

**PRESS RELEASE no. 31**  
**Flash info after the Super special stage**

The 51st 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.

**Antonín Tlust'ák (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 51):**

“Everything was fine. We've successfully finished and tomorrow is very difficult day. We are quite happy with our time.”

**Jaromír Tarabus (CZE, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 50):**

“On that new roundabout I've slipped a bit and I'm not sure if I didn't broke something. It's very slippery.”

**Aleš Jirásek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 49):**

“First time in Zlín. It is festival of motorsport so we are enjoying it a lot but we drove very carefully.”

**Michal Horák (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 48):**

“It wasn't good. I couldn't get up to the rhythm but we are just enjoying the drive and don't care about the result. We compete mainly in rally sprints.”

**Miklós Csomós (HUN, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 47):**

“It's beautiful super stage and a lot of spectators all around.”

**Dominik Střítecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 46):**

“It is classic city stage so you can only loose time and that's what we've experienced last year. We are in the finish so it is good.”

**Roberto Dapra (ITA, Renault Clio Rally4, starting no. 29):**

“It was tricky but beautiful. There is a lot of spectators. We've started about 2 seconds late but it doesn't matter. The real rally starts tomorrow.”

**Toni Herranen (FIN, Ford Fiesta Rally4, starting no. 28):**

“I have a good feeling about it. We didn't want to make any mistake. Racing starts tomorrow.”

**Andrea Mabellini (ITA, Renault Clio Rally4, starting no. 27):**

“I think it is the best stage of the whole championship for me. The atmosphere here is exciting.”

**Óscar Palomo (ESP, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 26):**

“I enjoyed the stage I like it very much. Rally starts tomorrow the times today are not important that much.”

**Laurent Pellier (FRA, Opel Corsa Rally4, starting no. 25):**

“It was fun. We enjoyed the atmosphere outside. This is not the type of stages I like. We are here and we can enjoy the rest of the weekend. I would like to score some good points and I need to keep an eye on Palomo. We’ll see.”

**Igor Widłak (POL, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 24):**

“It was good. I felt better than last year. Good result today.”

**Roberto Gobbin (ITA, Fiat 124 Abarth RGT, starting no. 23):**

“We were going very carefully it is difficult stage.”

**Martin Rada (CZE, Fiat 124 Abarth RGT, starting no. 22):**

“This is special stage in the city. It is very difficult. Rally starts tomorrow.”

**Jakub Jírovec (CZE, Alpine A110 RGT, starting no. 21):**

“I love this stage. It’s awesome there is so many people. I like this stage the most in Barum rally.”

**Raphaël Astier (FRA, Alpine A110 RGT, starting no. 20):**

“It was OK. The stage is funny.”

**Emmanuel Guigou (FRA, Alpine A110 RGT, starting no. 19):**

“It was good for me but it is very narrow and very difficult.”

**Martin László (HUN, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 17):**

“This is my first stage of the ERC in R5 car. I loved it. It’s a dream come true.”

**Martin Viček (CZE, Hyundai i20 R5, starting no. 16):**

“It was very difficult. We had a little problem with dropping RPM so I had to stay on gas. I hope we can fix it in service zone.”

**Albert von Thurn und Taxis (DEU, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 15):**

“This is such a great rally. I like it and I enjoy it very much.”

**Adam Březík (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 14):**

“This stage was quite difficult. It’s very slippery namely on the new roundabout. But this is just for fun, tomorrow it starts all.”

**Filip Mareš (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 12):**

“For me I just enjoyed the stage. It is very exciting to show this sport in the city to so many spectators.”

**Simon Wagner (AUT, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 11):**

“It’s great to be back in ERC. I like this stage and we will see the result in next two days.”

**Tom Kristensson (SWE, Hyundai i20 R5, starting no. 10):**

“It’s always special to do this mickey mouse stage. I like it here.”

**Norbert Herczig (HUN, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 9):**

“This stage is funny. There is many spectators I thank to organisers.”

**Ken Torn (EST, Ford Fiesta R5 MkII, starting no. 8):**

“I don’t know. I think it was OK, nothing special but I’m happy that the car is complete for tomorrow.”

**Simone Campedelli (ITA, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 7):**

“We don’t know the time but I tried to go carefully because there is a lot of kilometres ahead of us.”

**Erik Cais (CZE, Ford Fiesta R5 MkII, starting no. 6):**

“It was something incredible. Lot of people the atmosphere is huge. I was trying to do my best in every corner but we had a small technical issue.”

**Alberto Battistolli (ITA, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 5):**

“The stage was good and I enjoyed it. I was afraid of being a bit tired and losing the focus but it was fine.”

**Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 4):**

“You can’t gain that much here but you can lose a lot. We were trying to do our best in every corner and I think it was OK.”

**Javier Pardo (ESP, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 3):**

“It’s great. This is the first time here for me so it is difficult. The atmosphere is massive I love it.”

**Efrén Llarena (ESP, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 1):**

“I have a technical issue.”

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