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## Rally d'Italia-Sardegna - Day One

### Info 2

#### **S.S. 4 – Monte Grighine – 28,66 km – sun – no wind.**

The first loop must have taught some lessons. No particular problems on the second pass of the Grighine stage. The stage was won by Kris Meeke, 3"8 in front of Juho Hanninen and 5"6 ahead of Jan Kopecky di 5"6. Paolo Andreucci was only fourth at 10"5. A remarkable fifth time for Magalhaes, Peugeot 207, who was late leaving service to repair the problems to his car improved his time of the first run by 45". Paolo Licerì had a puncture and changed the wheel in the stage. Francesco Marrone retired with mechanical problems. 32 crews out of the 43 who had started from Cagliari still in the rally.

Juho Hanninen – "It was much better than the first pass, there was a clean line now"

Kris Meeke – "I wanted to manage, watching the splits from Juho"

PG Andersson – "It's much better this afternoon"

Jan Kopecky – "Everything is working well now. There's still a long way to go"

Franz Wittmann - "It wasn't that hard, very good to drive. In the last 2 km I had a small problem with airflow going directly into my eyes. It took a bit of concentration off"

Thierry Neuville – "The rhythm was quite good, the surface was much better than this morning and I managed to keep the right lines"

Paolo Andreucci – "Everything ok, I drove cautiously to avoid a puncture like in the first pass"

Teemu Arminen – "We just tried to stay in the middle of the road"

#### **P.S. 5 – Gonnosnò – 14.53 km – sun – no wind.**

The first victim of the second pass on Gonnosnò is Franz Witmann, until then fifth, who went off and retired. Same fate for Burku Cetinkaya who parked her Peugeot 207 Super 2000 roadside. Fastest time for Jan Kopecky, ahead of Juho Hanninen, Kris Meeke was 2" faster than Paolo Andreucci. Retirements for "Dedo", one of the protagonists of the Gravel Rally Trophy who went off, and Vizzi. Meeke leads, 12"2 in front of Andreucci and 13"7 ahead of Hanninen.

Juho Hanninen – "I would like to be leading but it's not so easy. The grip has improved. We'll try to keep up the rhythm"

Kris Meeke – "Not so bad, very happy with my stage time. We had one spare wheel. You have to have confidence, if you go out looking for punctures you're going to get one"



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PG Andersson – “It’s going alright although we had some problems with the intercom”

Jan Kopecky – “I’m sorry I made a mistake this morning on this stage”

Thierry Neuville – “Wittmann went off, I think he rolled. For us it was a good stage, we have to go steady now”

Paolo Andreucci – “We are going fast for the moment. I think we did a good time here”

Teemu Arminen – “There are more rocks, we tried to go round them. Still quite slippery but it’s the same for everybody”