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Rally d'Italia-Sardegna - Day One

Info 3

Stage 6 SS6 Monte Lerno 1 (11,89 km)

Paolo Andreucci wins the stage and goes back into the rally lead, taking advantage of Kris Meeke's high stage time, 14" slower than his. No problem for the Irishman, but only some mistakes in the stage, where he was perhaps too cautious. Kopecky and Hanninen also did better than him, for a very close fight in the overall classification. Twenty-seven crews are still in the rally.

Juho Hanninen – "Very very nice stage, it's not too easy to drive, I tried to do my best, to survive without any problems"
Kris Meeke – "It's too narrow, I didn't want to make a mistake. It was so slippery, I did not want to risk a puncture"
PG Andersson – "Not a good time, the narrow stage is not ideal for this car"
Jan Kopecky – "Quite slippery, very narrow. The car is working ok, no problem"
Thierry Neuville – "The feeling is not too bad, it's more slippery than in the morning. We are fifth car on the road and conditions are changing"
Paolo Andreucci – "The stage is ok, I don't know the time but I think it's good"
Teemu Arminen – "I tried to be clever but it's hard for a rally driver"
Mauro Trentin – "I don't have a good feeling with the car and the tyres, I'm not happy"

Stage 7 SS7 Monte Lerno 2 (11,89 km)

Paolo Andreucci wins the last stage of the day, even if only by 0"9 on Hanninen, and ends the first day in the lead. The tuscan Peugeot driver beats Kopecky by 2" and by 4"8 Meeke who ends the first day 7"4 behind Andreucci. The Monte Lerno stage is easy for all and no retirements are reported. After the top drivers, good performances by the other Italians. A remarkable eighth place for Ricci, ninth for Batistini and eleventh and first Sardinian driver for Giuseppe Dettori.

Juho Hanninen – "I learned a lot today, I knew it would be a long day, I didn't make any mistakes. It will be an interesting day tomorrow, my starting position will be better, I'm looking forward to it"
Kris Meeke – "My notes aren't good, I haven't the confidence. I had a long chat with the team earlier at service. I'm not free in the mind, anyway I would have taken this position at the start of the day, I can't complain. Paolo is on a softer compound tyre, I would have chosen it myself but I was advised not to, let's see"



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PG Andersson – “It’s not been such a bad day. This stage is a different surface, we had to find some different solutions. We are looking forward to tomorrow, with a bit more confidence, some sections are different but at least we know the area”

Jan Kopecky – “I think tomorrow there will still be some difficult stages, we’ll see”

Thierry Neuville – “It was not a bad day, we finished today, we are looking forward to tomorrow. If I can finish the rally I will be quite happy”

Paolo Andreucci – “Today was a very good day, I hope the same for tomorrow, I will push”

Teemu Arminen – “It was a really nice day, One little mistake, otherwise I drove carefully to avoid punctures”