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Passing Another Milestone

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Ten years ago, we introduced a rally version of the Škoda Fabia for the category today known as Rally2. Since then, the original and subsequent versions have achieved close to 3,000 overall victories in around 27,000 participations in rallies worldwide (see also pages 10 and 11). Škoda Motorsport has already sold 200 Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. This significant milestone puts the Škoda Fabia far ahead of the competition. As well as winning in the FIA World Rally Championship category WRC2, the Škoda Fabia also performs exceptionally well in regional and

national series. For countless private teams worldwide, the Škoda Fabia is the preferred model. In the Czech Rally Championship alone, five Škoda dealers currently run their own programme. Two of their crews already celebrated wins (see also page 6). Off the rally tracks, the debut of the new all-electric Škoda Enyaq RS Race was one of the highlights of early summer. Deeply rooted in the Czech brand's racing DNA, this motorsport concept supports the development of innovative technologies and sustainable materials, serving as a pilot project

for future production models. While the Škoda Enyaq RS Race offers a glimpse into a possible future of motorsport, the Sosnová Classic 2025 was all about the rich heritage of Škoda, a brand that was founded exactly 130 years ago. We were extremely honoured to welcome Petr Pavel, the President of the Czech Republic, to the co-driver's seat in a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. As our story from the event shows (see page 12), he truly enjoyed the experience. For now, I leave you with this latest edition of our Newsletter.



Petr Pavel, President of the Czech Republic, rode alongside Filip Kohn in a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2

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RaceSeven's Gus Greensmith and co-driver Jonas Andersson favour gravel events like Acropolis Rally Greece.



Tactical Games

At the top of the WRC2 overall standings, not everything is as it seems

Having reached the halfway point of the FIA World Rally Championship season, the WRC2 category has developed into a three-way fight between Škoda crew Gus Greensmith/Jonas Andersson on one side, Oliver Solberg/Elliott Edmond-

son and Yohan Rossel/Arnaud Dunand on the other. However, the drivers' overall standings, with Oliver Solberg in the lead ahead of Yohan Rossel and Gus Greensmith, only tell part of the story. As drivers can only collect WRC2 points from six of

seven nominated rallies, the top three are on different event counts.

Oliver Solberg has made four starts. Yohan Rossel can look back on five WRC2 participations. Gus Greensmith has only competed three times for WRC2 points, which is the lowest number among the front runners. The Englishman, who shares a RaceSeven Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 with Swedish co-driver Jonas Andersson, is skipping the upcoming Rally Estonia (*also see following page*) in order to concentrate on the second half of the season.

The same applies to Nikolay Gryazin, who has only scored WRC2 points so far at Rally Islas Canarias. The Bulgarian and Kyrgyzstanian co-driver Konstantin Aleksandrov, finished third in the category, making them the best-placed Škoda crew at the new to the WRC asphalt event on the Canary Islands.



At halftime of the season, Englishman Gus Greensmith is highest-placed Škoda driver in the WRC2 overall standings.

Gus Greensmith and co-driver Jonas Andersson fought for championship points at Rally de Portugal. Throughout the rally, the British-Swedish pairing were locked in a battle for second place with Yohan Rossel/Arnaud Dunand. Ultimately, the Škoda crew had to concede the silver trophy to their French rivals. For 2022 WRC2 Champion Emil Lindholm and co-driver Reeta Hämäläinen, Rally Islas Canarias marked their first event with a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 in two years. Two events later, the Finns were back on form. They dominated the WRC2 category at Rally Italia Sardegna from the outset and were on course for victory when disaster struck. After a crest, the Toksport WRT crew overshot a corner and became beached in the bushes. Although their car sustained only minor damage, it was game over for them. Thus, another Finnish Škoda pairing inherited the WRC2 top spot, Lauri Joona and co-driver Samu Vaaleri. However, the MS Munaretto crew collected a puncture one stage later. Roberto Daprà/Luca Guglielmetti jumped to the occasion: Sharing a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of Delta Rally Team, the Italians drove to their first WRC2 victory ever. “When things are going well and you have good people around you, the results will come,”

