

**PRESS RELEASE no. 33**

**Flash info after the Super special stage**

**53rd edition of BARUM CZECH RALLY ZLÍN 2024** has started as usual with very popular city special stage in streets of Zlín which has been watched by many spectators. We have some flash info from the top of the field after the drive through city centre. In the beginning the rain was expected to drop for the top drivers but it didn't happen and the stage was hot and dry.

**Ciprian-Daniel Lupu (ROU, Renault Clio RS Line, starting no. 39):**

"It's great. We just want to get some experience on these stages."

**Ekaterina Stratieva (BGR, Opel Corsa Rally4, starting no. 38):**

"I like it here in Zlín. I'm here for the fifteenth time and I'm not sure if I'll do twenty but we'll see."

**Patrik Herczig (HUN, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 37):**

"It was quite OK. I was too much careful and from the start I had a bit cold tyres but it's fine."

**Márton Bertalan (HUN, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 36):**

"It was dangerous on the start. We had a big moment in first corner. The rally starts tomorrow."

**Daniel Polášek (CZE, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 35):**

"It's always great I really love it here. Last year I was here as a spectator. I'm on a risky tyre strategy."

**René Dohnal (CZE, Peugeot 208 Rally4, starting no. 3):**

"It was good. Maybe fifth or sixth time and I enjoyed it. The car is ready and the rally starts tomorrow."

**Róbert Kolčák (SVK, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 33):**

"Crazy stage. We didn't make any mistake."

**Aleksandar Tomov (BGR, Renault Clio Rally3, starting no. 32):**

"I think this rally is very good. We will see what tomorrow brings. Thanks to the organisers."

**Hubert Kowalczyk (POL, Renault Clio Rally3, starting no. 31):**

"I'm feeling good. We will see tomorrow."

**Martin Ravenšćak (HRV, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 30):**

"It was OK. Not bad and tomorrow is the real deal. We will go carefully tomorrow because we are thinking about Fiesta trophy."

**Igor Widłak (POL, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 29):**

"This year I'm after a big crash in Rome. This rally is just to get a good feeling in a car."

**Kerem Kazaz (TUR, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 28):**

"I wasn't pushing but it's not good. I just went through."

**Filip Kohn (CZE, Ford Fiesta Rally3, starting no. 27):**

"The stage is quite tricky. Tomorrow we are focusing on the ERC championship and that's the most important."

**Jakub Jírovec (CZE, Toyota GR Yaris Rally2, starting no. 26):**

"This stage is full of spectators and very good. Rally starts tomorrow."

**Hermann Neubauer (AUT, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 25):**

"I've made small mistakes but the time is good. I really enjoyed it."

**Albert von Thurn und Taxis (DEU, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 24):**

"It's super. Great opening stage. Lot of fans and I like it."

**Jarosław Kołtun (POL, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 23):**

"It's a spectators stage. The time isn't that important."

**Amaury Molle (BEL, Škoda Fabia Rally2 Evo, starting no. 22):**

"To be honest I'm happy to be back. I like this rally and I want to see a lot of spectators tomorrow. Even if it's going to rain."

**Martin Vlček (CZE, Hyundai i20 N Rally2, starting no. 20):**

"We are confident and the drive is good. It's really hot in the car."

**Aleš Jirásek (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 19):**

"I wanted to avoid mistakes but I did on anyway. It's a pity."

**Václav Pech (CZE, Škoda Fabia R5, starting no. 18):**

"All is good. First super stage without any problems."

**Adam Březík (CZE, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 17):**

"I tried to do as good as possible. I'm a bit scared about losing a wheel here but the time is good."

**Jan Kopecký (CZE, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 16):**

"It was good. This stage is for the spectators and I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

**Dominik Stříteský (CZE, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 15):**

"I didn't go well in the first lap because of cold tyres. The rally starts tomorrow."

**Martin László (HUN, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 14):**

"In the beginning of the stage I had cold tyres and I've made a small mistake but it is good."

**Filip Mareš (CZE, Toyota GR Yaris Rally2, starting no. 12):**

"Every event is important for me but the home rally is the most important. We will see tomorrow."

**Erik Cais (CZE, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 11):**

"So hard. On this stage I had understeer quite a lot but when you see the spectators you try so hard."

**Simon Wagner (AUT, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 10):**

"It's unbelievable how many spectators is here. I've done some mistakes."

**Jon Armstrong (IRL, Ford Fiesta Rally2 MkII, starting no. 9):**

"It wasn't so bad. It is tricky because you start on cold tyres and then the car is getting into the zone. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."



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**Andrea Mabellini (ITA, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 8):**

“It was OK but it is just a beginning of the rally. It is going to be challenge.”

**Miko Marzyk (POL, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 7):**

“It was good but I think I tried too much. We didn't do any big mistakes and the rally starts tomorrow.”

**Mathieu Franceschi (FRA, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 4):**

“It's city stage so in the beginning you have cold tyres and the grip is strange. We will see tomorrow.”

**Efren Llarena (ESP, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, starting no. 2):**

“It was OK. Every year the same I try to go well but the time is not there.”

**Hayden Paddon (NZL, Hyundai i20 N Rally2, starting no. 1):**

“It took a whole first lap to get the tyres in the right temperature. But this stage is for the spectators so you try also to give them something.”

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