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Flash info after SS 5, before Service park

The crews have completed four long stages without a stop in the service zone. We interviewed them on arrival at the Continental Barum s.r.o. The riders passed the first run of the SS Halenkovice, Kostelany and many racing specials showed signs of damage.

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

"We are still fine-tuning the car. It is not working badly. It is good, but I want to be one hundred percent sure so that I can push. But I think it will be worth it now."

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

"I enjoyed it very much. We had some problems, but it was worth it anyway."

Alexey Lukyanuk (RUS, Citroën C3 R5, No. 1):

"Did you see the time? It was not so bad today. But in fact, the car setup is still not perfect. On some sections, it's not bad at all. I can push it, but in some places, it doesn't work at all. We have to improve a few things."

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

"I cannot be satisfied completely. It is not the best. I have something to improve. I have to find myself now and improve by the afternoon. But there is no problem in the car, we put on new tires, and I think we can find those seconds there. We'll work hard. We have no other choice. We're going to fight."

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

"The last SS was interesting. There's a lot of mud, but we're cool. I am delighted with the car."

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

"Fortunately, at the last SS, it got better. In my opinion, we reached there a really nice time."

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

"It's hard as always, but I still enjoy it very much."

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

"We originally thought we broke a half-axle, but fortunately it just jumped up, so we fixed it at the crossing. Unfortunately, race is not what it should be. We find it harder to find motivation, we'll see after service. We'll put the wheels back on and start over."

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

“The last SS was very slippery. We started on cold tires. But I think that we lost a lot of time in one forest section. We found it quite dangerous, so we were more careful. But overall it was good, despite how unpredictable it was.”

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

“SS are perfect. The last one was very unpredictable, with a lot of mud on it. But the rest was good, I had a good time.”

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

Unfortunately, there is a long way to go. Anyway, I drive very carefully. I relaxed before a that helped a lot. My face is full of acne because of stress: But I'm sure if I win, I get rid of it.”

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

“We are very satisfied. We have decent times, we move in nice positions. It will be tough tomorrow, but we will see.”

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

“Today's SS were very complex. Especially Kostelany and Halenkovice, because they did not suit as Semeřín did. So we lost something there. Mainly the beginning was difficult. A lot of dirt pulled out, and it was more about finding a way to finish.”

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

“It was quite difficult. Especially the last SS, we started on cold tires. It was very treacherous. These are incredible tests, I really enjoyed them. I'm glad I passed it without any problems, which is good.”

Dariusz Poloński (POL, Fiat 124 Abarth RGT, No. 30):

“Today's stages are very complex and fast. But they're perfect, I really enjoy them. So far we have been running smoothly, but the tracks are very muddy and bumpy, which is good for this car.”

Andrea Nucita (ESP, Fiat 124 Abarth RGT, startovní číslo 31):

“It's OK. The first passage was more difficult, there was a lot of gravel on the way, a lot of bumps, a lot of quick action. But for me it's fine, I have to concentrate on the championship.”

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

“It was good for us. We tried to be as fast as possible. Especially the second one was very treacherous. There was a lot of mud on the SS5, and it was very heavy in the forest, and it was slippery.”

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

“It’s very muddy, and it’s hard to choose the right track. I’m trying to balance our two goals. And make it safely to the finish, push and drive as fast as possible. It’s very unpredictable. But I still enjoy it, Barum Rally is simply Barum Rally.”

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

“I had problems with the car, it wasn’t fully tuned. Anyway, I plan to make a lot of effort to achieve my goal.”

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