Rally Islas Canarias, Result WRC2

- 1 Yohan Rossel/Arnaud Dunand (FRA/FRA), Citroën
- 2 Alejandro Cachón/Borja Rozada (ESP/ESP), Toyota
- 3 Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov (BUL/KGZ), Škoda

Rally de Portugal, Result WRC2

- 1 Oliver Solberg/Elliott Edmondson (SWE/GBR), Toyota
- 2 Yohan Rossel/Arnaud Dunand (FRA/FRA), Citroën
- 3 Gus Greensmith/Jonas Andersson (GBR/SWE), Škoda

Rally Italia Sardegna, Result WRC2

- 1 Roberto Daprà/Luca Guglielmetti (ITA/ITA), Škoda
- 2 Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak (POL/POL), Toyota
- 3 Martin Prokop/Michal Ernst (CZE/CZE), Škoda

Acropolis Rally Greece, Result WRC2

- 1 Oliver Solberg/Elliott Edmondson (SWE/GBR), Toyota
- 2 Gus Greensmith/Jonas Andersson (GBR/SWE), Škoda
- 3 Yohan Rossel/Arnaud Dunand (FRA/FRA), Citroën

Standings WRC2/Drivers (after 7 of 14 rallies)

1	Oliver Solberg (SWE), Toyota	85 points
2	Yohan Rossel (FRA), Citroën	82 points
3	Gus Greensmith (GBR), Škoda	57 points
4	Roberto Daprà (ITA), Škoda	49 points

commented 24-year-old Roberto Daprà. Martin Prokop and Michal Ernst, with the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 run by Prokop's own team, completed the WRC2 podium as third. Apparently, Gus Greensmith and co-driver Jonas Andersson are made for rough gravel events. After winning the WRC2 category at the Safari

Rally Kenya with RaceSeven's Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, the British-Swedish duo came second in the equally gruelling Acropolis Rally Greece. This result propelled Greensmith into third place in the overall WRC2 standings. Roberto Daprà, category winner of Rally Italia Sardegna, follows in fourth.



Italian Roberto Daprà (Delta Rally Team) currently holds fourth position overall in WRC2 and leads the WRC2 Challenger classification.

Rally Estonia is a home game for Toksport WRT crew Robert Virves/Jakko Viilo.



Happy Hunting Ground

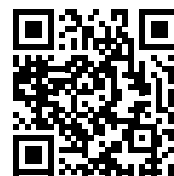
Estonia is the next stop for the FIA World Rally Championship. Škoda crews won WRC2 on three of the past four editions

The upcoming Rally Estonia (17-20 July 2025) will only be the fifth time, that the event is part of FIA World Rally Championship calendar. On three occasions, Norwegian Škoda driver Andreas Mikkelsen – with different co-drivers – won WRC2. The remaining edition also saw a Norwegian team as WRC2 winners. In other words: The fast and flowing gravel stages in the Tartu area clearly favour the Nordic drivers.

Andreas Mikkelsen is no longer taking part in the championship. However, the Škoda brand is still well represented, with several strong crews hailing from Nordic countries. Toksport WRT's Robert Virves and co-driver Jakko Viilo as well as Egon Kaur/Ermo Veltson are coming to their home event with high hopes. Other candidates for WRC2 top positions are Finnish pairings Lauri Joona/Samu Vaaleri (MS Munaretto) and Mikko Heikkilä/Kristian Temonen (TGS Worldwide). Also in the mix: Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov from Bulgaria and

Kyrgyzstan as well as Fabrizio Zaldivar from Paraguay and Italian co-driver Marcelo Der Ohannesian, who also share a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of team Toksport WRT. Englishman Gus Greensmith and Italian Roberto Daprà, who currently hold third and fourth position respectively in the WRC2 overall standings, did not include Rally Estonia in their selection of points-scoring events. The eighth round of the FIA World

Rally Championship is based in Tartu, a former Hanse town and home to Estonia's oldest university. The four-day event features 20 stages covering a total distance of roughly 308,35 kilometres.



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Rally Estonia



The last time, the World championship visited Estonia, Andreas Mikkelsen/Torstein Eriksen (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of team Toksport WRT) won WRC2.

