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Arne DIRKS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RALLYCROSS PROMOTER GMBH

A very warm welcome to Cooper Tires World RX of Montalegre, where we have a fantastic weekend of high-speed entertainment ahead!

Here at Rallycross Promoter, we are both excited and honoured to have been entrusted with guiding this great sport to new levels. We believe rallycross has tremendous potential, and the close interaction between drivers and fans is one of the key factors that makes the discipline so special and unique.

Montalegre has a long and illustrious history in World RX, and it is wonderful to be returning following a three-year absence. The circuit hosted the very first World Championship event back in 2014 and has set the scene for some sensational action over the years – who could ever forget that extraordinary weekend in 2018 when competitors were greeted almost literally with four seasons in one day!

During the first six rounds of the current campaign, the World RX warriors have continued to put on a spectacular show, characterised by dazzling displays of bravery and phenomenal feats of overtaking prowess — and more breathtaking battles are firmly in prospect this weekend.

With only three rounds left to run, the World RX title fight is really hotting up as the championship speeds towards a nailbiting conclusion — and what happens at Montalegre could play a key role in deciding the ultimate destiny of the Drivers' crown. We will also see the final act of an intriguing Euro RX3 season that has captivated fans throughout, with the stars of the future wowing crowds at every opportunity.

It goes without saying that we have big plans for rallycross moving forward, and we hope you will join us for the ride. Once this weekend's racing is done-and-dusted, make sure you continue to soak up all the on-track action and off-track insights via our pioneering, all-encompassing new RX+ broadcast platform. Details on how to subscribe can be found on the back cover, and if you're quick, there is a special discount still in place.

In the meantime, all that remains to be said is stay safe, enjoy the racing this weekend and we look forward to seeing you back again next year and for many more years to come.

Arne Dirks Executive Director Rallycross Promoter GmbH

















Orlando ALVES

MAYOR OF MONTALEGRE

MONTALEGRE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT

Está de volta o Mundial de Rallycross.

Equipas, marcas, comissários, pilotos, Federação Internacional de Automobilismo (FIA), imprensa nacional e estrangeira e uma panóplia de intervenientes assentam arraiais na encosta do Larouco de 16 a 17 de outubro. É o "circo" do automobilismo em todo o seu colorido e esplendor.

Montalegre, mais uma vez, capitaliza atenções e se o bom tempo estiver connosco as bancadas do circuito serão pequenas para albergar os milhares de aficionados que se esperam.

Campeões do mundo como Timmy Hansen e Johan Kristoffersson vão competir no circuito de Montalegre e, dessa forma, valorizar a competição. Este ano é a última oportunidade de ver ao vivo os SuperCars actuais a combustão, com o advento dos ultra rápidos RX1 eléctricos no próximo ano.

A encosta do Larouco transforma-se numa verdadeira Arca de Noé, tantas são as línguas que aqui se falaram.

Temos entre nós carros potentíssimos e pilotos que nos habituamos a ver só na televisão, isto é naturalmente motivo de muito orgulho e regozijo. Estamos a

partilhar o palco com circuitos sediados em grandes cidades, a maior parte delas capitais como Barcelona, Spa, Nurburgring... o que eleva naturalmente o nosso bairrismo, amor-próprio e autoestima. O futuro passa naturalmente, também, por estados de alma como estes. A RedBull TV, a SportTV e a plataforma RX+ estão a transmitir treinos e provas em direto para todo mundo. É mais uma oportunidade para nos darmos a conhecer ao mundo inteiro por onde a gente portuguesa se espalha e que, estou certo, não perderá a oportunidade de a nós se juntar.

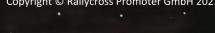
Uma palavra de muito apreço e reconhecimento para os funcionários do município que ao longo do último mês se têm envolvido nas mais diversas tarefas e a que se entregam de corpo e alma, em condições climatéricas adversas, com as limitações da pandemia, para que tudo corra bem. O mesmo reconhecimento e simpatia para a entidade organizadora, o Clube Automóvel de Vila Real, sem a qual nada disto seria possível. A todos o meu bem-haja.

Agradeço, por último, à FIA e ao Rallycross Promoter GMBH, a confiança em nós depositada e que, espero, se estenda para o ciclo de renovação de compromisso a que a partir de agora estamos sujeitos. É o renascer dos nossos eventos-bandeira depois da pandemia de Covid-19, mesmo que com muitas restrições! E é na diversificação de eventos e no envolvimento de todos os Barrosões que se poderá materializar e transformar em esperança o nosso futuro.

