

THE STELLANTIS MOTORSPORT RALLY CUP NORTH AMERICA DELIVERS A STANDOUT LAUNCH AT RALLYE PERCE-NEIGE 2026

- **Victory for young talent Vincent Lalande following a top-level performance, including top-five overall stage times.**
- **100% Peugeot 208 Rally4 two-wheel-drive podium with Nicolas Laverdière second and Maxime Galpin third.**
- **Total reliability and high performance from the Peugeot 208 Rally4 in extreme winter conditions.**



Credit : Fred Senterre

MANIWAKI, Quebec — Team FJ, the Stellantis Motorsport Official Distributor for North America and organizer of the Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America, reports an extremely positive outcome from Rallye Perce-Neige 2026, the first points-scoring round of the Cup, held as part of the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC).

On the snowy and demanding roads of Maniwaki, the Rally Cup North America delivered a sporting and technical launch of the highest level, immediately confirming its ambitions on the North American rally stage.

After nearly 200 kilometers of special stages, Vincent Lalande, co-driven by Fabien Craen, claimed a commanding victory. The young driver confirmed his full potential by securing the win while setting several benchmark times inside the top five of the overall classification, against strong competition and in particularly challenging conditions.

Behind him, Nicolas Laverdière, co-driven by Marc-Olivier Lamontagne, produced an outstanding drive to finish second, battling for victory until the very end. He fell just 32.2 seconds short after two days of intense competition, highlighting both the competitiveness of the Peugeot 208 Rally4 and the high sporting level of the Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America.

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Maxime Galpin, co-driven by Jonathan Desgroseilliers, completed the podium. He also delivered a strong performance, recording multiple fastest times in the two-wheel-drive category, confirming significant progress on one of the most demanding winter events of the season.



Credit : Clément Tavernier

On terrain traditionally favoring four-wheel-drive cars, the performances delivered by the Peugeot 208 Rally4 underlined the efficiency and competitiveness of the 208 Rally4 platform. Thanks to its balance, traction, and overall performance, the 208 Rally4 allows its drivers to challenge cars that are theoretically advantaged, confirming the technical relevance of the Stellantis Motorsport choice in some of the most extreme winter conditions on the calendar.

From a technical standpoint, the results were equally impressive: all four Peugeot 208 Rally4 cars reached the finish without a single mechanical issue. A clear demonstration of total reliability combined with high performance, despite extremely harsh weather and road conditions.

Rallye Perce-Neige once again lived up to its reputation, with very challenging conditions, including nighttime blizzards on Friday and a heavily snow-covered version of the iconic Tortue stage, pushing both drivers and machinery to their limits.

Competing for experience and enjoyment, Jérôme Galpin, co-driven by Anne Galpin, contested his first-ever snow rally. He set several promising stage times but also experienced the famous snowbanks on two occasions, becoming stuck — notably in the final stage. He nevertheless completed the event with a smile, fully embracing the spirit of passion and accessibility that defines the Rally Cup North America.

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Provisional Standings – Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America

Following Rallye Perce-Neige 2026, the provisional standings of the Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America accurately reflect the competitive order seen on the stages.

With his victory in Maniwaki, Vincent Lalande takes the championship lead with 45 points. He is followed by Nicolas Laverdière and Mikael Arseneault, tied for second place with 17 points, while Maxime Galpin holds fourth position with 14 points. Additional competitors are expected to join the Cup in upcoming rounds across both Canada and the United States, further intensifying the championship battle.



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This opening round fully confirms the positioning of the Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America, present on both the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) and American Rally Association (ARA) calendars. High-level sporting performance, outstanding reliability, and a rapidly growing field combine to set the stage for a highly promising 2026 season.

Fans, partners, and competitors can find full information about the Stellantis Motorsport Rally Cup North America at RallyCupNorthAmerica.com, and are encouraged to follow the series on its official social media channels to experience every rally of what is already shaping up to be an exciting and competitive season.

Follow all the news, photos, and videos on Team FJ's Facebook and Twitter accounts. For any information requests, please contact: info@teamfj.com – www.TeamFJ.com

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