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Funchal, 27 March 2007 – The **final round** of the FIM Snowcross World Championship will be held in **Falun**, Sweden, **this Saturday**.



The Snowcross circus visits the most beautiful spots in the world; the final round's venue Falun-Swed is one of these

The **Swedish** leaders of the standings, **Peter Ericson** –first- and **Johan Eriksson** –second- ride in front of their home crowd, and their confidence will be surely very high.

Finn Tomi Ahmasalo will try to chase them from his third place in the points standings; Ahm. won a heat at Oppdal, in the last Snowcross World Championship meeting, but it is the cu World Champion Peter Eriksson who won the event.

Arctic Cat mounted **Viktor Stenman** is fourth in the points standings, but he has **as many p as Ahmasalo**. The Swedish can be a dangerous opponent for the Finn, as he is aimin completing an all Swedish top three in the World Championship.

Fredrik Granberg is another top Swedish rider, who clinched a nice podium result in the round at Oppdal; he was third overall, and now he is fifth in the World Championship standing

It will not be easy for runner up Johan Eriksson to make up **28 points** on consistent leader I Ericson, who looks forward to equal Janne Tapio's tally of two Snowcross World Titles –I injured early in the season, and that put an end to his 2007.



Series leader Peter Ericson won his maiden Snowcross World Title last year

Falun will be a breathtaking final round on Saturday, 31 March. The day will start at 9.00 am the practice sessions, and the **first race** will be at **3.00 pm**.

Falun is a wonderful city in the heart of Sweden; it is 230 kms North-West of Stockholm, and very famous for its rich history in **copper mining**, and for the **Falu Red paint** production. colour is very well known in Sweden, and it is mainly used for painting wooden houses.

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

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
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	HEGGLI Bjorn Terje	NOR	SKI-DOO	8
29	LUNDEN	NOR	SKI-DOO	7

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30	CONTESSI Michele	ITA	ARCTIC CAT	5
31	GURNDIN Peter	ITA	SKI-DOO	4
32	PETTERSEN Jorn Tore	NOR	SKI-DOO	2

The Snowcross meetings are organized as follows:

SESSION	DURATION/DISTANCE PER SESSION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RIDERS PER GROUP
2 X Free Practice/2 Groups	10 minutes	20 riders per Group
1 X Qualifying Race/2 Groups	7 laps	20 riders per Group
1 X Last Chance Qualifying Practice	15 minutes	All remaining non-qualifie riders
2 X Races	12 laps	20 riders

Snowcross facts:

- z The riders' minimum age is 16
- z The track length is between 500 and 1600 metres
- z The track average width is about 7 metres
- z The average speed during a Snowcross World Championship race is 60 kph
- z Most of the Snowcross World Championship riders practice Motocross as training
- z There is an autograph session in each round of the Championship
- z In each round there is a Press Conference with the top three riders of the Races

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