TIMETABLE

Start	Category	What
	SATURDAY 16 OCTOBER	
09:35	Practice - All categories	
12:00	World RX	Q1
	Euro RX3	Q1
	Kartcross & Junior Kartcross	Q1
15:00	World RX	Q2
	Euro RX3	Q2
	Kartcross & Junior Kartcross	Q2

		SUNDAY 17 OCTOB	ER	
	10:05	Warm-up - All categories		
	11:00	World RX		Q3
		Euro RX3		Q3
		Kartcross & Junior Kartcross		Q3
第	13:50	Euro RX3		Q4
111 11 11	14:30	World RX		Q4
		Euro RX3		Semi-Finals
		Kartcross & Junior Kartcross		Final
	16:45	World RX in pre-grid		
	17:00	World RX		Semi-Finals
		Euro RX3		Final
		World RX		Final
	17:50	Podium		
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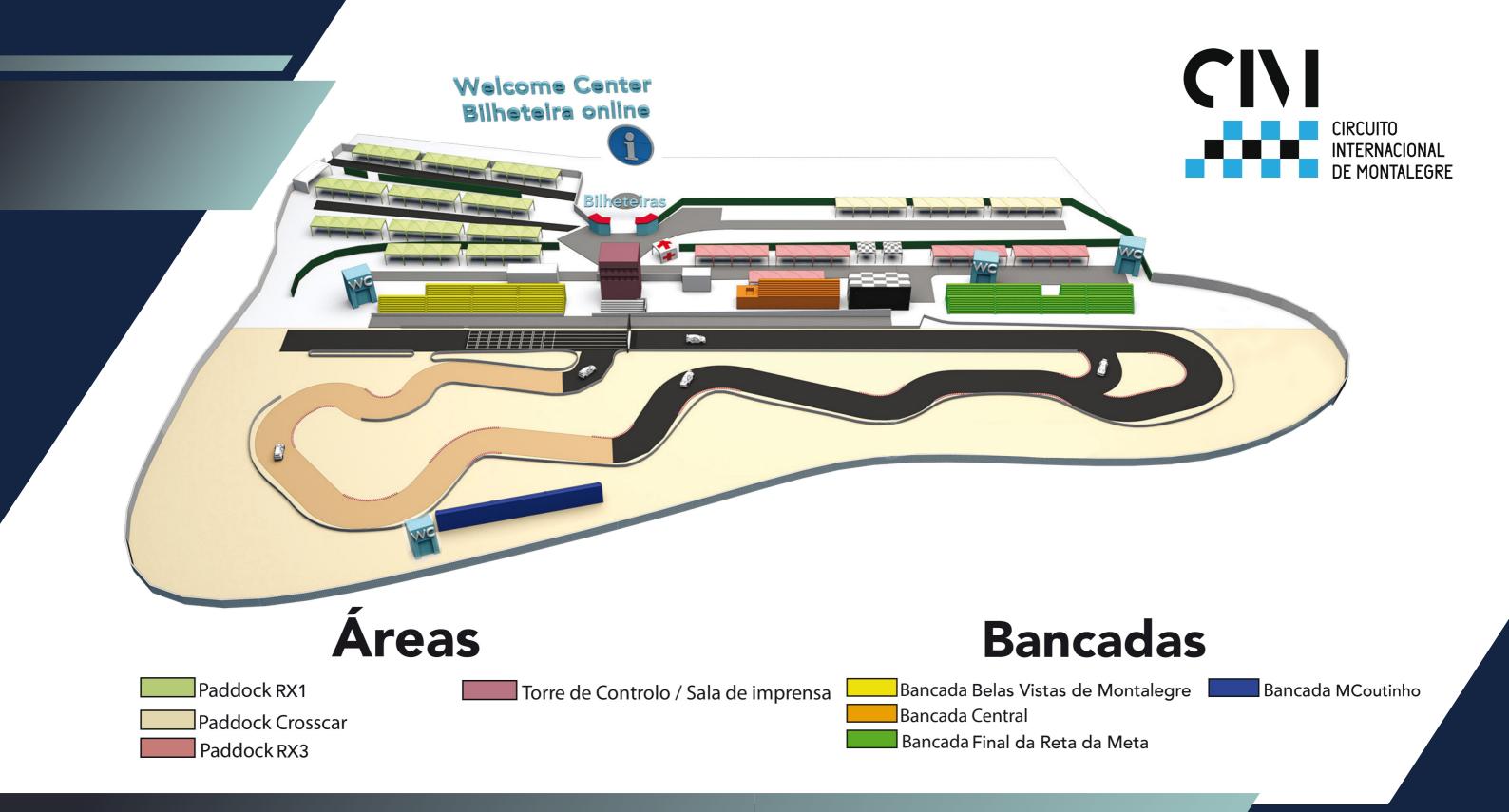
































