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### Pech is in the lead and Kresta dropped out

The top ten was filled with Czech drivers after the 5SS Semetín (length 11, 51 km) in the Barum Czech Rally Zlín. Pech came as the fastest one in 6:33, 4 minutes. Second Tarabus was behind by 6, 7 seconds and third Kresta by 7, 4 seconds. Unfortunately it was the last special stage for the experienced driver Kresta, who due to problems with exhaust was forced to retire at the crossing of the stages.

Tarabus dominated the second running of SS Slušovice (length 16, 05 km) followed by Pech and Kostka. The fourth place shared German Wiegand and Odložilík. Pech, defending Czech Champion, was still in the lead of the rally and Tarabus moved up to the second place owing to Kresta's retirement.

However, Tarabus lost the medal position during the second running of 7SS Maják (length 8, 82 km). He went off the road and lost two minutes because he got stuck in a ditch and dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> place. Pech, who won 7SS, increased his leading margin in overall standings. Kostka had the second best time and Ott Tänak from Estonia was third. It seems that he is speeding up. Portuguese Magalhães is having technical difficulties and Polish Kajetanowicz is moving up in the ladder. First place in the two-wheel-car category is occupied by Czech Kobliha, second on is ERC Junior Lefebvre from France and third is Czech Smékal. Březík leads the production car category.

#### Unofficial standings after 7SS:

1. Pech – Uhel (CZE, Mini John Cooper Works S2000)	56:59, 4 min
2. Wiegand – Christian (DEU, Škoda Fabia S2000)	+ 25, 0 s
3. Kostka – Houšť (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)	+ 29, 0 s
4. Kajetanowicz – Baran (POL, Ford Fiesta R5)	+ 1:02, 4 min
5. Odložilík – Tureček (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)	+ 1:05, 2 min
6. Consani – Vilmot (FRA, Peugeot 207 S2000)	+ 1:11, 9 min
7. Orsák – Šmeidler (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000)	+ 1:22, 4 min
8. Valoušek – Šlehoferová (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000)	+ 1:44, 9 min
9. Tarabus – Trunkát (CZE, Škoda Fabia S2000)	+ 1:56, 4 min
10. Tänak – Molder (EST, Ford Fiesta R5)	+ 2:01, 8 min
13. Březík – Omelka (CZE, Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX)	+ 3:19, 5 min
18. Kobliha – Žáček (CZE, Renault Clio R3)	+ 4:02, 7 min

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