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## **Solberg's lead grows in World RX**

### **Petter Solberg extended his lead at the top of the FIA World Rallycross Championship in Canada on Saturday.**

That's the good bit. The not so good bit is that Petter didn't win. Nudged into a first-corner spin in the semi, Petter didn't make the final for the first time since the start of last year. All good things come to an end.

Solberg said: "Watching the final from the sidelines was too tough. I can't let that happen again. Even though we truly lost this race, I extended my lead in the FIA World Rallycross Championship by two points, so it really wasn't all bad.

"I started the semi-final from second position and made it into the first corner in first place – but then I was pushed from behind and forced into a spin. I was able to continue, but the chance of keeping up my record of making the final for every World RX round ever was gone. That was a tough one, especially as I was the only driver ever who held this record.

"So, we were out of luck in Canada, which is disappointing, but we're already plotting our comeback at the next round.

"It's Norway for the next race; I'm going home and I'm totally focused on getting my revenge in two weeks!"

#### **The three-word weekend:**

Record run's over

#### **The big number:**

**15,000,000** copies of *My heart will go on* were sold by Celine Dion in 1997. As she's from just up the road in Quebec, this seems relevant. Bit of a random one, but when in Canada...

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

<b>1 Petter Solberg</b>	<b>176pts</b>
2 Andreas Bakkerud	130pts
3 Johan Kristoffersson	124pts
4 Timmy Hansen	122pts
5 Davy Jeanney	115pts
6 Reinis Nitiss	109pts

#### **Teams' championship positions:**

1 Ford Olsbergs MSE	239pts
2 Peugeot-Hansen	237pts

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201pts

#### **Next time out** World RX of Norway August 22/23

Petter settled for second at home last year. He finished the race just one second behind Reinis Nitiss, with an eye firmly on the inaugural FIA World Rallycross title. Solberg wants the championship all over again this year – but he also wants the win in front of his home crowd and at one of the most entertaining and challenging tracks on the calendar.

#### **Almost finally, an answer:**

*Senna*. That's the film Petter watches most when he's on long-haul flights. Like the rest of us, he can't get enough of the Ayrton's magic on the big (small) screen.

#### **Finally, a question:**

"Well I'm standing by a river, but the water doesn't flow..." is the opening line to which song – a song possibly written about the road to the next round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship in Norway?

#### **Want to know more about your FIA World Rallycross Champion?**

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