



Stilo-supported Loeb stakes claim for seventh title

Stilo-supported Sebastien Loeb is on course to win his seventh World Rally Championship crown after taking back-to-back victories on the rounds in Mexico and Jordan recently.

Driving for the factory Citroen Racing team, the 36-year-old Frenchman clinched his fourth career win in Mexico before landing his first triumph in Jordan following two hugely impressive displays at the wheel of his C4 World Rally Car.

Loeb, who finished second on the WRC season opener in Sweden in February, now tops the WRC drivers' classification by a commanding 25 points with 10 events remaining. Of the 64 stages held so far this season, Loeb and co-driver Daniel Elena, have set the fastest time on 16 occasions.

After winning in Jordan, Loeb said: "I'm delighted to have won such a tough rally. Our second victory in three events has helped us to open up a 25-point gap, the equivalent of a victory, over the second-placed driver. We can now tackle the next rally in a reasonably relaxed frame of mind."

There was more success for Stilo in Mexico and Jordan with Petter Solberg finishing second in Mexico and third in Jordan with his privately-run C4



Stilo-supported Sebastien Loeb has won twice in the WRC in 2010

Raikkonen scores first WRC points with Stilo

Former Formula One world champion Kimi Raikkonen has scored his first points in the World Rally Championship, finishing eighth on the recent Jordan Rally. Raikkonen made the switch from F1 to the WRC at the start of this year. At the same time the 'Iceman' made the switch to Stilo helmets.

Raikkonen, whose co-driver Kaj Lindstrom is also equipped by Stilo, was contesting only his eighth-ever rally in Jordan. He said that it was the most difficult event that he had taken part in so far. Nonetheless, he steered clear of major mistakes to enjoy a clean run to the finish and claim four points.

The Jordan Rally was characterised by rocky roads, changing grip levels and high temperatures. Despite these big challenges, the Finnish crew's DES Stilo helmets performed faultlessly throughout the three-day event.

Raikkonen's previous event, Rally Mexico, ended when he rolled five times down a bank, but he was prevented from any head injury by his Stilo helmet. "I actually felt a bit more confident in Mexico than I did in Jordan, and that's why I was pushing a bit harder," explained Raikkonen. "My priority in Jordan was just to get to the finish."

Hanninen on top for Stilo in IRC

Juho Hanninen rounded out a successful month of March by moving to the top of the Intercontinental Rally Challenge standings.

The works Skoda Motorsport driver, who uses a Stilo Carbon Piuma crash helmet, finished third on Rally Internacional de Curitiba in Brazil at the start of the month before claiming his first victory of the season on Rally Argentina two weeks later in his Fabia Super 2000.

He said: "I'm very happy that everything has gone very well so far. I really wanted to win in Argentina because it is one of my favourite rallies and it was almost like I needed to win. It's also important for me to get points on gravel events. To be able to lead from the second stage to the finish made me very pleased."

Hanninen's next IRC event is the Tarmac-based Rally Islas Canarias, which runs from April 29-May 1. He holds a five-point advantage over fellow Skoda and Stilo driver Guy Wilks.



Juho Hanninen leads the IRC standings using Stilo crash helmets

Tarquini and Muller both win in Brazil to secure WTCC lead

After the opening round of the prestigious World Touring Car Championship at the Curitiba circuit in Brazil, two drivers equipped by Stilo lead the title standings.

Italian driver Gabriele Tarquini, who won the championship last year with Seat, and Chevrolet's new signing Yvan Muller won a race apiece to tie at the top of the drivers' standings following round one of the series.

Both drivers are loyal wearers of Stilo helmets, underlining the company's commitment to excellence at the highest levels of both rallying and circuit racing.

Muller won the first race, after the start was delayed due to a torrential downpour just before the green light, while Tarquini was overjoyed to win race two. "The plan was to fight for a podium and maybe a win so I'm delighted we were able to achieve that," he said. "This victory is really special."

The next round of the World Touring Car Championship was meant to have taken place in Puebla, Mexico, but the race has been cancelled. The WTCC crews will now head straight to the Marrakech street circuit in Morocco at the end of the month.

Stilo drivers score in Silverstone Superleague opener

Stilo drivers Julien Jousse and Alvaro Parente were both top 10 finishers as the Superleague Formula season got underway at Silverstone, UK, over the Easter weekend.

Jousse, who is representing AS Roma in the football-themed single-seater championship, was eighth and 13th in the two races at the famous British Grand Prix venue.

Frenchman Jousse, a podium finisher on his series debut last season, had set the pace during the first dry practice session. However, he couldn't replicate that form in the races, despite his best efforts.

Parente, meanwhile, had to settle for fourth in race one, despite pressuring Flamengo's Duncan Tappy for the final podium spot. Driving for FC Porto, Parente took fifth in race two and also qualified for the event-closing superfinal, which carried a cash prize of 100,000 Euros for the winner. He finished fifth after initially dropping to sixth when he ran wide early in the race.

Andy Soucek attends first Grands Prix as Virgin test driver

Spain's Andy Soucek, who won last year's inaugural FIA Formula Two title, has made Stilo's presence felt in Formula One, as he carries out his duties as new team Virgin Racing's test driver.

Soucek and his Stilo helmet will be present at all of the Formula One grands prix this year as he helps Virgin Racing to develop its brand new VR01 challenger. Soucek won the Formula Two crown last year with Stilo, and he has remained loyal to the Italian helmet manufacturer as he realises his lifelong dream to enter Formula One.

The Spaniard has already attended the Bahrain, Australian and Malaysian races with the team, backing up regular drivers Timo Glock and Lucas di Grassi. In Bahrain, he also had the chance to meet with a very special guest: Spain's King Juan Carlos.

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