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Johan put the Magic in the weekend

The Magic Weekend. The big one. The one everybody looks forward to. The one Johan Kristoffersson has dreamt of winning.

Guess what?

The dream came true. The PSRX Volkswagen World RX Team Sweden delivered another dominant weekend, with the Polo GTI Supercars on sublime form at World RX of Sweden. Johan took his third win in four weekends and the only time he didn't win (May's World RX of Great Britain) his team-mate Petter Solberg did win.

And when you look at the results, it's no wonder the PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team is smiling right now. What's better than leading the teams' championship? Leading the drivers' and the teams' championship. And what's better than leading the drivers' and the teams' championships? Being one-two in the drivers'.

Welcome to the world of PSRX Volkswagen Sweden.

Once 45,000 Swedes had stopped shouting his name, Johan had a moment to reflect on what he'd done. His latest win.

"This is the one I wanted," said a delighted and emotional Johan ahead of an adoring home crowd in Höljes. "This one means so much in front of my home crowd and, of course, it's the home race for the whole team. I am so happy for everybody.

"Yesterday (Saturday) went well and we were leading at the end of the day, but I was so totally focused coming into the second day – I knew this was where I had to make a difference. Like always, the car was completely perfect and a big, big thanks to all of the team and not just everybody here, but all the guys working so hard for us back at Volkswagen Motorsport.

"When I knew this deal was happening at the start of the season I had a real dream that we could make something special, but could we make magic? I didn't know. But now I think it looks like we are starting to do that."

PSRX Volkswagen Sweden delivered the perfect tactical approach to Höljes and were in pole position after the heats.

Team owner Petter said: "It was really important to get one-two coming out of the heats – that would make sure Johan and I went into separate semi-finals. I didn't have the best time early in the heats with a lot of traffic

yesterday, but it came good this morning and I won Q4 to get us in the position we wanted. It was all looking perfect until I stalled on the line in my semi-final. I couldn't believe it. All that hard work and it had gone.

"OK, that's racing. I'm not going to let this spoil the party we have earned here at home in Sweden. You might notice, I am a little bit more Swedish this weekend! Honestly, I am so happy for the team and for what we have achieved here. The focus is the teams' title for me, but for us to be in this position with a team just six months old is incredible and a real achievement for PSRX Volkswagen Sweden.

"You know we don't like to talk the talk unless we can walk the walk and, while there is still a long way to go and a lot of corners to turn before the end of the season, I believe we are beginning to walk the walk! We couldn't ask for more than this."

In the words of British pop band Take That... *could it be magic?*

Definitely.

We all believe in magic now.

Result:

1 Johan Kristoffersson	4m14.579s
2 Andreas Bakkerud	4m16.942s
3 Sébastien Loeb	4m17.480s
4 Timmy Hansen	4m20.773s
5 Kevin Eriksson	4m21.384s
6 Janis Baumanis	4m27.229s

Drivers' championship positions:

1 Kristoffersson	181pts
2 Solberg	150pts
3 Ekström	143pts
4 Loeb	125pts
5 Bakkerud	124pts
6 Hansen	121pts

Teams' championship positions:

1 PSRX Volkswagen Sweden	331pts
2 Team Peugeot-Hansen	246pts
3 EKS	201pts

Next time out World RX of Canada

Like all street circuits, this is not a place to cut corners – metaphorically and literally. Canada and its atmospheric setting close to the St Lawrence River has quickly become a real favourite among the World RX hardcore.

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