eight points after today's race in Norway.

And it's not just the superstar Swede who left Hell happy. A hat-trick of wins for the PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden ensures the Torsby-based squad moves 81 points clear of Peugeot-Hansen. Once again the Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercars dominated proceedings, winning Q3 (Kristoffersson), Q4 (Petter Solberg) a semi-final and, of course, the final.

Johan powered clear to stand above Andreas Bakkerud and Sébastien Loeb on the final podium. The delighted winner admitted his latest success even eased the pain of having his foot driven over in a freak accident on Friday.

"It's fantastic," he said. "Again, I keep saying this, but this team is a special one. The way we work together and put these results away is fantastic. This one was a tough weekend, with the wet conditions it wasn't so easy yesterday, but today the Polo GTI Supercar was just sensational.

"The final was actually OK, quite straightforward and went to the plan. I'm sorry for Petter not making the final, especially with this being his home race. Next time it's my home race and I really hope I can make the same result again. But for now, we celebrate another victory."

That third win from six rounds ensures PSRX Volkswagen Sweden leads Peugeot-Hansen by an incredible 81 points in the FIA World Rallycross teams' standings.

PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team owner Petter Solberg missed out on a place in the final for the first time this season. The two-time FIA World Rallycross Champion was massively frustrated at being knocked out in the semi-final.

Petter said: "Obviously it's disappointing that we can't keep this incredible run going for getting two cars to the final. I have to say I am so, so disappointed with what happened in the semi-final; this is the second time I have been pushed out by this guy in my home race. I don't know what else to say about this. It's not right.

"It's been a tough weekend, but still we made some good results. The win in Q4 was really good for me and I was positive coming to the semi and then this happens.

“OK, we have to look on the positive. Johan won and I’m so proud for him and for the whole team. We extend the lead in the championships and that’s what we take away from here. Norway and Hell bite me again, but I’ll be back next season.”

Result:

1 Johan Kristoffersson	3m57.461s
2 Andreas Bakkerud	3m59.408s
3 Sébastien Loeb	4m01.276s
4 Mattias Ekström	4m01.728s
5 Timmy Hansen	4m01.897s
6 Timur Timerzyanov	4m03.875s

Drivers’ championship positions:

1 Kristoffersson	151pts
2 Ekström	143pts
3 Solberg	134pts
4 Hansen	102pts
5 Loeb	102pts
6 Bakkerud	100pts

Teams’ championship positions:

1 PSRX Volkswagen Sweden	285pts
2 Team Peugeot-Hansen	204pts
3 EKS	198pts

Next time out World RX of Sweden June 30-July 2

More beer will be drunk by partying fans than petrol consumed by World RX supercars this weekend. And that’s going some – these cars are downing a couple of litres each lap!

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