

PRESS RELEASE no. 39 Second regrouping in Service Park Otrokovice

Before the second regrouping the crews went for a first loop on Březová (6.54 km) and for a second loop on stages Biskupice, Semetín and Troják. Troják had huge impact on their final times because many of them got a puncture probably in the middle of the stage.

Alexey Lukyanuk (RUS, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 4)

‘On Semetín on a bump we lost power steering, we kept going and we lost definitely more than 10 seconds. I’m doing what I can. Since I’m not in top shape I get tired more easily. I’m less confident.’

Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 2)

‘Lukyanuk is unpredictable. Seventeen seconds is nothing for him.’

Václav Pech (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 7)

‘We’re doing so many mistakes. We hit twice something and I can’t believe my luck that the wheels aren’t damaged.’

Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 1)

‘I’m quite happy. The local stages are bumpy and we’re not taking any risks.’

Tomáš Kostka (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 16)

‘We’re struggling today. We can’t seem make the best of our tyres and on Troják we weren’t even racing. We’re going to do whatever we can, maybe it’ll get better.’

José Anténio Suárez (PRT, Peugeot 208 T16)

‘We had to deal with puncture. I think we’re doing a good job. I think tomorrow is going to be fun.’

Jan Černý (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 18)

‘It’s great that we’re losing only couple seconds to the fourth place. It’s a shame that I made some mistakes. Last stage was not our cup of tea.’

Martin Koči (SVK, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 14)

‘We’re trying to maintain pace but something is still wrong. I think we can keep up with the others but technical sections could be better.’

Bruno Magalhães (PRT, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 3)

‘My time in the second loop was much better. My speed was good. I’m happy about my confidence, I’ll try to push it tomorrow. I think the worst part of rally was today.’

Pavel Valoušek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 11)

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‘The conditions are so difficult. I can’t remember when Barum rally was this hard. It’s hot. We survived two critical moments. We’re glad that today’s Leg is behind us.’

Roman Kresta (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 9)

‘The spectators are incredible. Our time is not so bad but Sunday’s schedule is made for punctures.’

Roman Odložilík (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 27)

‘We’re going within our abilities.’

Nikolay Gryazin (LVA, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 19)

‘There are lot of jumps. It’s very difficult. On Semetín I hit a bottom and I hurt my back a bit.’

Marijan Griebel (DEU, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 6)

‘I’m looking forward to get to bed. We did well today. We have to be brave tomorrow and Junior Championship is our priority.’

Bryan Bouffier (FRA, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 5)

‘On Troják we had a puncture, it’s a shame. We were going fast and trying to stay on the road and suddenly and I felt a hit and that was it.’

Josh Moffett (IRL, Ford Fiesta R5, Start. No. 12)

‘On the last stage we damaged steering and after then we just struggled. We pushed as much as we could but we didn’t want to be reckless.’

José Maria López (ESP, Peugeot 208 T16, Start. No. 10)

‘We need to find our pace, we need to improve a lot of things. It wasn’t our day today.’

Dávid Botka (HUN, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 23)

‘On the last stage we hit the left front side. Luckily, there was no puncture. Tomorrow we’ll try to push harder.’

Jaromír Tarabus (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000, Start. No. 26)

‘There was a hole in a breaking track and it resulted in a puncture. We finished on an empty wheel so we lost a lot of time and on the next stage we were careful because we had no spare.’

Antonín Tlustý (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, Start. No. 20)

‘We improved dumpers. But this time on Troják we were slowed down by Tarabus, who had a puncture. Our time is not so bad.’

Chris Ingram (GBR, Opel Adam R2, Start. No. 35)

'It's just a difficult Leg. I'm not concentrated. I want to go to bed. These roads are so tricky. On the last stage we had a puncture, then the guys behind me had the same problem.'

Aleks Zawada (POL, Opel Adam R2, Start. No. 37)

'It's crazy rally. I was incredibly lucky. I was spinning and I was sure that I lost a lot of time, but the other guys had bigger problems and I'm still in the lead. I've never felt so lucky.'

Filip Mareš (CZE, Peugeot 208 R2, Start. No. 38)

'We weren't lucky, we had a puncture. But it's a nice race. I'm satisfied.'

Simon Wagner (AUT, Peugeot 208 R2, Start. No. 39)

'It wasn't good today. We had a puncture. Three guys before had it too and there were no marshals around. We're going to fight tomorrow.'

Dominik Brož (CZE, Peugeot 208 R2, Start. No. 47)

'We hit a speed bump and immediately got a puncture. Otherwise we did well.'

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