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## Rally d'Italia-Sardegna

### Info 4

### Day 2 – 06/06/2010

#### SS 8 – Coiluna – 25,97 km – sun

Kris Meeke is attacking, Hanninen and Kopecky resist. Andreucci, with an excessively soft set-up loses 21"4 to his rival. Some crews who returned under super rally allows them to set top stage times. This is the case for Mikkelsen who with a refurbished Ford Fiesta after yesterday morning's shunt sets a fourth fastest stage time. Mekke goes back in the lead with 5"9 on Hanninen and 14"0 on Andreucci. Although they wanted to benefit from Super rally, neither Al Rajhi nor local Francesco Marrone restarted. Koitla who was leading the 2wd category rolled in the stage. Dettori, leading local driver, had a penalty at the SS TC for a starter motor problem. Jeram, Ford Fiesta, retired before the stage.

Bruno Magalhaes – "It's not easy, the road is very slippery. I must brake very early. I know I'm losing a lot of time but there's nothing I can do"

Daniele Batistini (2 spares) – "It was ok, we didn't take any risks. The handbrake isn't working, we must manoeuvre in all the hairpins"

Luigi Ricci (2 spares) – "The stage is fine, the driver too. We are happy, and enjoying the race. We are not here to win, so it's good like this"

PG Andersson – "I hope to pass the other Group N cars. I am more comfortable in the car but there is still some work to do "



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Teemu Arminen – “No problems. The stage is very slippery and very difficult. It will be an interesting battle for Group N”

Thierry Neuville – “In one of the first corners a pacenote was wrong. I had to find the rhythm, in the end it was not so bad and I’m happy”

Jan Kopecky – “The stage is very slippery, the grip is improving with every car”

Juho Hanninen – “I am trying to push too much and I am sometimes out of the line”

Kris Meeke – “Very good, we tried like hell. We had a big moment, someone kept the car on the road”

Paolo Andreucci – “The dampers are very soft now, I don’t have a good feeling with the car”

Andreas Mikkelsen – “The stage was ok. We are trying to find the rhythm after yesterday. We were cautious, maybe we can do a bit more”

## **SS 9 Terranova - 13.18 km - sole**

The Skodas of Kopecky and Hanninen are charging. The former wins the stage, the latter moves into the lead of the rally even if by a mere 3”6. Andreucci is faster than Meeke, but loses nearly 9” from the Skoda duo. The Italian remains third overall, 16”5 behind Hanninen, while Kopecky is closing the gap on him. Mikkelsen posts the third stage time with his Ford.

Bruno Magalhaes – “We are here and it’s the most important. We try to stay on the road and gain what is possible. It’s important to do the stages for next time”

PG Andersson – “It’s been going quite right. These stages suite me more. We made some changes to the car last night and it’s going well, now I think I know what it takes to make it go quicker”

Teemu Arminen – “I think I really have to be clever now. There are double points for the gravel championship in this event. It’s still slippery but it’s the same for everybody. We are driving safely, it’s difficult to see big differences. We’ll see what happens”



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Jan Kopecky – “We are happy to be able to set fastest times. I made a stupid mistake yesterday. We will try to take third place, Andreucci is not so far away but he will start to push again. I had already been twice in Sardinia, and we tested before the event so I feel confident with the car now”

Juho Hanninen – “It’s a long rally. Anything can happen. I was often out of the clean line and sliding. I was pushing too much and out of the rhythm. I need to be more patient. I was more careful on the second stage because there were more rocks, these roads are quite demanding”

Kris Meeke – “I had a really good rhythm, even better than the first stage. I have no answer to the Skoda’s times on this stage. It doesn’t look good cause we have to do this stage again, we’ll try”