Škoda Driver on Top

After five ERC rounds, Mikołaj Marczyk is leading the overall championship

Victory has eluded Mikołaj Marczyk and co-driver Szymon Gospodarczyk during the 2025 FIA European Rally Championship so far. However, with a second, two third, a fifth and a seventh position, the Polish Škoda crew has collected enough points, to hand Mikołaj Marczyk the overall lead in the drivers' standings. After five of eight events, he enjoys a 22-point advantage over Škoda driver Andrea Mabellini from Italy. Three of the five completed ERC events have been won by Škoda crews. Nikolay Gryazin and co-driver Konstantin Aleksandrov of J2X Rally Team took victory at the season-opening Rally Sierra Morena in Spain. ORLEN OIL Rally Poland went to Mārtiņš Sesks and navigator Renārs Francis from Latvia, who share a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of Team MRF Tyres. Rally di Roma Capitale saw locals Giandomenico Basso/Lorenzo Granai winning. So far, seven different Škoda drivers made it onto the podiums. Out of all the recipients of the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Programme, so far Mikołaj Marczyk has received the highest sum. The driver from Łódź has set his sights on the main prize of the support scheme: If he becomes FIA European Rally Champion 2025, he will receive a 50,000 Euro discount when buying a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 from Škoda Motorsport.



Mikołaj Marczyk collected points at all five ERC rounds so far.



Polish Škoda crew Mikołaj Marczyk and co-driver Szymon Gospodarczyk flew to second place at their home event.

Rally Sierra Morena (ESP), Result ERC

1	Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov (BUL/KGZ), Škoda
2	Yoann Bonato/Benjamin Boulloud (FRA/FRA), Citroën
3	José Antonio Suárez/Alberto Iglesias Pin (ESP/ESP), Škoda

Rally Hungary, Result ERC

1	Roope Korhonen/Anssi Viinikka (FIN/FIN), Toyota
2	Mads Østberg/Torstein Eriksen (NOR/NOR), Citroën
3	Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk (POL/POL), Škoda

BAUHAUS Royal Rally of Scandinavia (SWE), Result ERC

1	Eyvind Brynildsen/Jørn Listerud (NOR/NOR), Toyota
2	Roope Korhonen/Anssi Viinikka (FIN/FIN), Toyota
3	Isak Reiersen/Stefan Gustavsson (SWE/SWE), Škoda

ORLEN OIL Rally Poland, Result ERC

1	Mārtiņš Sesks/Renārs Francis (LVA/LVA), Škoda
2	Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk (POL/POL), Škoda
3	Jon Armstrong/Shane Byrne (IRL/IRL), Ford

Rally di Roma Capitale (ITA), Result ERC

1	Giandomenico Basso/Lorenzo Granai (ITA/ITA), Škoda
2	Andrea Mabellini/Virginia Lenzi (ITA/ITA), Škoda
3	Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk (POL/POL), Škoda

Standings ERC (after 5 of 8 events)

1	Mikołaj Marczyk (POL), Škoda	107 points
2	Andrea Mabellini (ITA), Škoda	85 points
3	Mads Østberg (NOR), Citroën	76 points

The Dealer teams all compete with the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.



Home Advantage

Five official Škoda Dealer teams are present in the Czech Rally Championship

Rally2 cars from three different brands compete for victories in the Czech Rally Championship (MČR). Škoda is taking on Toyota and Hyundai with the help of its five official dealer teams. The Agrotec Škoda Rally Team from Hustopeče has entered a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 for ten-time champion Jan Kopecký and co-driver Jiří Hovorka. Kopecký's own crew of technicians services the car. In the Samohýl Škoda Team from Zlín, the crew of Adam Březík/Ondřej Krajča relies on the engineering expertise of former Škoda factory driver Roman Kresta.

