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- **And another title! Kristoffersson Motorsport wins STCC Team Championship**

FIA World Rallycross Championship

Kristoffersson and PSRX win Drivers' and Team titles

Johan Kristoffersson (S) won the Drivers' title in the FIA World Rallycross Championship (WRX) in Riga (LV), with races still to come. Kristoffersson's commanding victory in the final also ensured that PSRX Volkswagen Team Sweden cannot be caught in the Team competition. "I need a bit more time to take in this incredible success," said Kristoffersson, with tears of joy, in his first interview after clinching the title. Kristoffersson also set a new WRX record in his 570-hp Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar – five race wins in a row. After a difficult weekend in Riga, with unsettled weather throughout the event, Kristoffersson put on a show of top-class driving in the final. The Swede dominated the race to take victory ahead of last year's champion Mattias Ekström (S, Audi) and record world rally champion Sébastien Loeb (F, Peugeot).

However, the PSRX team experienced both joy and pain this weekend. Petter Solberg (N) was hit by a rival car in turn one in the semi-final, and was unable to continue. The two-time world Rallycross champion was later taken to hospital, where doctors diagnosed him as having a fractured collarbone.

Johan Kristoffersson (S), Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar #3

"It feels incredible to have won the Drivers' and Team Championships. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone – the entire team and, in particular, my father Tommy. We really worked hard to become world champions."

More information: www.fiaworldrallycross.com

*Subject to the official publications of the results by the FIA.



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FIA European Rallycross Championship

Volkswagen driver Marklund is European Rallycross champion

Anton Marklund, from the Marklund Motorsport team, is the new champion in the FIA European Rallycross Championship. The Swede guided his Volkswagen Polo to victory in the final in Latvia, wrapping up the title in the process. Marklund won the final in style, finishing ahead of Robin Larsson (S, Audi) and Tamás-Pál Kiss (H, Peugeot). At the end of the season, Marklund held a 28-point lead over second-placed Thomas Bryntesson (N, Ford).

Scandinavian Touring Car Championship

Team title for Kristoffersson Motorsport after three victories at finale

Volkswagen customer team Kristoffersson Motorsport is the champion team in the Scandinavian Touring Car Championship (STCC). Between them, Volkswagen Golf GTI TCR drivers Fredrik Ekblom (S) and Fredrik Blomstedt (S) won all three races at the final race weekend at Mantorp Park (S) to ensure Volkswagen ended its STCC comeback in style. Ekblom was victorious in races one and two, while Blomstedt took the chequered flag in race three. Andreas Wernersson (S, Lestrup Racing Team) and Andreas Ahlberg (S, Micke Kågered Racing), who were also at the wheel of the 350-hp touring car from Wolfsburg, finished second and third in race one to complete an all-Volkswagen podium. Despite two victories in the final round, Ekblom still had to settle for second place in the Drivers' Championship, 47 points behind Robert Dahlgren (S, Seat). Blomstedt ended the season in third place. Between them, the two Swedes won 13 of the 21 races in 2017 with their team Kristoffersson Motorsport – much to the delight of team principal Tommy Kristoffersson (S): “We won more than half of the season’s races. In doing so, we have exceeded all our expectations and shown that we have the best car.”

More informationen: www.stcc.se

TCR Germany

Volkswagen driver Engstler finishes sixth and is crowned best rookie of the 2017 season

Luca Engstler was twice the top rookie in the TCR Germany races at the Sachsenring (D). As such, he wrapped up the title in this category with races to spare. The German from Liqui Moly Team Engstler secured his first pole position on Friday. This was not only the first pole for a rookie in this TCR championship, which is run by the ADAC, but also the first time the 350-hp Volkswagen Golf GTI had set the fastest lap time in qualifying. Engstler crossed the finish line in fourth place in Saturday’s opening race. However, he was subsequently handed a 30-second penalty for a collision with another car. The youngster was ultimately classified in



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19th place, but still won the Rookie Challenge. Engstler was the best-placed Volkswagen driver in race two, finishing sixth as the top rookie again. The victories at the Sachsenring went to Sheldon van der Linde (ZA, Audi) and Josh Files (GB, Honda).

More information: www.adac-motorsport.de/adac-tcr-germany/de/

Volkswagen Ameo Cup India

Pal Singh wins championship at finale in Chennai

Karminder Pal Singh has been crowned champion of the Volkswagen Ameo Cup India. The Indian wrapped up the title with victory in Sunday's second race at the final race weekend in Chennai (IND). Saturday's opening race at the Madras Motor Race Track was won by Saurav Bandyopadhyay (IND), with victory in race three going to Anning Sun (CHN). With nine podium finishes from ten races, Pal Singh was the dominant driver in the inaugural season of the Indian one-make cup with the Volkswagen Ameo. As well as the trophy for his title win, Pal Singh can also look forward to a season in both the Ameo Cup and the MRF Formula 1600 Championship, as a part of a sponsorship programme run by Volkswagen Motorsport India.

GTI-Treffen "Coming Home"

World championship-winning cars and show programme delight GTI fans

The GTI-Treffen, which featured the motto "Coming Home", attracted many visitors to the Volkswagen Arena in Wolfsburg on Saturday. Among the attractions were vintage and present-day racing cars from throughout the history of Volkswagen Motorsport. They included the 570-hp Volkswagen Polo GTI Supercar, which was twice victorious at the weekend: PSRX Volkswagen Team Sweden won the Team championship in the FIA World Rallycross Championship, while Johan Kristoffersson (S) wrapped up the Drivers' title with races to spare. An open-air cinema, various live art performances, and a wakeboard show ensured there was plenty of entertainment in the home of Volkswagen. Wörthersee-style food trucks ensured nobody went hungry. As a special highlight, visitors were given the opportunity to join a parade through the plant – the very same plant, at which the car first rolled off the production line back in 1976 - in their own Golf GTI. This was the second event of the year celebrating Volkswagen's cult sports car, following the GTI-Treffen at the Wörthersee in May.



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Next up:

23/09–24/09/2017, FIA Formula 3 European Championship, Spielberg (A)

22/09–24/09/2017, TCR Germany, Hockenheim (D)

23/09/2017, VLN Endurance Championship Nürburgring, Nürburgring (D)

23/09–24/09/2017, TCR Benelux, Mettet (B)

22/09–24/09/2017, TCR Italy, Vallelunga (I)

22/09–24/09/2017, Japanese Formula 3 Championship, Sugo (J)

24/09/2017, Volkswagen Racing Cup UK, Donington Park (GB)

22/09–23/09/2017, Volkswagen Fun Cup Europe, Mettet (B)

23/09/2017, Volkswagen Fun Cup UK, Anglesey Circuit (GB)



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