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## Rally d'Italia-Sardegna

### Info 5 - Day 2

#### SS 10 – Coiluna 2 – 25,97 km – sun

The rally is decided on the second pass on this stage. Kris Meeke goes off the road on a left hand corner, and opens the way to Hanninen, who is now leading by 38"9 on Paolo Andreucci. The Italian driver and first Peugeot, is now targeted by Kopecky, who is following him by less than 5". The three are headed for the final podium, as fourth placed Neuville, Peugeot, is at 4'28". The stage also saw the retirement of Andersson who was battling with Arminen for Group N. A rear diff problem stopped the Swedish driver. Giuseppe Dettori also retired after rolling his Mitsubishi on the side. Licerì also retired for mechanical reasons. Battistini, who had a 1'00" penalty for early check-in at the TC of the previous stage, is followed by Trentin by about twenty seconds. This duel is very important for the Gravel Championship standings.

Bruno Magalhaes – "It's normal to be faster now, the surface has more grip so I pushed a little bit more"

Daniele Battistini – "The stage is very clear, we have done a good time now, in the first pass we had had a problem"

PG Andersson – Stopped in stage – Rear diff failure

Teemu Arminen – "Andersson was stopped roadside, I think he had a mechanical problem. He was faster than me but that's Sardinia, it's hard on Group N cars"

Thierry Neuville – "It was quite good, we must continue like this. The rhythm was higher than the other stage, the feeling was good, my car was working well"

Juho Hanninen – "It's a pity for Kris, we had a good fight with him. I knew he would be fast here"

Kris Meeke – Off the road - stopped

Paolo Andreucci – "I hope to finish on the podium. The rally is still long"

Andreas Mikkelsen – "It's getting better and better. We are also getting valuable knowledge for Hankook. The tyres are coping pretty well, we are getting there"



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Burcu Cetinkaya – “The stage was better, I am getting more confidence with the car”