The Kontakt Škoda Team from Turnov has entered Věroslav Cvrček jun., who is navigated by Petr Těšínský. Technical preparation of the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 is provided by Rexteam. The AUTOspektrum Škoda Team from Mariánské Lázně is the latest addition to the dealer squad. The Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of Filip Kohn and British co-driver Ross Whittock is prepared by Baum-schlager Rallye & Racing, an outfit with a world championship pedigree. The Auto Podbabská Škoda PSG

ACCR Team is planning a part-time program with reigning champion Dominik Stříteský. The team is running a project to reach out to young people and create a positive attitude towards driving by providing instruction and workshops on safe driving. The MČR season has already reached its halfway point with Škoda crews claiming two out of three

victories. Jan Kopecký/Jiří Hovorka scored a third place at Milkservis Rallye Šumava Klatovy and won Rally Český Krumlov. At their home event, Agrotec Petronas Rally Hustopeče, they were narrowly beaten by the winners, Adam Březík/Ondřej Krajča. Jan Kopecký is currently leading the overall standings – the 43-year-old is on track to his eleventh title.



At the halfway point of the season, Agrotec Škoda Rally Team's Jan Kopecký leads the overall standings.



Adam Březík/Ondřej Krajča of Samohýl Škoda Team won the Agrotec Petronas Rally Hustopeče.

Standings MČR (after 3 of 6 events)

1	Jan Kopecký (Agrotec Škoda Rally Team), Škoda	146 points
2	Filip Mareš (ACCR Toyota Dolák), Toyota	135 points
3	Erik Cais (Kowax DST Racing), Hyundai	116 points
4	Simon Wagner (Kowax DST Racing), Hyundai	104 points
5	Adam Březík (Samohýl Škoda Team), Škoda	79 points

Next Level

The new Škoda Enyaq RS Race is an evolution of the 2024 concept

The second generation Škoda Enyaq RS Race concept showcases the brand's activities in the field of electrified motorsport, driving progress towards a more sustainable future. Based on the Škoda Enyaq Coupé RS road car, the concept benefits from numerous visual and technical modifications. To reduce the weight compared to the production model, Škoda Motorsport engineers not only removed all components not needed, but also employed innovative and sustainable materials. These

measures together resulted in total weight savings of 316 kilograms. The two electric motors, delivering a combined output of 250 kW, are identical to those in the production model. The top speed is limited to 180 km/h as well, but the lighter concept car accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in under five seconds. To improve handling and acceleration, the new Škoda Enyaq RS Race is equipped with limited-slip differentials on both the front and rear axles. The introduction of sustainable

biocomposite parts incorporating flax fibres serves as a pilot for future production models. Replacing carbon, these lightweight parts are used in both the interior and the body, including the bumpers, fenders, roof, roof vent, and rear wing. Applications in the interior include the dashboard, door panels, and footrests for the driver and passenger. The engineers also made extensive use of 3D printing in preparing and producing the prototype, using recycled materials such as nylon and CO₂-neutral



The Škoda Enyaq RS Race is a fully functional concept car.

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biodegradable biopolymer filaments. To create the widened body, individual bodywork parts were taken from the production line, redesigned from scratch, and reassembled. In addition to the roll cage made of high-strength chrome-molybdenum steel, the concept car features other safety elements derived from the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. These include Atech racing seats with six-point seatbelts, safety door filling, and an automatic fire extinguisher.

The aerodynamics package includes a large rear wing, an aerodynamically

optimised roof, and a NACA air intake channelling air into the interior. The air intake for the cooling system has also been redesigned, with the front section now completely solid and air drawn in through the lower part of the bumper.

The completely redesigned interior is inspired by the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. Featuring new buttons, the racing steering wheel resembles the one from the racing special. Instead of the progressive rack-and-pinion steering used in the road car, the new concept features linear steering, with power

assistance levels adjusted through control software and an optimised drive ratio tailored specifically for racing performance. Additionally, the Škoda Enyaq RS Race has been fitted with a rally-type hydraulic handbrake with a long lever and the pedal system from the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

All technical details
of the Škoda Enyaq
RS Race



Škoda Motorsport incorporated aerodynamics inspired by the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.



Always a source for good mood: Reeta Hämäläinen.



