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World RX of France preview

After the crash, Petter's back with a bang

Twenty-four days ago, the watching world held its breath after Anton Marklund's brake-less Volkswagen slammed into the back of Petter Solberg's near-stationary PSRX Supercar after the finish of World RX of Canada...

... an incredible 11 days after the car arrived back at the PSRX workshop in Sweden, the car was completely and beautifully rebuilt and ready to race.

The same can be said for PSRX's two-time FIA World Rallycross Champion himself. Petter's rebooted and, more than ever, ready to get back out there.

And the good news is rebooted man and rebuilt machine will be on track on Saturday morning for World RX of France at Loheac.

"After the crash happened, I was a bit more worried about myself than the car," said Petter. "I knew, whatever shape the car was in, this team could fix it – don't forget, this is the team that has helped me beat the manufacturers to the last two World RX titles. This team is the miracle team!

"And look at the car now, it's perfect. Actually, it's better than perfect. The car will be quicker than it was before; the complete rebuild of the car has given us the chance to add in some small details to the chassis that we probably wouldn't have done in the middle of the season.

"OK, it's not the way I would have wanted to make the car faster, but it's happened. In fact, everything that happened in Canada is history now. We had incredible speed, but it went a bit wrong in the final and then a lot wrong after the final! What happened was an accident and while this had nothing to do with post-race celebrations, one thing I'm keen to talk to the other drivers about in France is where we do the donuts and where we loosen the belts to meet and say hello to the fans straight after the race.

"But now the focus is on France and the race weekend.

"I love Loheac, it's a great track with an incredible atmosphere. There will be so many people there cheering us on – it's possible a few of them might be there for one man called Seb!

"The circuit at Loheac's one of the best of the season and it's a place where I've always gone really well. In the last two years, I've won my semi-final both times and won the final once, I finished second in the final last year. A similar result would be fantastic this weekend, but like I'm always saying: the

emphasis is on the title. Everything we are doing is for the championship right now.

"I feel great going into the race, while the team worked like hell on the car, I've had some physio and some treatment to get me right. It's worked. I'm ready to get back on the grid."

What? When?

Qualifying 1/2: Saturday September 3 1400/1625

Qualifying 3/4: Sunday September 4 1045/1220

Semi-finals/Final: Sunday September 4 1350/1500

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