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POINTS IN THE FINAL



8 POINTS



2ND: 5 POINTS



3RD: 4 POINTS

4TH: 3 POINTS **5TH: 2 POINTS 6TH: 1 POINT**

THE JOKER





0-100KM/H IN UNDER FASTER THAN RX1 RACE CARS











ENTRY LIST WORLD RX



Nr	Driver	Nat	Competitor	Nat	Car
1	Johan KRISTOFFERSSON	SWE	KYB EKS JC	SWE	Audi S1
2	Oliver O'DONOVAN	IRL	O. O'Donovan	IRL	Ford Fiesta
9	Kevin HANSEN	SWE	Hansen World RX Team	SWE	Peugeot 208
21	Timmy HANSEN	SWE	Hansen World RX Team	SWE	Peugeot 208
23	Krisztián SZABÓ	HUN	GRX-SET World RX Team	FIN	Hyundai i20
68	Niclas GRÖNHOLM	FIN	GRX-SET World RX Team	FIN	Hyundai i20
69	Kevin ABBRING	NLD	Unkorrupted	FRA	Renault Mégane RS
91	Enzo IDE	BEL	KYB EKS JC	SWE	Audi S1



HANSEN WORLD RX TEAM



Timmy HANSEN 21/05/1992

#21 Peugeot 208 WRX



Kevin Hansen, younger brother of Timmy Hansen and son of rallycross legend Kenneth Hansen, started his career in karting in 2005 before becoming World Champion in ROK Junior in 2010.

Kevin HANSEN

Peugeot 208 WRX

28/05/1998

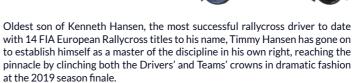
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In 2015, he won the RX2 series before reaching the final at the sea-son-closing World RX of Argentina on his Supercar debut.

In 2016, Hansen moved up to Supercar full-time to contest the FIA European Rallycross Championship where he dominated by winning four out of the five events and becoming Euro RX Champion.

For 2017, Hansen made the next step by moving up to World RX to compete in all 12 rounds of the World Championship as the third entry for Team Peugeot-Hansen. Kevin continued to drive a Peugeot 208 in 2018 as an individual entry under the Team Peugeot Total banner, putting in some impressive performances on his way to eighth in the championship.

Kevin recorded his maiden WorldRX win at the 2019 Season opener in Abu Dhabi. In 2020 he kept the pace and was very competitive and that led to the 2021 season opener where he scored his second win.



Despite his roots, Hansen began his motorsport career in karting and circuit racing before focusing on rallycross in 2012 and progressing to the World RX in 2014 in his family team.

In 2016, Hansen was joined at Team Peugeot-Hansen by nine-time WRC Champion Sebastien Loeb. Hansen entered into a fifth consecutive season with the French manufacturer in 2018, but the first since Peugeot's decision to take its World RX effort in-house. His 2019 campaign was his most established, recording four wins to clinch the Drivers and Teams Title, together with his brother/teammate.

In 2020, Timmy scored one win and ended 3rd in overall standings. In 2021, Timmy Hansen continues to race the Peugeot supercar and again is considered as one of the title contenders.



















KYB EKS JC



Johan KRISTOFFERSSON 06/12/1988

#1 Audi S1 EKS RX quattro



Following a handful of European RX and World RX outings in 2013 and 2014, Johan Kristoffersson made the full-time switch to the FIA World Rallycross Championship in 2015 with Volkswagen Team Sweden, winning the curtain raising World RX of Portugal event and finishing on the podium a further four times, going on to claim third in the overall standings.

Paired with Petter Solberg in the rebranded PSRX Volkswagen Sweden team and driving a factory-developed Volkswagen Polo Supercar, Kristoffersson dominated the 2017 & 2018 seasons. Furthermore – he clinched the 2020 title in the same car.

