

PRESS RELEASE no. 47 Flash info after 12th stage

Crews came back to the Service Park in the premises of Continental Barum s.r.o. We asked the top drivers of the 46th Barum Czech Rally Zlín about the beginning of Leg 2 and their plans for the last three stages.

Martin Vlček (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 17):

‘On the first one we missed a turn and then we were trying to make up for the lost time and we more or less succeeded. On Pindula it was careful, I really respect it. We slipped off the road on Maják but without major consequences. We’re gonna strategize.’

Vojtěch Štajf (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 36)

‘On the first stage we were very careful because I don’t know this one. On Pindula we had a problem with the brakes, that’s why we hit the bale and ended up on a field. We lost a lot there. Then on Maják we’re just wanted to pass it without hitting anything and hopefully the brakes will get fixed in service. We’ll try to make it up in the last section.’

Pavel Valoušek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 7):

‘The finish line is still far away, anything can happen. Today we had two defects and I have no idea why, there were slow ones. I was scared on one turn, I was steering and nothing happened.’

Fabian Kreim (DEU, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 11):

‘It was very difficult today. The first stage was alright, we spun on the second, and the third one was also fine. It’s good so far.’

Jan Černý (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 10):

‘I was really afraid of damaging the brakes on the first one so my performance was bad. I was hoping to improve but I kept back.’

Jaromír Tarabus (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 5):

‘The first stage was great, we increased the gap between us and Černý and got closer to those ahead of us. Then it wasn’t ideal. I was careful on Pindula. The podium is so close and that’s fantastic.’

Tomáš Kostka (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 16):

‘I heard strange noises from differential which later broke down. We simply passed through Maják to get to service.’

Bryan Bouffier (FRA, Citroën DS3 R5, starting no. 3):

'The first two stages weren't easy, the second one was a bit better. We're struggling with our pace, our notes. Hopefully we'll take back the third place.'

Alexey Lukyanuk (RUS, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 4):

'Jan is on full attack, for us it's difficult to match to his pace. To be honest, I don't want to risk anything, we have already done a good job here, but doesn't mean we're slowing down.'

Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 2):

'We missed a turn on Pindula that shouldn't had happened. Otherwise it's quite fast.'

Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 1)

'It wasn't bad loop for us. Today we're third. Because of yesterday's problem with engine we can't fight for the top. We're trying to improve our setup. Anyway it's OK, I'm trying to enjoy this rally.'

Miroslav Jakeš (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000, starting no. 43)

'We're fast and Kašava was very good. On Pindula we had a misunderstanding with speed bump and it thrown us in a bale. Maják was alright.'

Ondřej Bisaha (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 38)

'We arrived on start and servo stopped working. We didn't have much time, we called the mechanics. Everything was ruined, nothing was working and on top of everything we had a puncture on the first stage.'

Antonín Tlustý (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 18):

'I made a mistake on Maják, maybe we had bad notes and we ended up in the forest. I'd like to thank the fans for pushing us back on the road.'

Roman Odložilík (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 12):

'It's hard to keep the spirits up. We lost some time because of Sirmacis's accident on Pindula.'

Łukasz Habaj (POL, Ford Fiesta R5, starting no. 9):

'It's good, we're just passing through. Because of the accident on the road we had to stop. These stages are really hard-core. Incredible. We're learning without taking any risks. Because even a small mistake can cause a crash. We're not fighting for anything.'

Jarosław Szeja (POL, Subaru Impreza STi, starting no. 41):

'No problem. It's fast and we did well on some turns. Aside from slightly overheated brakes we don't have any issues.'

Dávid Botka (HUN, Citroën DS3 R5, starting no. 14):
'No comment.'

Tomáš Růžička (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 15)
'The first stage was very difficult, on Pindula we had yellow flag so no racing. Stage three was on brakes, we need more courage.'

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