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## Fabian Kreim won ŠKODA's "Ice Race of Champions" ahead of Julian Wagner in Zell am See

- › German Rally Champion Kreim was the quickest out of four international rally aces who drove identical 290 hp strong ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo at the GP Ice Race at Zell am See-Kaprun (01–02 February 2020)
- › Around 16.000 spectators were entertained by the driving skills of the ŠKODA drivers, European Junior Rally Champion (ERC1) Filip Mareš, Slovakian Champion Martin Koči, German Champion Fabian Kreim and Austrian Championship runner-up Julian Wagner

Zell am See, 2. February 2020 – ŠKODA drivers were entertaining around 16.000 race and rally fans at the GP Ice Race at Austria's Zell am See-Kaprun (01–02 February 2020). Alternating at the wheel of some 290 hp strong all-wheel driven ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo in a competition called "Ice Race of Champions", three title winners and once vice champion were fighting for the victory. In the addition of both days with one victory and one second place German Rally Champion Fabian Kreim was the quickest driver and won ahead of Julian Wagner (AUT). Martin Koči (Slovakia) finished third ahead of Filip Mareš from the Czech Republic.

During the first weekend of February, the unique GP Ice Race featured stunning action with roughly 150 drivers in historic and modern race and rally cars. Filip Mareš from Czech Republic (2019 Junior Rally Champion/ERC1), Martin Koči (Slovakian Rally Champion), Fabian Kreim (Winner of the German Rally Championship) all won titles in 2019. Austrian local hero Julian Wagner finished the Austrian Rally Championship 2019 as runner-up. To battle for the "Ice Race of Champions" victory – each of them was on equal terms in driving a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, technically identical and prepared by the factory team.

To win the "Ice Race of Champions", the results of the Saturday and Sunday races were added. With one victory on Saturday and a second place on Sunday, Fabian Kreim took the overall victory ahead of Julian Wagner who was third quickest on the first day and took a victory on Sunday. With second and a fourth place, Martin Koči took the last position on the podium. For the fourth placed Filip Mareš, the GP Ice Race was a welcomed opportunity to prepare himself for driving on ice and snow. The European Junior Rally Champion (ERC1) will compete with a private entered ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo at the upcoming Rally Sweden (13/02–16/02/2020).

Jan Kopecký, 2019 GP Ice Race category winner with a ŠKODA FABIA, WRC2 Champion of 2018 and seven times Czech Rally Champion, enjoyed a new role at the GP Ice Race 2020 as a coach for the young guns and entertained the crowd with demonstration runs on a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

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## Results GP Ice Race 2020/"Ice Race of Champions":

1. Fabian Kreim (GER), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 18 points
2. Julian Wagner (AUT), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 16 points
3. Martin Koči (SVK), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 12 points
4. Filip Mareš (CZE), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 10 points

Number of the day: 16.000

Around 16.000 spectators visited the GP Ice Race 2020 at Zell am See-Kaprun

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### ŠKODA at the GP Ice Race in Zell am See-Kaprun

Fabian Kreim won the "Ice Race of Champions" ahead of Julian Wagner. Both of them were driving identical, factory prepared ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo

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### ŠKODA at the GP Ice Race in Zell am See-Kaprun

ŠKODA's Jan Kopecký gave Bernhard Maier, CEO of ŠKODA AUTO, a taxi ride with the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo at the GP Ice Race

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## ŠKODA Motorsport Overview

2019 was the most successful year in the history of ŠKODA Motorsport so far. In 2019, the Czech brand introduced the new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo. Factory crew Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen won both WRC2 Pro drivers' and co-drivers' championship of the FIA World Rally Championship while ŠKODA Motorsport took the WRC2 Pro manufacturers' title. ŠKODA customer crew Pierre-Louis Loubet/Vincent Landais won the WRC2 championship for private teams.

The success story of the Czech brand took place worldwide. The FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) was won by Chris Ingram/Ross Whittock (GBR/GBR), Filip Mareš/Jan Hloušek (CZE/CZE) conquered the FIA European Rally Championship/ERC1 Junior title. Manvir Singh Baryan/Drew Sturrock (KEN/GBR) became FIA African Rally Champions (ARC), Ricardo Triviño/Marc Martí (MEX/ESP) won the FIA North American and Central American Rally Championship (NACAM). On top of that, ŠKODA crews won numerous national championships. The ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo, a high-tech 4x4, was homologated by the International Automobile Federation (FIA) on 1 April 2019. The Czech rally car is successfully continuing the long tradition of ŠKODA Motorsport.

ŠKODA has been successful on the motorsport scene since 1901. Be it on the circuit or in rallies, ŠKODA has celebrated victories and won titles all around the world. Historical highlights include winning the title in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC2) for the first time in 2016, numerous title wins in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) as well as the victory in the European Touring Car Championship in 1981. ŠKODA teams have also triumphed in the world's oldest and most famous rally, taking several class victories in the legendary Monte Carlo, which was first held in 1911.

## ŠKODA AUTO

- › is this year celebrating 125 years since the company was founded during the pioneering era of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car manufacturers in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.24 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2019.
- › has belonged to Volkswagen Group since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 42,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.