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## VOLKSWAGEN ANDRETTI RALLYCROSS AIMS TO CAPTURE DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP AT FINAL RACE IN LOS ANGELES

*Sibling rivalries peak this weekend as teammates Scott Speed and Tanner Foust vie for the top position in the Driver's Championship, separated by a small margin*

**Herndon, VA** — Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross arrives at the final race of the 2017 season with great momentum from double 1-2 finishes in Seattle. While anything can happen in Red Bull Global Rallycross racing, Scott Speed and Tanner Foust should be locked in a battle for the Driver's Championship, with a big lead over the third-place team.

Just 30 points separate first-place Speed from Foust, a lead that could be quickly cut-down following Heat wins from Foust and a higher finish in the final. During the first eleven races of the 2017 season, the two drivers have 29 (Speed) and 24 (Foust) Heat wins, three times more than the next driver. With up to 81 points still unclaimed for this weekend, it's too close to call.

"This year, we go into the final race with a good lead [in points]," said Scott Speed, driver of the No. 41 Oberto Circle K Beetle GRC. "My job is to keep us in the most protected position as possible while on track and keep the tires rolling until the checkered flag. If I can do that, we will have us another championship!"

Speed is looking to secure his third consecutive Driver's Championship following his success in 2015 and 2016. Foust is similarly looking for a third Driver's Championship, having won in 2011 and 2012, while finishing second last year behind Speed. Volkswagen has already secured enough points in the Manufacturer's Championship this season to secure the title.

Foust jumped back up to second in the Driver's Championship points standings in Seattle after scoring two wins. These two victories brought him back on track following tough races in Atlantic City that had set him back to third place late in the season.

"We're ready to put on a good show for the fans in LA this weekend," said the No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle GRC driver. "It's hard to call the San Pedro Pier a home track, but the location and backdrop are certainly one of the most unique in motorsports. This weekend's GRC season finale event should be a blast!"

The 0.654-mile Los Angeles track is primed to deliver intense racing with 27 percent dirt and 73 percent pavement. "LA is a great track, and it is a home state race for me," said Speed. "I've always felt comfortable here."

The Los Angeles season finale will air LIVE on NBC, 4:30PM (ET) on Saturday, October 14.

The final vignette of the 2017 Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross team video series can be viewed [here](#).

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