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We've spoken to drivers after first loop of special stages Březová and Semetín. Alexey Lukyanuk can be very happy at the moment who is in the lead. Jan Kopecký has lost a couple of seconds on SS Březová and he is third behind Gryazin.

Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo, No. 4):

"The car is working very well. There is a lot of spectators everywhere which is nice. On SS Březová it was all good but on Semetín it is slippery and tricky."

Nikolaj Grjazin (LVA, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 10):

"It is quite good. First stage was not so good but the second one was OK for us. I enjoyed Semetín very much it's definitely easy but great."

Alexej Lukjaňuk (RUS, Citroën C3 R5, No. 1):

"Those were very good stages. Semetín was maybe a bit more slippery than I've expected. Car is not working well on bumps but we will improve that."

Filip Mareš (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 5):

"It was probably better but there is still a lot of improvement to make."

Tomáš Kostka (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo, No. 17):

"All around the track is a lot of spectators. For us it is OK, we are going quite calmly and we want to get to pace and tomorrow it'll be more important. On Semetín it is dry but a lot of mud."

Václav Pech (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5, No. 9):

"On Semetín there is a lot of bumps. It is very difficult stage."

Miko Marczyk (POL, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 12):

"SS Březová is very technical. We were trying to drive for spectators. SS Semetín is very difficult not only for driver but for the car as well. We need to get faster but the rally is long."

Jan Černý (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 7):

"Semetín is great stage but very difficult. The first half of the stage was good for us then we were going carefully. There are two crests and every year we jump more because the car can handle it."

Miroslav Jakeš (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 20):

“We probably broke the drive shaft but we need to continue. It will be long to service area. Unfortunately nothing to do with it.”

Łukasz Habaj (POL, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 2):

“SS Semetín was the first normal stage of this rally because yesterday it was just a city stage and Březová is like circuit. Generally we are not on the limit but the rally is long and difficult so we will see.”

Marijan Griebel (DEU, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 8):

“It is very good rally and my performance is OK, not the best I could do but fine. I’m quite happy.”

Chris Ingram (GBR, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 3):

“It was OK. We are keeping an eye on Filip Mareš who is the local hero. He’s got it all to lose and we’re only one second behind him. I’m massively enjoying it.”

Martin Březík (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo, No. 25):

“The first stage was OK. On the second one it is more bumpy so we are careful. We want to finish this leg. The real rally starts tomorrow in the morning.”

Tomáš Pospíšilík (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, No. 23):

“We didn’t do any mistake. We are going fast the stages are nice. We are losing 16 second to the top ten and that is good for me. Now we have to do two stages that I don’t like very much.”

Albert von Thurn und Taxis (DEU, Škoda Fabia R5 Evo, No. 24):

“I’m very happy with the car. We are still making a lot of setup changes. I’m feeling confident and comfortable. We are finding our limit.”

Mattias Adielsson (SWE, Ford Fiesta R5, No. 11):

“The start was OK I liked SS Březová. Semetín is very difficult and it was the first time for me. But my mind is somewhere else so I need to focus a bit more.”

Efrén Llarena (ESP, Peugeot 208 R2, No. 36):

“I think it is good for us. We are leading but it is still going to be a very long rally.”

Sindre Furuseth (NOR, Peugeot 208 R2, No. 37):

“The stages here are crazy. That’s all.”

Ken Torn (EST, Ford Fiesta R2T, No. 35):

“It is very bumpy but I enjoy it very much. We needed to go carefully to check our pacenotes.”

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