In 2021 the most successful driver of the Championship made a surprise switch from the Volkswagen Polo that he used in his dominating 2017 and 2018 campaigns to an Audi S1, run by the EKS JC squad.

Now Kristoffersson is aiming to fight for his fourth title with KYB EKS JC.



Enzo IDE 22/06/1988

#91 ■ Audi S1 EKS RX quattro



Enzo Ide followed a somewhat unconventional route into rallycross.

Beginning his career in sportscars in the domestic Belcar series in 2010, he graduated to the FIA GT3 European Championship the following year, piloting an Audi R8 LMS for Audi Club Team WRT and winning three races on his way to third in the overall classification. He secured the same final position in Belcar, while triumphing in the 24 Hours of Zolder.

In 2012, Ide stepped up again to the FIA GT1 World Championship behind the wheel of an AF Corse-run Ferrari 458 Italia GT3, before switching to the Blancpain GT Series' Sprint and Endurance Cups in 2013 in a Phoenix Racing GmbH Audi R8 LMS GT3. He continued to contest the Blancpain Sprint series until 2017, winning the title in his penultimate season courtesy of four victories from ten starts.

Transitioning to rallycross in 2019, the Belgian made his debut in the discipline in his home World RX event at Spa-Francorchamps in a JC Raceteknik-entered Audi S1. He returned in Barcelona the following year – progressing through to the semi-final on the second day of the double-header season finale – and twice reached the rostrum in a one-off appearance in the British Rallycross Championship.

In 2021, Ide embarks upon his maiden full campaign in the World Championship in an Audi S1 EKS RX quattro fielded by EKS JC.

GRX-SET WORLD RX TEAM



Niclas GRÖNHOLM 25/05/1996

#68 1 Hyundai i20



Krisztián SZABÓ 04/06/1992

#23 Hyundai i20



Niclas Gronholm, son of two-time World Rally Champion Marcus, is entering his sixth season of FIA World Rallycross Championship competition.

In 2016, he contested a full World RX campaign with Olsbergs MSE – picking up a best finish of 11th in Sweden – as well as all rounds of RallyX on Ice in Sweden and the 2016 Finnish Rallycross Championship.

In 2017, Gronholm competed as an independent as part of the GRX team managed by his father, securing his first final appearance and a career best result of fifth place in Germany. In 2018, Grönholm remained with GRX and ran newley built Hyundai i20 supercar alongside his teammate Timur Timerzyanov. Niclas's 2019 campaign was his most impressive, recording two wins, scoring the most points per event tally, and finished an impressive fourth despite missing two events due to appendicitis. In 2020 Niclas was strugling with the car set-ups and finished the season in 4th.

The Finn will be one of the title favorites again in 2021, having developed the already impressive Hyundai over the winter, and pairing up with a new team- mate – Krisztián Szabó.

A successful skier as a teenager – winning the Hungarian Youth Championship in freestyle skiing at the age of 16 in 2008 – Krisztián Szabó clinched his first car racing title that same year, in the Hungarian Autocross Championship. He secured back-to-back FIA Junior Buggy hon- ours in the discipline in 2009 and 2010, before stepping up to the Buggy1600 category, where he collected his third European Championship trophy in 2013.

In 2014, Szabó made his FIA European Rallycross Championship debut in the Super1600 division in Italy, finishing on the podium. A full season in the series with Volland Racing the following year yielded third in the final standings, paving the way to consecutive Euro RX Super1600 crowns in 2016 and 2017.

In 2018, the Hungarian entered two Euro RX rounds in the headlining Supercar class, placing second at Lohéac and sixth in Riga for Mattias Esktröm's EKS Audi Sport outfit. In 2019, Szabó stepped up to World RX, reaching the final first time out with EKS Sport behind the wheel of an Audi S1 and going on to finish tenth in the championship.

After making appearances for GRX SET in Sweden and Latvia in 2020, he returns for his second full campaign in the World Championship with the team in 2021.



















UNKORRUPTED



Kevin ABBRING 20/01/1989

#69 **T**Renault Mégane



Kevin Abbring began his motorsport career in rallycross – winning the Dutch and Belgian titles three times by the age of 16 – before switching to rallying in 2007.