Adrenaline, Speed and Teamwork

Finnish co-driver Reeta Hämäläinen is one of the best in the sport. Despite the hard work, she really loves her job

Reeta Hämäläinen started her rally career within her family. From co-driving her father in historic rallies, she advanced to the FIA World Rally Championship. Since 2021, she has been the co-driver of Emil Lindholm. Together, they won the 2022 WRC2 title with Škoda.

How did your love for motorsport begin?

Motorsport has always been part of our family life. My father, Teuvo, was passionate about rallying as a hobby and dragged us all along too! In 2009, I started co-driving for him at the Historic Vltava Rallye in the Czech Republic. It was truly a family thing; my mother and sister also followed us to the rallies.

How did the collaboration with Emil Lindholm come about?

We knew of each other from the Finnish rally scene. When Emil needed a new co-driver, he called me. I immediately realized that this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Does Emil have any special requirements for his pace notes?

Emil likes precision and flow in the pace notes. The rhythm of the delivery is very important for him.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The adrenaline, the speed, and the teamwork, without question. That

incredible feeling when you find the perfect flow on a stage is magical. Plus, travelling to amazing places and being part of a sport I love make it even better.

How do you relax between events?

I spend time outdoors whenever I can. I love riding and spending time with my horses, hiking, enjoying Finnish nature, going to the sauna, and reading. After the intensity of rally events, I really appreciate simple, peaceful moments.

What advice would you give to aspiring co-drivers?

Believe in yourself and your dreams. This career takes hours and hours of work, so be ready to work hard! Build your knowledge patiently. Rallying is a sport of preparation and precision, so master the basics: timing, note reading, teamwork. And most importantly: Enjoy the journey,

Read the full interview on the Škoda Motorsport webpage.



On top of the world: Reeta Hämäläinen and Emil Lindholm after securing the 2022 WRC2 title at Rally Japan 2022.

OTHER RECENT RALLY RESULTS



FIA Middle East Rally Championship MERC

Record MERC champion Nasser Al-Attiyah from Qatar and co-driver Cándido Carrera from Spain remain unbeaten in the FIA Middle East Rally Championship. The Škoda crew won Rally Saudi Arabia and Jordan Rally, third and fourth round of the series.



CODASUR Rally Championship

Two Škoda from Paraguay crews battled for victory at Rally Sudamericano Jesús María, second round of the series held in Argentina. After twelve stages, Agustín Alonso/Edgardo Galindo (Copetrol Rally Team) won from Miguel Zaldivar Jr./Luis Allende (MZR Paraguay).



Argentina

Three victories in a row for Škoda crew Miguel-Angel Baldoni/Gustavo Franchello in the Argentinean championship. They won the national classification of the CODASUR round Rally Sudamericano Jesús María as well as Rally Vuelta de la Manzana and Rally del Poncho overall. Nicolás de la Vega/Juan de la Vega finished Rally Sudamericano Jesús María in second position, where Augusto D'Agostini/Juan Pablo Carrera came third. Augusto D'Agostini/Juan Pablo Carrera added a second position at Rally del Poncho. Gastón Pasten/Matías Ramos took P3 at Rally Vuelta de la Manzana and as well at Rally del Poncho.



Belgium

Former Formula 1 driver Jos Verstappen and navigator Renaud Jamoul won Rallye de Wallonie and Sezoensrally, second and third round of the Belgian championship. Second place at Wallonie went to another

Škoda crew, Adrian Fernémont/Eric Borguet of Ecurie New Racing.



France

Another two victories for Laurent Pellier/Kévin Bronner of Škoda customer team 2C Yacco RS in the French gravel championship. They won Rallye Castine – Terre de Occitanie and Rallye Terre d'Aleria. In Aléria, Emmanuel Gascou/Gilles De Turckheim (AMD Motorsport) and Pierre Ragues/Julien Pesenti (2C Yacco RS) completed a full Škoda podium.



Germany

Two victories in a row for Marijan Griebel in the German championship. The title holder shares a Pole Promotion Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 with Ella Kremer, daughter of WRC Masters Cup 2024 winner Armin Kremer. The pairing won ADAC ACTRONICS Rallye Sulingen (photo) from another Škoda crew – Julius Tannert/Pirmin Winklhofer – and also finished the ELE Rally on top of the podium.



