



Abbring wins first ever podium spot with UNKORRUPTED

Round 2 of the 2021 FIA World Rallycross Championship delivers nail-bitingly close race action to Holjes, Sweden

- Abbring finishes 3rd overall at the 2nd round of the 2021 FIA World Rallycross Championship
- This marks Kevin's and UNKORRUPTED's first ever podium in the FIA World Rallycross Championship
- UNKORRUPTED Megane R.S. RX impresses with pace all weekend, pushing for fastest lap times several times and scoring the fastest qualifier time in Q3



Round 2 of the 2021 FIA World Rallycross Championship season saw Kevin Abbring successfully build on last round's performance to race the UNKORRUPTED team to 3rd overall, winning his and the team's first ever podium spot in the world championship. Kevin leaves Holjes, Sweden with 37 Championship points, having moved up to 4th in the Championship standings.

Kicking off this weekend's racing at one of the world's most famous rallycross venues with a taste of what was to come, Abbring finished the first 3 free practice sessions on Saturday morning in P2.

Following a good start in the race weekend's first qualifier, the first lap saw the Dutchman being urred into the barrier by Ide on the inside line of the joker. He was able to restart the car and then proceeded to put the fastest lap times on the clock as he caught up to the pack, finishing in 4th with the 8th fastest time of the 1st qualifier.

The day's second qualifier saw more close action, as Abbring avoided contact into the first corner to race into p3 but lost time in traffic following the joker which saw him cross the finish line in 4th. Abbring

is p8 overnight and, promisingly, the fastest lap time of the day.



Starting the day as he finished the previous, Abbring posted the fastest time in the warm up as a fresh bright morning greeted the UNKORRUPTED team ahead of the third qualifier of this race weekend in Sweden.

A good start had Abbring in p2 of Q3 into the first corner, from where he jokered straight away to work his way through the pack. Having battled into the lead, he took the chequered flag to win the qualifier, scoring another fastest lap time as well as the fastest time of the qualifier to boost, moving up in the standings to p3 overall.

On pole for the 4th qualifier of the day, Abbring took another joker in the first lap coming out in 4th. He chased down the pack over the following laps, winning back two positions to cross the finish line in 2nd, securing Abbring a spot on the first row of the semi-final in Holjes.

Having started the final race of the weekend from the 2nd row thanks to a successful semi-final finish, Abbring pushed ahead into p2 before diving into the joker coming out in 5th. Quickly chasing down the pack, he outpaced Ryttonen and Szabo to finish the second round of the FIA World Rallycross Championship in 3rd, bagging his and UNKORRUPTED's first ever rallycross podium.

"I'm super pleased with this result - the team has been working so hard, it's great to see us convert on the track and end up on the podium, really proud of everyone. We started off the season showing promising pace and here in Holjes, kicked it up a notch again. We put down leading times in both the semi and the final, which gives the whole team such a boost ahead of the upcoming event in France. I absolutely loved this spectacular track here in Sweden, and it was great to race in front of fans to take my first podium in the FIA World Rallycross Championship. Now onto France, where I'm hoping for even better results.", Kevin commented.



About UNKORRUPTED

Welcome to UNKORRUPTED, an RX team like no other - ready to push the limits and ruffle feathers in the FIA World Rallycross Championship.

Supported by the collective experience and passion of world-class technicians, mechanics and engineers, UNKORRUPTED aren't here to mess around. With the driving skill and talent of Kevin Abbring behind the steering wheel of the Mégane R.S. RX, UNKORRUPTED will disrupt the grid and challenge the veteran teams to push for the 2021 World Title.

About Kevin Abbring:

Hailing from the Netherlands, Kevin, whose father was also a successful driver, has a motorsport CV as varied as it is impressive. Having started off in rallycross, he was the 2005 and 2006 Champion in the Dutch Ford RST series before moving his focus to rallying. He impressed with class wins in both the WRC and IRC and made his top line WRC debut with Hyundai in 2015, scoring points and winning stages at the highest level of rallying. After a decade in rallying, Kevin came back to rallycross in 2019, making his World RX debut in Hell, Norway, with ES Motorsports and impressing by leading the final on his way to 4th place - a feat he repeated in his second race at the Swedish track in Höljes! 2020 saw a change as he drove a Clio R.S. RX for UNKORRUPTED in select World RX races, and in 2021 the team stays the same but he will be driving the top-level Megane R.S. RX in the full FIA World Rallycross Championship. Abbring is also still the youngest Junior WRC round winner, won WRC classes with both VW and Peugeot and in 2011, was crowned 'driver of the year' by the FIA. Over the last few years, he's worked for multiple factory teams as a development driver in WRC, R5 and WRX, and in the last 12 months he has been at the forefront of the push towards a sustainable future in motorsport - most notably with GCK Motorsport and their work towards a hydrogen-powered Dakar Rally vehicle.

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