He achieved success on the international stage in the Junior World Rally Championship from 2008 to 2010, tallying a brace of victories and making history as the youngest driver ever to win a JWRC round. In 2012, Abbring competed alongside Sébastien Ogier in a Skoda Fabia S2000 in the WRC, then in 2013 won the Peugeot 208 Rally Cup in France.

He subsequently played a key role behind-the-scenes in the development of Hyundai Motorsport's new i20 WRC, before claiming his maiden WRC stage win and points in 2016.

Abbring returned to rallycross in 2019, entering the Norwegian and Swedish rounds of the World RX campaign in an ES Motorsport-run Škoda Fabia. A further outing followed with GCK UNKORRUPTED in Finland in 2020.



Oliver O'DONOVAN 15/09/1966

#2 Ford Fiesta



British Rallycross Champion in 2007, the Irishman has since raced primarily in the European Championship but at the wheel of his Ford Fiesta, he regularly contests rounds of the World Championship too.

Nicknamed "Ollie", he is the father of Patrick O'Donovan, one of the rallycross rookies to watch and who is entered in RX2e.



BELAS VISTAS DE MONTALEGRE

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Fazemos desde já o convite para que em 2022 desfrute do nosso novo espaço, o Feel Nature Hotel, na aldeia de Parafita, mesmo na margem da Barragem dos Pisões.



















MONTALEGRE









ENTRY LIST EURO RX3



N°	Driver	Nat.	Competitor	Nat.	Car
5	Sebastian HØIDALEN	NOR	Sebastian Høidalen	NOR	Ford Fiesta
6	Damian LITWINOWICZ	POL	Damian Litwinowicz	POL	Audi A1
10	Janno LIGUR	EST	Ligur Racing	EST	Škoda Fabia
11	Jan ČERNÝ	CZE	PAJR S.R.O.	CZE	Škoda Citigo
20	Siim SALURI	EST	RS Racing Team	EST	Renault Twingo
22	Kobe PAUWELS	BEL	Volland Racing KFT	HUN	Audi A1
23	Radosław RACZKOWSKI	POL	Automax Motorsport	POL	Škoda Fabia
44	Pedro RIBEIRO	PRT	RS Racing Team	EST	Peugeot 108
54	Marat KNYAZEV	RUS	Volland Racing KFT	HUN	Audi A1
61	Jiří ŠUSTA	CZE	Josef Šusta	CZE	Škoda Fabia
86	Lukas NEY	DEU	ADAC Team Wesser-Ems E.V.	DEU	Škoda Fabia
88	Ole Henry STEINSHOLT	NOR	Ole Henry Steinsholt	NOR	Škoda Fabia
89	Timur SHIGABUTDINOV	RUS	Volland Racing KFT	HUN	Audi A1
95	Yury BELEVSKIY	CHE	Volland Racing KFT	HUN	Audi A1
96	Marcel SUCHÝ	CZE	Jihočeský Autoklub V AČR	CZE	Škoda Fabia
99	João RIBEIRO	PRT	João Ribeiro	PRT	Škoda Fabia
108	Nuno ARAÚJO	PRT	Nuno Araújo	PRT	Audi A1
122	Hélder RIBEIRO	PRT	Hélder Ribeiro	PRT	Citroën C2
125	Sergio DIAS	PRT	Sergio Dias	PRT	Renault Twingo
129	Antonio SOUSA	PRT	Antonio Sousa	PRT	Peugeot 208
146	Joaquim MACHADO	PRT	Joaquim Machado	PRT	Peugeot 208
147	Leonel SAMPAIO	PRT	Leonel Sampaio	PRT	Škoda Fabia

