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Flash info after the super special stage

The jubilee 50th edition of Barum Czech Rally Zlín has started with very popular city special stage in streets of Zlín which has been watched by many spectators. We have some flash info from the top of the field.

Dmitry Feofanov (LVA, Suzuki Swift F4, starting number 34):

„It is really nice. I like it very much. Everything was fine.“

Oscar Solberg (NOR, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting number 32):

„Not easy, really not easy. It's so easy to do mistakes. I was sliding all over the place, missing gears but good start for us.“

Ken Torn (EST, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting number 31):

„Not very good for us because of the pause we have cold tyres and brakes. First lap was a warm up for us but then it was OK.“

Petr Trnovec (CZE, Hyundai i20 R5, starting number 30):

„From the start we were just getting to the rhythm. We didn't make any mistakes so I'm quite happy.“

Luis Vilariño (ESP, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 29):

„I was very slow, I've made some mistakes but the rally starts tomorrow.“

Antonín Tlust'ák (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 26):

„It was OK. Because of the delay we had cold tyres but luckily soft tyres. I really don't like this kind of stages I'm looking forward to tomorrows classics.“

Albert von Thurn und Taxis (GER, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 25):

„It was really good fun. We had one overtaking manoeuvre and it reminded me my circuit days. Great way to start the rally.“

Ondřej Bisaha (CZE, Hyundai i20 R5, starting number 23):

„The grip is good, it's nice stage but very difficult. For us it's a good start even though not a good time.“

Alberto Battistolli (ITA, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 22):

„It was a nice stage for me. Quite a lot to learn and I had some useful tricks how to drive from Giandomenico Basso. I need to get used to these roads to drive well tomorrow.“

Martin Viček (CZE, Hyundai i20 N Rally2, starting number 21):

„I think it was OK apart for the fact that we had cold tyres. But overall it was fine.“

Petr Semerád (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 20):

„Great atmosphere I want to thank everybody who came to cheer for us and the other drivers. We really appreciate it after quite a long time.“

Adam Březík (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting number 19):

„It was all OK. I'm feeling good about it. We need some sleep for tomorrow.“

Martin Kočí (SVK, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 17):

„We've enjoyed it. It is quite nice stage. We had to choose tyres for tomorrow and that compromised our performance today.“

Miroslav Jakeš (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting number 16):

„I did a puncture in the first loop so I was driving only of three wheels. Stupid mistake.“

Dominik Stříteský (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting number 14):

„We've enjoyed it but we had a puncture on right rear wheel. I'm very angry and disappointed.“

Tomáš Kostka (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 12):

„We have been slowed down because some cars in front of us had a puncture and we had to overtake them. Nice warm up for tomorrow.“

Filip Mareš (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 10):

„It was good but we've got time penalty ten seconds before the start. But honestly I've enjoyed the stage, the pace is good.“

Yoann Bonato (FRA, Citroën C3 Rally2, starting number 9):

„I was confused because I wasn't sure which lap are we just in but overall it is good.“

Erik Cais (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5 MkII, starting number 8):

„I think we had too soft tyres for this stage but it's behind us now and I'm looking forward for tomorrow.“

Jari Huttunen (FIN, Hyundai i20 R5, starting number 7):

„Nice start of the rally.“

Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 6):

„It was really great to be in this city full of fans and spectators. The proper rally starts tomorrow. We have tried not to lose that much time and we will see.“

Norbert Herczig (HUN, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 5):

„We had a bit of technical issue with our car. We had to switch it to stage mode again.“

Miko Marczyk (POL, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 4):

„It was quite tricky to start here at night. I think we've lost some time maybe I was trying to be too much aggressive. It's just start of the rally so I'm doing my best.“

Efrén Llarena (ESP, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 3):

„I've tried to be fast but it's so difficult here in the night. You can't see your proper speed so I have been braking too soon.“

Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting number 2):

„I was trying to stay out of trouble. Anyway it was very nice and the atmosphere here is great.“

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