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PRESS RELEASE no. 32 Jan Kopecký won the Qualifying Stage

The Czech duo Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler on Škoda Fabia R5 Evo from Škoda Motorsport team were the fastest in the qualification of the 49th Barum Czech Rally Zlín, the sixth part of the European Rally Championship (ERC) and Czech Rally Championship 2019 (MCR). Nikolay Gryazin, a Russian with Latvian license, was 0.075 seconds behind, while the European champion Alexey Lukyanuk from Russia finished third losing 1.193 seconds.

The Qualifying Stage took place on now a well-known section from Pohořelice to Komárov in a length of fewer than five kilometers. The crowds of fans certainly had a beautiful summer morning full of exciting moments. The seven-time Barum Rally Champion Jan Kopecký and co-driver Pavel Dresler beat everyone on the track including the leader of the ERC Russian Alexey Lukyanuk with his co-driver Alexey Arnautov.

There are five more Czech crews in the top ten. Filip Mareš (Škoda Fabia R5) finished fourth, Tomáš Kostka (Škoda Fabia R5 Evo) was fifth, Václav Pech (Ford Fiesta R5) was sixth, Jan Černý was eighth, and Miroslav Jakeš took ninth place (both Škoda Fabia R5).

The fifteen fastest riders from the qualification will choose their road order for Leg 1 at 3:30 before the town.

After the qualification, the classic shakedown got on.

Qualifying Stage Komárov (4.40 km)

1.	Kopecký, Dresler (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo)	2:39.893 min
2.	Gryazin, Fedorov (LAT/RUS, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 00.075 s
3.	Lukyanuk, Arnautov (RUS, Citroën C3 R5)	+ 01.193 s
4.	Mareš, Hloušek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 01.963 s
5.	Kostka, Kučera (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo)	+ 02.434 s
6.	Pech, Uhel (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5)	+ 02.528 s
7.	Marczyk, Gospodarczyk (POL, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 02.579 s
8.	Černý, Černohorský (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 03.044 s
9.	Jakeš, Machů (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 03.604 s
10	. Habaj, Dymurski (POL, Škoda Fabia R5)	+ 03.685 s

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