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VOLKSWAGEN ANDRETTI RALLYCROSS TEAM MAKES THREE PODIUM FINISHES IN RED BULL GLOBAL RALLYCROSS AT THOMPSON SPEEDWAY

Scott Speed and Tanner Foust netted a win and two second-place finishes in the first Red Bull Global Rallycross doubleheader of the season.

Herndon, VA — Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross mounted a successful effort at Rounds Three and Four of the 2017 Red Bull Global Rallycross championship, earning a trio of podium finishes over the doubleheader weekend. Tanner Foust was the class of the field for much of the event, winning handily on Saturday and leading much of Sunday's Final before a wheel failure ended his bid for a perfect weekend. Scott Speed found himself in recovery mode for much of the weekend, earning a pair of second-place finishes in two come-from-behind races.

Foust's first day at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park was perfect as he set the fastest time in qualifying and won every subsequent race to take maximum points on Saturday. After setting a time more than a second clear of the rest of the field in the first of the weekend's qualifying sessions, the driver of the No. 34 Rockstar Energy Drink Beetle GRC never looked back, taming the rough track to take his first win of the 2017 season.

Teammate Speed had a more difficult road to the podium after a mix-up in qualifying left the No. 41 ORAFOL Beetle GRC seventh. The reigning champion recovered to win his second-round Heat, and eventually took victory in Semifinal B to earn a front-row starting position for the Final next to Foust.

At the start, Speed was driven into the tire barrier by another competitor, prompting a red flag as the Beetle GRC was stopped on course. The offending driver was penalized and moved to the back of the revised grid, while Speed was allowed to retain his second-place starting position. On the restart, Speed fell back into the field, but made a thrilling last-lap pass to earn second.

Foust was keen to mirror his Saturday performance on day two in Thompson. The 12-time race winner looked to be on track for an unprecedented perfect doubleheader until a wheel failure three laps from the end of the Final stopped his Beetle GRC on the track.

In Sunday's Final, Speed was once again in catch-up mode, after being mired in the midfield for much of the race. Knowing that his car was quicker than the competitors ahead, Speed saved his Joker Lap shortcut for the final round, passing several cars to take a well-deserved second-place finish and regaining the championship lead he had briefly lost to Foust earlier on Sunday.

"It's really tough to be so quick all weekend and to have the track decide to take a bite out of the car at the end of the Final," said Foust. "We dodged issues all weekend long and were super fast, so I'm bummed Sunday had to end like this. At least we know we're quick, and I'm hoping to replicate most of this weekend at the next doubleheader in Ottawa."

"Two second-place finishes are not where exactly where we want to be, but it's good points for the championship, so we have to be somewhat happy," said Speed. "Starting at the front of the pack is always so much easier, but we showed we know how to get through the field and make things exciting, so I guess that's a positive too."

Volkswagen Andretti Rallycross will be back in action for the international leg of its season with another doubleheader weekend in Ottawa, Canada June 17-18. Both races will be broadcast live on NBC with Race One airing at 10:00PM (ET) on Saturday, June 17, and Race Two at 4:00PM (ET) on Sunday, June 18.

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