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King Kristoffersson rules the rumble in the jungle

Already crowned FIA World Rallycross Champion, Johan Kristoffersson dominated the final round of the series to take an astonishing seventh victory of the 2017 season in Cape Town this weekend.

World RX of South Africa was almost the perfect event in what's been a breathtaking and brilliant season for PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden. After a blip at the last race in Germany, Johan was back on top form as the series arrived in Africa for the first time. The super Swede's latest win meant *a record-breaking 10th podium from 12 races (beating Petter's record of nine podiums in the 2014 season)*. At the highest level of world motorsport, seasons just don't get much better than that.

"This season has been just incredible," said Johan. "I can't believe what we have achieved. Again, I have to thank Petter [Solberg, PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team owner] and all of the team – together we have been so strong for all of this year. I thought this was possible when we talked before the season started, but to deliver like this is amazing.

"This is a fantastic way to end the season, this seventh win means I have more than 50 per cent of the victories – that's not a bad year!"

Johan's early efforts in the southern hemisphere ensured he was top qualifier ahead of Sunday's semi-finals, the sixth time he's managed that. Yup, another record.

Cape Town's Killarney raceway might seem a long way from the jungle, but there was definitely a rumbling going on all weekend for team-owner Petter Solberg.

The triple FIA World Champion was fighting Mattias Ekström for second place in the 2017 World RX standings. A silver for his own driving to add to his teams' championship gold and the gold of team-mate Johan would have been the perfect year.

In the end, he just missed out.

"Of course it's a little bit disappointing not to take the silver," said Petter, "but just look at where we are with this team that didn't even exist this time last year! I am so proud of what we have done. Johan has broken so many records this year and the whole team, everybody in PSRX Volkswagen Sweden has worked and played so hard – this weekend and this year is because of them and I can't thank them all enough.

"[Mattias] Ekstrom is a tough racer and we know it's going to be a big battle and it was. The end of the semi-final when we were so close together was just incredible and the same in the final. I tried everything, but it wasn't possible to come past him. But it's OK. We have enough gold for one year!"

Result:

1 Johan Kristoffersson	4m23.751s
2 Timmy Hansen	4m24.669s
3 Mattias Ekström	4m26.702s
4 Petter Solberg	4m27.168s
5 Timo Scheider	4m29.189s
6 Kevin Hansen	DNF

Drivers' championship positions:

1 Kristoffersson	316pts
2 Ekström	255pts
3 Solberg	252pts
4 Loeb	214pts
5 Hansen	201pts
6 Bakkerud	194pts

Teams' championship positions:

1 PSRX Volkswagen Sweden	543pts
2 Team Peugeot-Hansen	415pts
3 EKS	381pts

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