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## **The PSRX Volkswagen Sweden Polos fly on sweet Spanish debut**

The championship lead and the fastest car, this weekend's opening round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship demonstrated great pace and incredible potential from the PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden.

The Polo GTI Supercar, was at the sharp end throughout the season opener at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya. Both Petter Solberg and his team-mate Johan Kristoffersson made it to the final today (Sunday), with the Swedish star on the front row and looking good to give the squad a debut win in the Spanish sunshine.

Bad luck off the start cost Kristoffersson the chance of topping what had been a stunning weekend for the Volkswagen Sweden-supported team, but notice has been served of what the Polo pair are capable of.

Solberg finished just off the podium in fourth with Kristoffersson two places behind, in the sister Volkswagen Motorsport-prepared Polo GTI Supercar.

Team owner Petter said: "I am so, so proud of what we have all achieved here. The last few months have been really crazy, like *really* crazy getting everything sorted out. But we are here and we are racing.

"We hoped to be on the pace and we hoped to show ourselves in a good light. It was a dream for us to have two cars in the final today and the dream came true. I'm so happy with the performance and couldn't be happier with the team and for Johan, he showed such strong pace – he was the star driver for me."

Johan added: "The team has put so much work in and everything is working so well from the first race. Naturally, I was a little disappointed with the final, I so wanted this result for the whole PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team – those guys worked so hard – but this is racing. The big thing is the pace we have from the car. It just makes me more determined do even better for the team at the second round."

### **Result:**

1	Mattias Ekström	4m32.260s
2	Timo Scheider	4m32.622s
3	Andreas Bakkerud	4m34.128s
<b>4</b>	<b>Petter Solberg</b>	<b>4m34.885s</b>
5	Timmy Hansem	4m35.511s
<b>6</b>	<b>Johan Kristoffersson</b>	<b>4m36.236s</b>

### **Drivers' championship positions:**

1 Ekström	29pts
2 Scheider	26pts
3 Bakkerud	22pts
4 Kristoffersson	21pts
5 Solberg	19pts
6 Hansen	17pts

**Teams' championship positions:**

1 PSRX Volkswagen Sweden	40pts
2 EKS	40pts
3 Hoonigan Racing Division	33pts

**Next time out** World RX of Portugal (April 22-23)

We're quite looking forward to Portugal. Lovely country, brilliant fans and not a bad track record for the PSRX Volkswagen Sweden boys: the FIA World Rallycross Championship score at Montalegre so far is Petter and Johan three wins and the rest of the world, er, nil!

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