Hungary

Triple victory for Škoda crews at Mecsek Rally, third round of the Hungarian championship: Gábor Németh/Gergely Németh (Borsod Talent MSE) won from Frigyes Turán/Gábor Zsiros (Turán Motorsport SE) and Tibor Tóth/József Szabó (T+T Autóklíma Centrum Kft).



Italy

Two Škoda crews finished on the podium of Rally Due Valli, fourth round of the Italian championship. Giandomenico Basso/Lorenzo Granai won for team Movisport, Roberto Daprà/Luca Guglielmetti came third for Pintarally Motorsport S.S.D. a R.L.



Ireland

Three victories in a row in the Irish Tarmac Championship for Devine Callum and co-driver Noel O'Sullivan jun. The Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crew won the Circuit of Ireland Rally, the International Rally of the Lakes and the Wilton Donegal International Rally.



Lithuania

Two full Škoda podiums at the first two rounds of the Lithuanian championship. Vaidotas Žala/Ugnius Vainevičius (Skuba Racing Team) won both 7bet Rally Lazdijai and Rally Žemaitija. 7bet Rally Lazdijai ended with Justas Simaška/Mantas Ližaitis (Čapkauškas Autocentras Team) in second and Vladas Jurkevičius/Ivo Pūķis (Eldorado x Humbility Sports) in third. At Rally Žemaitija, Vladas Jurkevičius/Aisvydas Paliukėnas (Eldorado x Humbility Sports) took P2 and P3 went to Giedrius Notkus/Dalius Strižanas (Viada-Multi FX).



Luxembourg

Victory in the Luxembourg championship for Marijan Griebel and co-driver Ella Kremer. Sharing Pole Promotion's Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, they won the ADAC-MSO Osterrallye Zerf, run in Germany.



Netherlands

Three Škoda crews on the

podium of ACON-Van der Spek Vechtdalrally: Pole Promotion's Dennis Rostek/Stefan Kopczyk from Germany topped the podium with Stan Pex/Jorie Christiaens in second and Roger Hodenius/Robin Buysmans in third position.



Paraguay

Miguel Zaldivar Jr./Luis Allende of Škoda customer team MZR Paraguay won Petrobras Rally Cordillera from Agustín Alonso/Edgardo Galindo (Copetrol Rally Team) in another Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.



Poland

The Polish championship rounds Rajd Świdnicki and Rajd Nadwiślański both finished with full Škoda podiums – in exactly the same order. Jakub Matulka/Damian Syty took both victories, Jarosław Szeja/Marcin Szeja came second twice, and

Grzegorz Grzyb/Adam Binięda scored P3 in both events.



Portugal

Three Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crews finished on top of the national classification of WRC round Vodafone Rally de Portugal. Pedro Almeida/António Costa (photo) took P1 followed by Armindo Araújo/Luís Ramalho and Pedro Meireles Mário Castro.



San Marino

Škoda crew Alfredo De Dominicis/Massimo Daddoveri won Rally Bianco Azzurro, one of three

rounds counting towards the San Marino championship.



Slovakia

Two Škoda crews made it to the podium of LIQUI MOLY Slovakia Rallye Tatry. Jaroslav Melichárek/Erik Melichárek (Melico Racing) took victory, Roman Odložilík/Danny Persein finished third.



