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# DOUBLE 1-2 FINISHES IN SEATTLE ALLOW VOLKSWAGEN ANDRETTI RALLYCROSS TO CLOSE IN ON THIRD CONSECUTIVE DRIVER'S TITLE

Tanner Foust scored two straight wins in the Seattle doubleheader, earning Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross's sixth 1-2 finish of the season.

**Herndon, VA** — Tanner Foust was nearly perfect in Seattle, claiming two victories in the 2017 Red Bull Global Rallycross season's last doubleheader, almost ensuring a Driver's Championship victory for one of the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross teammates at the season finale in Los Angeles. Scott Speed drove two competitive and smart races to protect his lead in the championship points, finishing second in both events at Evergreen Speedway behind his teammate. The results bring the team its fifth and sixth 1-2 finishes of the season, continuing reign as the top team in the Red Bull Global Rallycross championship.

With the exception of Qualifying, Tanner Foust's Saturday in Seattle could not have gone better. The driver of the No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle GRC took wins in each round of Heats and the Semifinal before wrapping up a comfortable victory in the first Final of the doubleheader weekend.

Sunday was a similar story for Foust, who gained good points in the preliminary rounds, leading to a front-row starting position in the Final. Foust made a brilliant start from the outside and managed to work his way around teammate Speed in the dirt section of the course. From there, he refused to look back, maintaining a small gap to Speed, pulling away from the rest of the field before crossing the finish line to take his second win of the weekend.

"Seattle has been a great place for me to race over the years, but this weekend was really special," said Foust after collecting his second trophy of the weekend. "Taking back-to-back wins like that is just what we needed

to do for the championship, and I'm super proud to deliver these trophies for my crew who have worked super hard all year long."

Speed entered the weekend with a sizeable points lead after his own doubleheader sweep in Atlantic City last month. With a mindset to rack up as many points as possible without taking risks, he achieved his goals, running clean races and coming away with a pair of second-place finishes.

"Even though we didn't win in Seattle, this was still a very strong event for the No. 41 Oberto Circle K Beetle GRC crew" said Speed on Sunday. "We grabbed tons of points, and we're in a really good position for LA. We've always had luck there, so I think we're in great shape for the finale."

With his pair of wins, Foust regained a share of the winningest driver in GRC history—an accolade that has been traded between the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross teammates all year.

Provisionally, Speed sits 30 points ahead of his teammate in the championship standings, and 74 points in front of the driver in third place. With only 81 points on offer in Los Angeles, the Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross teammates are in a strong position to win another championship crown. Foust and Speed are each seeking their third titles—Speed his third consecutive and for Foust, his first since 2012.

Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross will return to action next month for the season finale of the Red Bull Global Rallycross Championship in Los Angeles. LIVE coverage of the event will air on NBC Saturday, October 14 at 4:30PM (ET).

Red Bull Global Rallycross Seattle was not broadcast during its scheduled time on Sunday, due to media priority of ongoing Hurricane Irma coverage. The race will be broadcast at a later date on NBCSN. Check the series website for more information. GRC has put the Finals of each day of the doubleheader on social media:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GRCseries/videos/1477627282320622/

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lchBrC04kvk&feature=youtu.be

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