

PSRX Friday facts

FIA World Rallycross Championship Round 7
World RX of Canada
August 8

Petter's guide to Trois-Rivieres

Bonjour.

World RX of France might not be until next month, but coming to Quebec is giving us some good practice at saying *bonjour*. Everybody speaks French here.

Anybody who knows me, knows I'm not very good at sitting around and waiting for the next time I'm tightening my belts and pulling on my crash helmet.

There are 611 hours between finishing the final in Belgium and starting the first practice in Canada. We've done 463, just 148 hours to go. And counting!

I can't wait. I love driving, I love racing. And I love lifting my left foot to let the 600 horses in front of me run free. And, for the second time in succession, I'm competing in a country completely new to me.

We're across the sea. Canada. And Canada's huge. It's almost 10 million square kilometres – the second biggest country in the world. And we're halfway between Quebec City and Montreal, on the east side of the country.

Not only do we have to get over jet-lag for the first time, we're also going to have a completely different format of event. This one's going to be a little bit different. The final, all the racing, all the parties will be done *before* the weekend next week.

The street circuit at Trois-Rivieres is a very special place and it's great for the FIA World Rallycross Championship to come here. Rallycross is just one part of a great weekend of racing which includes lots of different cars. For a real Norwegian petrolhead like me, this will be a great week!

The rallycross is all happening in one day, when the track is being converted to include some dirt, just for us. The circuit is going to be really interesting with some tight corners – typical of the sort you find on street tracks.

Like the last time in Belgium, we go off the line and through a couple of corners before the first chance to take the joker lap – this means the action will be fairly intense in the early part of the first circuit. There are three jumps on each lap, which means we'll spend quite a while in the air. The most important thing is to keep the driving absolutely neat and tidy all of the time. This kind of track won't flow in the way others have, it's really kind of stop-start, but by getting every braking point absolutely spot-on and not sliding too much, we can make some good time.

I'm ready now. And I'm really excited about being back in the car at a new track.

Let's just hope, a week from now, we're celebrating a really good Friday!

And, finally, if you were wondering, Norway's not the biggest country in the world. It's Russia.

Circuit:

Length: 1.351km
Width: 10-19m
Tarmac: 59%
Dirt 41%
Website: gp3r.com

Timetable

Friday August 8
1230 practice
1500 qualifying heats
2030 semi-final
2105 final

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