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## VICTORY FOR TEAM GERMANY & ROOKIE ALBUQUERQUE: EXCITING "RACE OF CHAMPIONS" WITH THE KTM X-BOW!

Around 65,000 fans in Dusseldorf's Esprit Arena and millions in front of their TV sets on experienced a more than worthy finale to the motor sports season on Saturday and Sunday. The best drivers in the world from a variety of motorsport disciplines went all out to settle who was the best of the best in the "ROC Nations Cup" and the "Race of Champions".

Undoubtedly one of the stars of the show was also the X-BOW from the House of KTM. After the ROC in Wembley in 2008 and the ROC in Beijing 2009, the Austrian super sports car was made available for the competition and received high praise from the lineup of top ranked contestants. Deploying a special set-up and tire combination, the drivers went out to compete against each other in exciting duels, some of which were decided by mere hundredths of a second - and in the process they put in some very spectacular drifts.

The first highlight was on the Saturday night program with the ROC Nations Cup and just as in previous years, it turned out that it was the English and the German pairs that were the favorites, even if Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel did have some difficulties at the beginning and Schumacher had to quickly stand in for Vettel. Then in a spectacular finale, the local heroes succeeded in taking the victory against Jason Plato and Andy Priaulx amid wild cheering from the fans in the Esprit Arena.

The newly crowned Formula 1 world champion Sebastian Vettel, together with his predecessor Michael Schumacher thus won the "ROC Nations Cup" for the fourth time in a row and were naturally delighted with the results. "The atmosphere was unbelievable when we were out of the track", said Vettel, which naturally was heard much more in the open topped KTM X-Bow. "It very special, also for all the fans that came here to cheer us on and I am really thrilled that we could win again here in Germany in our home race."

Then in Sunday's "Race of Champions", Schumacher and Vettel were not so happy: they were drawn to first race against each other, whereby Vettel was the better on the day. But the absolute star of the race was the young driver Filipe Albuquerque who first won against Vettel and then managed to defeat record rally world champion Sebastien Loeb. The A1 GP driver from Portugal had qualified in the finals of the "ROC Portugal" drove to Dusseldorf then celebrated his sensational overall victory after driving, among others, the KTM X-BOW.

