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Funchal, 6 March 2007 – The **third round** of the FIM Snowcross World Championship was held last Saturday at **Oppdal**, one of the most beautiful spots of Norway.

Swedish **Peter Ericson** made the most of this round by topping the overall classification, followed by **Johan Eriksson**, second, and **Fredrik Granberg**, third.



The beautiful scenery of Oppdal

In the first Heat, the defending Champion arrived second behind a very motivated **Tomi Ahmasalo**, who crashed in the final Heat. Ericson took his revenge in Heat 2, and won in front of countryman Marcus Evensson.



Starts always leave the crowd breathless: this is why

Ericson increased his advantage in the Championship standings, and has now 28 points more than runner up Johan Eriksson.

In the first Heat Johan Eriksson was third, behind the duo Ahmasalo-Ericson. Swedish Fredrik Granberg rode his Ski-Doo to a consistent fourth place, ahead of Finn Niko Korsumaeki.Ski-Doo mounted Stein Kristian Strand was sixth, being the first Norwegian rider.

In the final Heat, Polaris mounted Marcus Evensson tried to catch Ericson but finished second. Fellow Polaris rider Johan Eriksson was third, and Fredrik Granberg conquered another fourth place. Viktor Stenman was fifth, ahead of the fastest Norwegian rider, Stein Kristian Strand, who was once again sixth.

There is just one round left before the end of the Championship. The **final** will be held in **Sweden**, Falun, on Saturday the 31^{st} of March.

POSITION	RIDER	NATIONALITY	MANUFACTURER	SCORE
1	ERICSON Peter	SWE	LYNX	139
2	ERIKSSON Johan	SWE	POLARIS	111
3	AHMASALO Tomi	FIN	SKI-DOO	102
4	STENMAN Viktor	SWE	ARCTIC CAT	102
5	GRANBERG Fredrik	SWE	SKI-DOO	91
6	OLOFSSON Daniel	SWE	SKI-DOO	78
7	EVENSSON Marcus	SWE	POLARIS	72
8	HONKA Jussi	FIN	ARCTIC CAT	58

2007 FIM Snowcross World Championship standings after the first three rounds:

9	ÖHMANN Emil	SWE	LYNX	54
10	KORSUMÄKI Niko	FIN	LYNX	51
11	TOPPALA Hannu	FIN	POLARIS	45
12	PLONER Alessandro	ITA	POLARIS	42
13	LANG Dan	SWE	LYNX	36
14	BACKMAN Jorgen	SWE	ARCTIC CAT	36
15	STRAND Stein Kristian	NOR	SKI-DOO	30
16	HERTEN Fredrik	FIN	SKI-DOO	28
17	LINDBAECK Magnus	NOR	POLARIS	27
18	BITI Jostein	NOR	LYNX	25
19	GRUBER Harald	ITA	LYNX	24
20	TAPIO Janne	FIN	LYNX	22
21	NÄKKÄLÄJÄRVI Jarmo	FIN	ARCTIC CAT	19
22	TAMNES Mads	NOR	SKI-DOO	18
23	MERLI Christian	ITA	LYNX	18
24	NILSEN Lars Ostby	NOR	SKI-DOO	17
25	HERTEN Viktor	FIN	SKI-DOO	16
26	LJUNGBERG Andreas	SWE	LYNX	13
27	DALENG Vidar	NOR	POLARIS	12
28	HEGGELI Bjorn Terje	NOR	SKI-DOO	8
29	LUNDEN Flemming	NOR	SKI-DOO	7
30	CONTESSI Michele	ITA	ARCTIC CAT	5
31	GURNDIN Peter	ITA	SKI-DOO	4
32	PETTERSEN Jorn Tore	NOR	SKI-DOO	2

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