

## PRESS RELEASE no. 51 Flash info after the rally end

Crews came back for the last time to the Service Park on the premises of Continental Barum s.r.o. We asked the top drivers about their feelings and views about the 46<sup>th</sup> Barum Czech Rally Zlín.

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

‘We’re glad we made it to finish despite making some small mistakes. We kept our heads cool but on the last stage I did something for the fans and we lost some time.’

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

‘Probably the most demanding Barum Rally. It was really extreme. We had two punctures, lost some time, but overall it was OK.’

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

‘The whole rally was good. Unfortunately we had a puncture on Pindula but we’ve learned a lot here and is important for us.’

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

‘It’s wonderful. We didn’t wish anything bad to Lukyanuk but this is the greatest result in our career. On the penultimate stage we caught up Kreim and that cost us a lot of time. We’re so happy for the third place. I’d like to thank our team, my father and Mogul for supporting us.’

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

‘I have no idea how that happened. We were pushing on the third place, it’s a shame about Lukyanuk, he was really good. It was a difficult day for us because we lost the front differential but others had problems too. That’s just rally. We enjoyed it very much and we’d like to thank everybody who supported us.’

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

‘At first I wasn’t sure whether is it Lukyanuk or not, and I slowed down then started to think about it but Pavel was 100% sure that it was him. I can’t remember such amazing Barum Rally. With Lukyanuk we were going at full speed the whole weekend.’

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

‘We finished, car is alright. I was trying to get used to the car, maybe we could have been faster but not fast enough to catch R5 cars. Otherwise it was a nice rally.’

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

‘We changed the steering but geometry was still bad and I had troubles steering on a straight way. In the end there was nothing to fight for, no motivation, so we were slower.’

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

‘We wanted to catch up Botka, but couldn’t do it. In the end we just wanted to finish safely. The twelfth place is great considering the competitors and rally’s level of difficulty.’

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

‘After many years we finally finished, I was hoping for a better result but we’re happy for the tenth place.’

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