Turkey

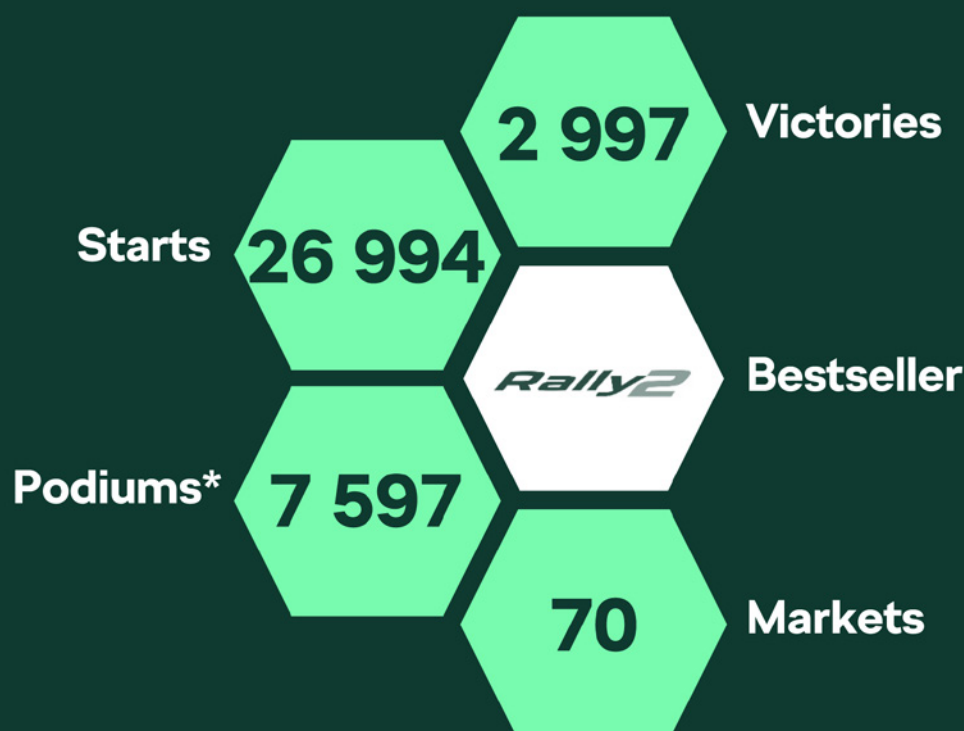
Double victory for Škoda crews at Rally Bodrum. Toksport WRT's locals Bugra Banaz/Onur Ahiskali beat Romanians Andrei Girtofan/Dorin Pulpea (GP Garage My Team).



USA

Škoda crew Ryan Booth/Lorcan Moore celebrated victory at the Southern Ohio Forest Rally, fifth round of the US championship.

Facts about the Škoda Fabia Rally2; Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo and Škoda Fabia RS Rally2**



* 1st to 3rd place

** as of 1/4/2015 to 7/7/2025

A Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 among its ancestors, the famous Škoda 130 RS.



Birthday Party with President

Czech Head of State Petr Pavel was the guest of honour at the Sosnová Classic

The Sosnová Classic 2025 was all about celebrating Škoda Auto. The brand continued its 130th anniversary festivities and also marked the 50th anniversary of the iconic Škoda 130 RS racing model. The event featured a packed program, with Škoda vehicles playing a major role. Among the visitors was none other than Petr Pavel, President of the Czech Republic. He even took the co-driver's seat in a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 on the Sosnová track. His „chauffeur“ was rally driver Filip Kohn, who, alongside former WRC2 champions Jan Kopecký and Andreas Mikkelsen, showcased the performance and capabilities of Škoda Motorsport's specials.

The president arrived on his own motorcycle as part of a ceremonial ride, after first unveiling a glass sculpture of legendary motorcycle racer Václav Vondřich. Exactly 120 years ago, Václav Vondřich won an unofficial motorcycle world championship in Dourdan, France, on a Laurin & Klement motorcycle, helping to launch the rich motorsport legacy of the Mladá Boleslav brand.

The Škoda 130 RS also took to the centre stage on the Sosnová track. A total of 13 cars gathered for the event, three from the Škoda Museum and ten brought by private owners. Among them was Norwegian John Haugland, one of Škoda's legendary factory drivers during the 130 RS's golden era. Fellow racers Václav Blahna and Ladislav Křeček

were also present. Škoda honoured the 130 RS's legacy by unveiling a special commemorative livery for its current Fabia RS Rally2, inspired by the design of the 130 RS from the 1977 Monte Carlo Rally.

Other examples of Škoda vehicles were also on display, representing both the modern lineup and the brand's rich heritage. One major highlight was the Škoda Sport, which competed in the iconic 24 Hours of Le Mans race in 1950. Taking the wheel was none other than German Hans-Joachim Stuck, a two-time winner of this legendary endurance race.

More photos
and full story



Petr Pavel, President of the Czech Republic, took a closer look at the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

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