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## MITSUBISHI RALLIART EVOLUTION CHALLENGE SWEDEN ROUND 7 PREVIEW



- KMK Trofén – 10th October 2009.
- Mitsubishi teams get ready for season finale.
- With the driver's title is already decided, the battle is on to find the champion co-driver.
- Jocke Nyman, Jimmy Joge and Markus Hällbo all looking to take their third win of the season.
- Second place to be decided between three drivers.

5th October 2009

The seventh round of this year's Mitsubishi Ralliart Evolution Challenge Sweden, the KMK Trofén, takes place this weekend and sees five crews battle for honours for the last time this season. Based in Katrineholm, the event is also the final round of the Swedish Rally Championship and, once again, the Evolution Challenge makes up half of the Group N four-wheel-drive entry.

Having recorded his second victory on the previous round in Kolsva, Jocke Nyman accumulated enough points to secure the Driver's Championship with one round still to go. However, because his regular co-driver Bo Holmstrand missed the first round, the battle for the co-driver's title is still to be decided.

Therefore, Nyman and Holmstrand will be looking to record their third victory of the season, as result which would also make them the team with the greatest number of wins.

As well as the co-driver's title, the battle for second place is also to be decided. Currently Markus Hällbo/Lars Gustafsson and Joachim Carlström/Jörgen Norman tie for second place on 37 points, but with Carlström/Norman crashing out in Kolsva, they will not appear this weekend as their car is still being repaired.

Also in the race for second place are Jimmy Joge/Mikael Johansson on 34 points, Johansson also in with a chance of the co-driver's title. As well as Nyman/Holmstrand and Hällbo/Gustafsson, they will also be looking to add a third victory to their current total of two.

However, another driver who could claim second place this season is Hans-Erik Weng. He and co-driver Roger Gunnarsson – who stepped in from the fourth round onwards – have been gathering pace during the year as their Evolution X has been developed and are due for a top result this weekend.

Having joined the Mitsubishi series half-way through the season and then suffering some bad luck, Andreas Sjölander/Hakan Jacobsson will not be in a position to challenge for second place in Katrineholm, but could well make it into the top six with a good finish this weekend – a result that they richly deserve after experiencing such a frustrating year.

This weekend's rally starts and finishes from the market place in Katrineholm and features three stages on gravel forest roads in the morning before a lunch-time service halt. The same three stages are then repeated in the afternoon, the total of all six providing a competitive distance of 50 kilometres.

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#### Round 7 entries

Jocke Nyman (Östersund)/Bo Holmstrand (Herrljunga)  
Jimmy Joge (Tjällmo)/Mikael Johansson (Vansbro)  
Markus Hällbo (Stora Skedvi)/Lars Gustafsson (Hofors)  
Hans-Erik Weng (Säffle)/Roger Gunnarsson (Markaryd)  
Joachim Carlström (Rockneby)/Jörgen Norman (Torsås)  
Joachim Grahn (Yngsjö)/Rickard Nilsson (Kristianstad)  
Andreas Sjölander (Gävle)/Håkan Jacobsson (Norberg)

#### Series standings after round 6

##### Drivers

1	Jocke Nyman	52
2=	Markus Hällbo	37
2=	Joachim Carlström	37
4	Hans-Erik Weng	35
5	Jimmy Joge	34
6	Joachim Grahn	14
7	Andreas Magnusson	10
8=	Peter Eriksson	7
8=	Andreas Sjölander	7

##### Co-drivers

1	Bo Holmstrand	44
2=	Lars Gustafsson	37
2=	Jörgen Norman	37
4	Mikael Johansson	34
5	Roger Gunnarsson	25
6=	Anders Fredriksson	10
6=	Henrik Hulterskog	10
8	Rikard Nilsson	14
9	Pär Almkvist	8
10	Per-Erik Svensson	7
10=	Hakan Jacobsson	7

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**Photo:** Hans Erik Weng and co-driver Roger Gustafsson are looking to record their first Mitsubishi Ralliart Evolution Challenge victory the season on this weekend's seventh and final round, the Katrinaholm-based KMK Trofén, driving their ever-improving Lancer Evolution X (*copyright free image. Please credit [www.fotogubben.se](http://www.fotogubben.se)*).

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