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Rally d'Italia-Sardegna

Info 6 - Day 2

SS 11 – Monte Olia – 14,12 km – sun

The stage is won by Paolo Andreucci, who has clearly solved his set-up problems, 0'7 ahead of Kopecky and 2'3 in front of Hanninen. The situation is now clear. The leader is beginning to control, while Andreucci and Kopecky are in a great battle for second place. Licerì and Dettori managed to overcome their problems in the previous stage and reach the service area to then continue. In the fight for the Gravel Rally Trophy, Trentin is catching up on Batistini who remains 15" in front, while the first two places seem promised to Andreucci and Arminen, fifth overall and first in Group N.

Bruno Magalhaes – "Very difficult stage, very slippery"

Luigi Ricci – "The race is great, I am very happy to be in this position, we hope to finish without problems. I had problems with a bumper and some more, but it's just like everybody else"

Teemu Arminen – "Our main target this year is the Italian Gravel championship. There are two stages left. Before the rally we were thinking it would have been nice to do one stage time in the top 5, so we are very happy with this"

Thierry Neuville – "We were here to drive and learn. I am sorry for Kris who crashed while he was doing a great drive. We will continue like this and go to the finish, I need a good result after a bad start to the season. I hope to be a little more faster in ypres and get a good result there"

Jan Kopecky – "As I said, it's going to be a tough fight"

Juho Hanninen – "Luckily I did not have to push because this stage was very tricky. I have two spare tyres. I must keep maximum concentration"

Andreas Mikkelsen – "This rally for us is all about testing. I am improving all the time, the car as well as the tyres. We got some answers this weekend, which is important"

Burcu Cetinkaya – "We had several problems, some dust in the stage, apart from that it's ok. Towards the end we really had fun. It's so much faster compared to the Fiesta, it takes some time to get used to it but it feels great"



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SS 13 - Terranova 2 - 13,18 km - sun

Hanninen wins the stage, while behind him Kopecky gains a further 3"3 to Paolo Andreucci. With one stage to go, the Italian Peugeot driver and the Czech Skoda one are only 1"8 apart. Trentin loses a lot of time, in his intent to catch Batistini and Ricci he had a puncture losing 3'30". Retirement for Walter Lamonato with a Renault Clio rs.

SS 13 – Monte Olia 2 – 14,12 km – sun

Paolo Andreucci replies to Kopecky's attack, and while everybody saw him as a loser in the fight for second place, he fights back to win the stage and fly towards second place. Amongst the most important news, the retirement of Mauro Trentin, who broke two driveshafts in the last two stages. An important retirement as it hands Teemu Arminen the victory in the Gravel Rally Trophy.

Bruno Magalhaes – "Good for us, we started the day in tenth and finished fifth. After what happened yesterday I can expect more. It was a good rally, we scored points for the championship"

Teemu Arminen – "My main goal is the Gravel championship. Sixth overall is more than we expected at the start, it's been a difficult rally for us"

Thierry Neuville – "I'm so happy to finish. It was a nice weekend, we learned a lot and must continue like this. We did a good job, lots of points for Peugeot "

Juho Hanninen – "Very good weekend. It was very difficult, a tricky rally. No mistakes, I was watching out for rocks"

Paolo Andreucci – "A good stage. We won the last stage, it was very fast"

Andreas Mikkelsen – "We had a good day, developed things to get even faster. Ypres it's a specialists' rally, it will be difficult but we will do our best"



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