Press Article

A winning weekend for Monroe® Safety Ambassadors Thierry Neuville and Andre Lotterer

May 7th, 2019 – Monroe® Safety Ambassador Thierry Neuville extended his FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) lead to 10 points by completing back-to-back wins at Xion Rally Argentina last weekend. Monroe® Safety Ambassador Andre Lotterer took second place in Paris at the ABB FIA Formula E Championship!

Safety Ambassador Thierry Neuville

Neuville, who moved into the series lead with victory in France last month, finished 48.4sec clear of Hyundai i20 team-mate Andreas Mikkelsen.

The Belgian eased through Sunday's final three speed tests in the rough and rugged Traslasierra Mountains, near host town Villa Carlos Paz, to secure his second Argentine win in three seasons.

"I'm feeling great and we can be proud of what we've done. We had a fantastic car all weekend and I felt very comfortable. The entire team is working hard, and we can see the progress. The result is good for the championship, but upcoming events could be tougher," Neuville said.

The win extends his lead to 10 points in the drivers' championship with nine events remaining.

"We congratulate Thierry for another breathtaking win and an important step toward what we hope will be the 2019 WRC championship," said Karen Ameel, senior brand manager for Tenneco Aftermarket EMEA, manufacturer of Monroe shock absorbers. "He drove the Hyundai i20 to its absolute limits without making a mistake. Tenneco and the Monroe brand are proud to support his quest for a season title."

The WRC continues May 8-12, 2019, with the Copec Rally Chile.

As a Monroe Safety Ambassador, Thierry helps Tenneco and Monroe communicate to consumers the importance of replacing worn shock absorbers and other ride control products to help ensure safe steering, stopping and stability characteristics.

Safety Ambassador Andre Lotterer

For DS Techeetah's Andre Lotterer, things are starting to look very good indeed after securing another second place in Paris, hot on the heels of his second in Rome. "I was going to try and go for the win but then it started to rain and the grip dropped massively," said the Belgian - German driver after the inner-city race. "Then the aim was to bring it home, take the points and be happy."

Now second in the standings - just one point off the Championship leader Robin Frijns - Lotterer is poised for a prime position going into the final races of the season. When quizzed if the all-important Championship title is starting to come into mind, however, the DS Techeetah driver was keen to play down his chances.

"FIA Formula E Championship is what we work hard for. It's what we want but today is the first time the points lit up a little bit but, still there are so many drivers and good teams up there," Lotterer said.

"What matters is to be up there at the end," he concluded. The ABB FIA Formula E Championship continues on May 11, 2019 with the Monaco E-Prix.

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