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Global Rallycross

### **Foust bags a brace in Seattle to keep championship race alive**

Tanner Foust struck twice in the Global Rallycross Championship (GRC): The American from the Andretti Autosport team won twice in the Volkswagen Beetle GRC at the double-header in Seattle. In doing so, he kept the race for the Drivers' Championship alive. Foust now trails team-mate Scott Speed (USA), who finished runner-up twice in Seattle, by 30 points going into the final round in Los Angeles (USA). Foust's brace of victories ensured that he and Speed will battle it out between themselves for the title on 14 October. Between them, Foust and Speed have won eight of this season's eleven GRC events so far in their 560-hp Beetle, which is fielded by Volkswagen of America and was developed in Germany by Volkswagen Motorsport. Volkswagen is now also guaranteed to end the 2017 season as the champion manufacturer. This is Volkswagen's second title in a row, having also won the championship in 2016.

Tanner Foust (USA), Volkswagen Beetle GRC #34

"My team-mate Scott Speed could have wrapped up the title this weekend. I was able to prevent that. However, what is far more important is that we held Steve Arpin at bay. I am delighted for the team."

More information: [www.redbullglobalrallycross.com](http://www.redbullglobalrallycross.com)

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FIA Formula 3 European Championship

### **Norris wins twice at the Nürburgring to extend his overall lead**

Young driver Lando Norris was once again the man of the weekend in the FIA Formula 3 European Championship. Two wins and a second place at the Nürburgring (D) saw the Brit from Volkswagen customer team Carlin extend his lead in the overall standings in what is widely regarded as the most prestigious junior series. Norris refused to be put out of his stride by the rainy Eifel weather at the start of Saturday's opening race on the 3.629-



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kilometre sprint circuit. The youngster finished well ahead of his compatriot Jake Hughes (GB, Mercedes), who came home second. Hughes won race two on Sunday, with Norris finishing runner-up in dry conditions. The order was reversed again in the third and final race of the weekend – Norris won, followed by Hughes. Norris now has 381 points to his name in the overall standings. With six races remaining, he leads Maximilian Günther (D) by 73 points. As such, Norris could wrap up the drivers' title at the penultimate race weekend in Spielberg (A) from 23 to 24 September.

Lando Norris (GB), F3 Dallara Volkswagen-Spiess #31

"I controlled the pace and felt very comfortable in the car. All in all, it was a fantastic weekend – perhaps even one of the best of my career. I am now focussing on the next races at the Red Bull Ring."

More information: [www.fiaf3europe.com](http://www.fiaf3europe.com)

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Japanese Formula 3 Championship

**Two third places at Autopolis: Volkswagen driver Takaboshi on verge of title win**

Within touching distance: Mitsunori Takaboshi (J) is on the verge of winning the title in the Japanese Formula 3 Championship after twice finishing third at Autopolis (J). The young driver from Volkswagen customer team B-Max Racing leads Sho Tsuboi (J, Toyota), who won both races at Autopolis, by 19 points ahead of the final race weekend. A maximum 24 points are up for grabs in the final two races of the season, which will be held in Sugo (J) from 22 to 24 September.

More information: [www.j-formula3.com/e/](http://www.j-formula3.com/e/)

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▪ **TCR Italy**

Massimiliano Gagliano claimed a top-ten finish in Imola (I). The Italian came home eighth in race one in his 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR. More information: [www.acisport.it/it/CIT/home](http://www.acisport.it/it/CIT/home)

▪ **Global Touring Cars South Africa**

Keagan Masters (ZA, Golf GTI) dominated race two in Cape Town (ZA) and looks set to win the title in the GTC2 category. In the GTC class, Jetta drivers Mathew Hodges (ZA) and Daniel Rowe (ZA) finished fourth and fifth in race two. More information: [www.gtcafrica.co.za](http://www.gtcafrica.co.za)



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▪ **Engen Volkswagen Cup South Africa**

Champion crowned: Devin Robertson (ZA) secured the title with victory in race two. Race one in Cape Town (ZA) was won by Tasmin Pepper (ZA).

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**Next up:**

15/09–17/09/2017, FIA European Rallycross Championship, Riga (LV)

15/09–17/09/2017, FIA European Rallycross Championship, Riga (LV)

15/09–17/09/2017, TCR Germany, Sachsenring (D)

14/09–16/09/2017, Swedish Touring Car Championship, Mantorp Park (S)

15/09–17/09/2017, TCR Spain/TCR Ibérico, Barcelona (E)

15/09–17/09/2017, British Touring Car Championship, Silverstone (GB)



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