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RESULTS & STANDINGS



WORLD RX

POS.	NO.	NAT.	DRIVER	CAR		-	п	=	=	•	REP.	POINTS
1	21	-	Timmy HANSEN	Peugeot 208	27	30	28	22	23	21	0	151
2	1	-	Johan KRISTOFFERSSON	Audi S1	20	17	20	24	29	29	0	139
3	9	-	Kevin HANSEN	Peugeot 208	29	22	24	21	17	23	0	136
4	68	+	Niclas GRÖNHOLM	Hyundai i20	14	14	23	29	27	16	0	123
5	23		Krisztián SZABÓ	Hyundai i20	20	20	18	17	13	20	0	108
6	69		Kevin ABBRING	Renault Mégane RS	14	23	18	12	12	18	1	97
7	44		Timo SCHEIDER	Seat Ibiza	15		16	17	16	11	0	75
8	91	••	Enzo IDE	Audi S1	9	16	12	9	11	15	1	72
9	18	+	Juha RYTKÖNEN	Ford Fiesta	10	15		9	9	9	0	52
10	5	+	Mattias EKSTRÖM	Seat Ibiza				16	21		0	37
11	84		Hervé KNAPICK	Citroën DS3			9			9	0	18
12	77		René MÜNNICH	Seat Ibiza	16						0	16
13	2	• •	Oliver O'DONOVAN	Ford Fiesta			10			6	0	16
14	92	-	Anton MARKLUND	Hyundai i20						14	0	14
15	50	=	Attila MÓZER	Ford Fiesta	3	10					1	13
16	8	-	Peter HEDSTRÖM	Hyundai i20		11					0	11
17	73	=	Tamás KÁRAI	Audi S1	9						0	9
18	42		Oliver BENNETT	Mini Cooper	8						0	8
19	17	-	Dan ÖBERG	Volkswagen Polo	1			9	7		0	7
20	38		Mandie AUGUST	Seat Ibiza	4						0	4
21	83		Patrick GUILLERME	Hyundai i20	2						0	2

RESULTS & STANDINGS



WORLD RX TEAMS

POS.	NAT.	TEAM NAME		-	11	=	=	•	POINTS
1	-	Hansen World RX Team	56	52	52	43	40	44	287
2	+	GRX-SET World RX Team	34	34	41	46	40	36	231
3	+	KYB EKS JC	29	33	32	33	40	44	211





















RESULTS & STANDINGS



EURO RX3

POS.	NO.	NAT.	DRIVER	CAR			ш	•	REP.	POINTS
1	95	•	Yury BELEVSKIY	Audi A1	30	30	27	30	0	117
2	22	•	Kobe PAUWELS	Audi A1	24	19	29	22	0	94
3	54		Marat KNYAZEV	Audi A1	18	23	22	26	0	89
4	11		Jan CERNY	Škoda Citigo	15	23	14	19	0	71
5	89		Timur SHIGABUTDINOV	Audi A1	22	14	22		0	58
6	6		Damian LITWINOWICZ	Audi A1	18	12	2	20	0	52
7	23		Radoslaw RACZKOWSKI	Audi A1	11	3	12	10	1	36
8	18	=	Zsolt SZÍJJ JOLLY	Audi A1	18	0	15		0	33
9	10	_	Janno LIGUR	Škoda Fabia		21	10		0	31
10	28	•	Clément PICARD	Renault Twingo			7	17	0	24
11	14	-	Kasparas NAVICKAS	Škoda Fabia	12	12			0	24
12	61		Jiří ŠUSTA	Škoda Fabia	9	4	10	13	0	21
13	75	•	Maximilien EVENO	Citroën C2			16		0	16
14	96		Marcel SUCHÝ	Škoda Fabia	6	0		10	0	16
15	8		Espen ISAKSÆTRE	Peugeot 208		13			0	13
16	13		Per Magne EGEBØ-SVARDAL	Audi A1		0		11	0	11
17	60	-	Marius SOLBERG HANSEN	Škoda Fabia		11			0	11
18	20		Siim SALURI	Renault Twingo	8				0	8
19	66	•	Jérémy LAMBEC	Škoda Fabia		0	7		0	7
20	5	-	Sebastian HØIDALEN	Ford Fiesta		7			0	7
21	86		Lukas NEY	Škoda Fabia	4	0	3		0	7
22	91	-	Martin KJÆR	Ford Fiesta		6			0	6
23	9	•	Dylan DUFAS	Renault Twingo		2	4		0	6
24	58		Dominik SENEGACNIK	Volkswagen Polo		1			0	1
25	44	•	Pedro RIBEIRO	Peugeot 108			0		0	0
26	161	•	Frédéric MOREAU	Renault Twingo			0		0	0

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WORLD RX WARRIORS PRIMED FOR ACTION IN PORTUGAL

The battle for glory in the FIA World Rallycross Championship races into Portugal this weekend, with a thrilling fight in prospect at Cooper Tires World RX of Montalegre – round seven of the 2021 season.

Montalegre hosted the very first World Championship event during the series' inaugural campaign back in 2014, and following a three-year hiatus, the fearless World RX warriors return to the undulating and challenging Vila Real track this weekend.

