



Media Information
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Dubai International Baja 2018 – Round 2, FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup.

MINI wins Dubai International Baja, round 2 of the 2018 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup.

Jakub ‘Kuba’ Przygonski and Tom Colsoul in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally take first place at Dubai International Baja 2018.

Przygonski leads 2018 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup.

Munich. The Dubai International Baja, round 2 of the 2018 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup, was today the scene of celebration for MINI and MINI Motorsport partner X-raid, after the official announcement that Jakub ‘Kuba’ Przygonski (POL) and co-driver Tom Colsoul (BEL) in a MINI John Cooper Works Rally had secured first place overall.

The MINI Family crew started the Dubai International Baja in fine form by completing Friday’s (9th March) Leg 1 in first place. Despite severe dunes and soft sand, their overnight first place position was maintained from the start of Saturday’s Leg 2 through to the finish line, where they completed 4m:33s ahead of the next-placed competitor.

This fantastic result for MINI and Przygonski was bettered with the confirmation that Przygonski now leads the 2018 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup. Today’s win for this former off-road motorcycle specialist is his second on four-wheels in the FIA World Cup; his first victory came at the 2017 Baja Italy, again at the controls of a MINI.

Przygonski and co-driver Tom Colsoul look to reinforce their championship lead at the third round of the 2018 FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup, when the pair contest the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, 24-29 March 2018.

Jakub ‘Kuba’ Przygonski: “We are really happy to win this race. Today we had a lot of soft sand with a lot of tracks, which was not so easy to drive but we opened the stage and that helped us to learn a lot.

“In the beginning, our plan was to finish this race on the podium and we have won, so we are really happy. The MINI John Cooper Works Rally was great and we didn’t have any problems. The cooperation with Tom was perfect and we are happy that now, after Dubai, we are leading the World Cup and looking forward to Abu Dhabi.”

FIA Cross Country Rally World Cup 2018 calendar

	Event	Date	Race position
1	Baja Russia	16-18 February	4 th
2	Dubai International Baja	9-10 March	1 st
3	Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge	24-29 March	
4	Qatar Cross-Country Rally	17-22 April	
5	Rally Kazakhstan	27 May-2 June	
6	Italian Baja	21-24 June	
7	Baja Spain	20-22 July	
8	Hungarian Baja	9-12 August	
9	Baja Poland	30 August-2 Sept	
10	Rallye Oilibya du Maroc	3-9 October	
11	Baja Portalegre 500	25-27 October	

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