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### **Solberg beats Solberg up Norway's most famous hill**

- Petter wins Norway's most famous hillclimb
- Hill record remains in the Solberg family (Petter beat Oliver)
- Rapturous welcome for the home leg of the Farewell Tour
- Praise for Norges Råeste Bakkeløp and its 'bright future'

Three-time FIA World Champion Petter Solberg settled a bet made over the breakfast table in Måselv today (Saturday).

Last year his son Oliver set a new record for the Norges Råeste Bakkeløp, Norway's most famous hillclimb.

Petter said he could beat that time.

Oliver said he couldn't.

Guess what? Petter won.

His time of 1m37.99s will take some beating after Petter wound Volkswagen Motorsport's Polo R Supercar up and tore up the 3.75km road. But as well as his blistering pace, this event has also been about trip down another road for Petter: memory lane.

Petter joked: "Oliver needs to wake up earlier each morning if he's going to win this one back!"

In addition to the hillclimb, the Norges Råeste Bakkeløp included a variety of events including gymkhana, a drag race and autocross. Petter won the gymkhana and autocross, but lost out to a 1100bhp drag car in a straight line.

The organisers have extended the hillclimb from Oliver's record-breaking run last year, but they permitted Petter one shot at the old course before they changed the course for the race proper. Petter took that shot and scored, bettering his son's time by six seconds (albeit in a faster car with more power than the Citroën Xsara WRC Oliver used in 2018).

Petter added: "This is a fantastic event and it's the sort of thing I began my career competing in. That's why I wanted to bring back some people who helped me race when I was starting out in the 1990s. This was a really nice reunion with the mechanics and guys.

"I brought back my Volvo 240. My family and me, we built this car ourselves,

completely. I'm still so proud of it – and it's still one incredible machine. In 1995 I won 19 out of 21 Norwegian rallycross races in that car and it still gave me a real buzz to drive it in the gymkhana event on Wednesday. I didn't drive that car for 20 years, it's still on the same tyres it was the last time I drove it and we won!

“Finally I want to say a big thank you to the organisers of the event – and a lot of congratulations. These guys worked so hard and I think they have a big future and a really promising future for an exciting event.”

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