With six rounds in the books so far in 2021, the hunt for honours is hotting up nicely. After a troubled start to his title defence, three-time world champion Johan Kristoffersson (KYB EKS JC) has closed to just 12 points adrift of the top of the table courtesy of back-to-back victories in Latvia and Belgium, and the Swede – the most successful driver in rallycross' modern era – has twice reached the highest step of the rostrum at the Circuito Internacional de Montalegre.

It is Kristoffersson's countryman Timmy Hansen, however, who continues to lead the way. The 2019 title-holder came out of the blocks flying with two wins and a second-place finish from the opening three outings, and he is confident his Peugeot 208 will be a potent package here in Portugal.

Younger brother Kevin Hansen is similarly firmly in contention. Since winning the Catalunya curtain-raiser back in July, the 23-year-old has been a consistent front-runner and podium-finisher, and second place at Spa-Francorchamps kept his title bid on-track.

Niclas Grönholm opened his 2021 victory account in Riga, but a disappointing weekend in Belgium means the flying Finn needs a big score if he is to maintain his championship aspirations. Grönholm's GRX-SET World RX Team stablemate Krisztián Szabó, by contrast, celebrated his maiden rostrum finish last time out and is one of only three drivers to have progressed through to the final at every event to-date this season, so he is sure to be a leading protagonist once more.

Kevin Abbring had the hardest luck story to tell at Spa, topping the intermediate classification only to then find himself tipped out of the lead in the first semi-final. The Dutchman is overdue a change of fortunes after starring behind the wheel of Unkorrupted's Renault Mégane, and a podium in Portugal would be a hugely popular result.

Enzo Ide in the second KYB EKS JC Audi S1 is going from strength-to-strength in his first full campaign of World RX competition, and a final appearance on home soil in Belgium will have given the ex-GT racer a timely confidence boost. Former British Rallycross Champion Ollie O'Donovan completes the Montalegre entry list, and is guaranteed to put on a show in his distinctively-liveried Ford Fiesta.

CHAMPION TO BE CROWNED IN EURO RX3 FIGHT

The FIA European Rallycross Championship's fiercely-disputed Euro RX3 class has been the proving ground for several future stars on the World Championship stage, and this weekend, the series' 2021 champion will be crowned at Montalegre.

Having won three of the opening four rounds of the campaign, last year's highest scorer Yury Belevskiy arrives holding a 23-point advantage at the summit of the standings. The Russian will be determined to seal the championship in style by adding to that victory tally – but he will face stiff opposition, not least from his own Volland Racing team-mates.

Kobe Pauwels turned the tables on Belevskiy to triumph at Lohéac in his maiden car racing campaign since stepping up from CrossCar competition, and the talented Belgian teenager has given the championship leader a real run for his money this season.

Similarly, Marat Knyazev in another Audi A1 pushed Belevskiy right to the chequered flag last time out at Spa-Francorchamps to close in on second position in the title chase, and Polish rookie Damian Litwinowicz is riding the crest of a wave following his breakthrough podium finish in Belgium.

Timur Shigabutdinov will be fired-up to shine after missing the latest round, while Škoda star Jan Černý has consistently taken the fight to the all-conquering Audis in 2021 and is certain to be in the mix.

In order to spray the champagne, however, the Euro RX3 regulars will need to get the better of an eight-strong contingent of local specialists, spearheaded by national championship pace-setter João Ribeiro in his Škoda Fabia – raising hopes of a home celebration this weekend.



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N°	PILOTO	VIATURA
3	Luis Almeida	LBS MOTOR RX 01
4	Tiago Pinto	LBS MOTOR RX 01
10	José Mota	LBS MOTOR RX01
13	João Medina	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
17	Rui Nunes	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT SE
21	Alcides Calçada	SEMOG BRAVO
24	Pedro Marques	LBS MOTOR RX 01
47	Alexandre Borges	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
49	João Pinheiro	LBS MOTOR RX 01
69	Tiago Freitas	PROTO HS
70	Pedro Rabaço	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
71	Francisco Ortega	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
72	Ivan Cinchila	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
73	Gabriel Liull	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
74	Francisco Veja	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
75	João Pires	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
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JUNIOR KARTCROSS

N°	PILOTO	VIATURA
TBA	Miguel Gayoso	SEMOG BRAVO SPORT
TBA	Diego Martínez González	YACAR-CROSS
88	Yésica Lorenzo Santalla	LBS MOTOR RX 01
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