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WRC2 Post-event Meet the Crews
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Present:

Oliver SOLBERG - PRINTSPORT

Elliott EDMONDSON - PRINTSPORT

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Welcome to the WRC2 post-event Meet the Crews.

Q:

Winning not only the WRC2, but also the Championship title, how are you feeling at this moment?

O.S.:

I'm very overwhelmed, I need to breathe. But, oh my God, it's been a fantastic year, the whole season, with 5 out of 7 wins and winning the WRC. Me and Elliott (EDMONDSON) have not done a bad job.

Q:

You won in Paraguay and here in Chile, South America has been very good to you, hasn't it?

O.S.:

South America is the best in the world. It is beautiful, the fans are the best in the world, and very passionate. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We have had three amazing weeks in Paraguay, Patagonia and Chile. It's been absolutely beautiful, with obviously 2 rally wins, it's just an incredible journey that we've had over South America, so it could not be better.

Q:

How were you feeling at the co-driver seat this weekend? Were there any nerves at all at this point?

E.E.:

I think there's always a certain amount of nerves. I think what we do matters, at least to us. So for sure there's nerves. It means that we care about what we do. At the same time, we knew what we had to do. It's a clear goal that we had to achieve. We just knew that if we had a nice, clean, solid weekend, it should all come together. So, yeah, nerves, but I think a certain amount of confidence as well. It has been an amazing season.

Q:

What else can you pick out from the season where you think about something you really deserved?

E.E:

I can think of one. That's not a hard one to think about. This was our goal at the start of the year. So to achieve this is a massive thing for us. But, there was one obvious other achievement we had this year as well in Estonia when we won. So, yeah, this is just the best year I think we could possibly have imagined. We've achieved so many great things this year that this is just the icing on the cake. And to do it here in Chile is just absolutely fantastic.

Q:

How are you feeling about the result, Nikolay? He (Oliver SOLBERG) got away from you in the end, but you did give it your all out there.

N.G:

The crowd is amazing. Thank you very much. One more time I want to say big congratulations to the guys (SOLBERG and EDMONDSON) for winning the title. And for me, I think for many drivers it's a big honour to drive against you because you're showing a great pace. And I think it's overall making our class pretty competitive and it makes everyone, every driver in our class, to be better and better. So, one day we'll be in the big boys together and fighting each other. About the race, it was quite good. We tried to put some pressure on Oliver, but I think he doesn't care about the pressure.

Q:

The challenge of victory here, that's important moving forward. You're point scoring for the rest of the year, yes?

N.G:

Yes, so we'll drive and score points, trying our best. This is only the way.

Q:

We talk about people who inspire you in the sport, who have led you to the point where you're at now. Oliver, do you just want to tell me about who has been your biggest inspiration?

O.S.:

It depends when, I think. You know, I think this year, during everything that's been happening and the new team and everything, you learn a lot from the people inside the team. And I think for sure, you know, Sebastian Ogier has been probably my biggest inspiration and learning this season. He's been helping me very, very much. Then, of course, for the rest of my life, it's been my father and my mother. But I think my father through all the years with everything he's taught me and the hard way to know every aspect that you need to know about the car, about running, about what everything you can do better to be the best. He's pushed me throughout the years to learn to be better. So I had two inspirations.

Q:

What is your inspiration on what you do in the co-driving seat?

E.E.:

Much like Oliver, my own father was the guy that got me into rallying, so I learnt a lot from him and I think throughout there's many other people that I work with in one team and I learn a lot from them. And then I go to another team and I work with some people who I've looked up to my whole career and I learn a lot from them, too. In co-driving, of course, Ingrassia is a multiple, multiple world champion and I'm fortunate to know him quite well and I learn a lot from him.

Q:

I saw Oliver Solberg in Rally 1 this year. We'd like to see you in that category as well. When is that going to happen?

N.G.:

It will be a nice offer and possibilities for sure. I will look at it and try it. But for the moment, it is how it is.

Q:

I'm sure you're very much ready to take the next step to a full season. Is that going to be possible next year? Are you talking with any teams? Any contracts signed?

O.S.:

I can probably say there is no contract signed. But I wish. But you keep all the discussions open. After Estonia, we call it the miracle. This championship is what we always knew we could do. And that's just a sign of relief. The WRC win, that was something we didn't dream of quite yet. And to do that this year was just crazy emotion. I think with the whole season, how it's been so incredible, I really hope we can try to get something together and get a good plan for next year and hopefully get the opportunity to have a full season WRC. But I think we've done everything we can. And now we just need to do everything we can to try to get into the top team.