

Rally d'Italia Sardegna

Press Office



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TOMORROW THE START OF RALLY D'ITALIA SARDEGNA 82 CARS RACING

82 will race the Rally d'Italia Sardegna, seventh round of World Rally Championship and the third round of Junior Rally Championship. The Automobile Club Italia the race that have officially started yesterday in the charming scenery of Marina Vecchia to Porto Cervo, with the ceremonial start.

The first special stage will be very important to decide first results. First car will leave the Service Park in Cala Saccaia at 8.30, for first two special stages of first day of race.

Crastazza, with a total length of 31.13 km, is the longest special stage of this rally, and the most difficult.

The Special Stages of Terranova km 21.21 and Monte Olia km 20.36 will follow. Then the cars will return to Service Park, they will start once again for the second lap and the will finish to race the second leg around the 6 pm. The total track has a total length of 392 km, including 145.40 of special stage.

The shakedown has been held today, in order to set the cars for the race. The times said what was predictable: the crews of Citroen, Ford and Subaru will fight for the podium. Mostly we noted Dani Sordo on Citroen C4, Gronholm and Hirvonen on Ford Focus Wrc, Petter Solberg on Subaru Impreza Wrc 2007, and the world rally champion Sebastien Loeb on C4. Citroen, Ford e Subaru fighting for the podium.

Following the declarations of Sebastien Loeb, Petter Solberg and Marcus Gronholm

"Special Stages are difficults, slippery and very technical – said Sebastien Loeb – very different from last year. Some are the same but with an opposite way. We had to take the notes, once again. We tried to make a good work on the roads, at the moment the surface condition are good".

After the unlucky adventure in Argentina, Solberg wants to led the way of this race. "I like this rally, actually – said the Subaru driver- I think I can challenge for the top. Now that everything is ok, we are very happy to run this rally.. There are still something to fix in the car, but we are ready".

"Last year in Sardinia I was leading when I had to quit. I want to beat Loeb".

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			21/01	11/02	18/02	11/03	01/04	06/05	20/05	03/06	05/08	19/08	02/09	07/10	14/10	28/10	18/11	02/12	
1	S.LOEB	CITROEN C4 WRC	10	8		10	10	10											48
2	M.GRONHOLM	FORD FOCUS WRC	6	10	8	8	5	8											45
3	M.HIRVONEN	FORD FOCUS WRC	4	6	10	6	4	6											36
4	D.SORDO	CITROEN C4 WRC	8			5	6	3											22
5	P.SOLBERG	SUBARU IMPREZA WRC	3		5		8												16
6	H.SOLBERG	FORD FOCUS WRC		5	6			4											15
7	C.ATKINSON	SUBARU IMPREZA WRC	5	1		4		2											12
7	J.M. LATVALA	FORD FOCUS WRC			4	2	1	5											12
9	D.CARLSSON	CITROEN XSARA WRC		4	2		3												9
10	M.STOHL	CITROEN XSARA WRC		2		3		1											6
11	T.GARDEMEISTER	MITSUBISHI LANCER WRC	2	3															5
11	GIGI GALLI	CITROEN XSARA WRC			3		2												5
13	J.KOPECKY	SKODA FABIA WRC	1		1														2
14	M.WILSON	FORD FOCUS WRC				1													1

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CLASSIFICATION MANUFACTURERS CHAMPIONSHIP

P O S I T I O N	MANUFACTURE	M O N T E C A R L O	S W E D E N	N O R W A Y	M E X I C O	P O R T U G A L	A R G E N T I N A	I T A L Y	G R E E C E	F I N L A N D	G E R M A N	N E W Z E A L A N D	S P A I N	F R A N C E	J A P A N	I R E L A N D	G A L L E S	P O I N T S
		21/01	11/02	18/02	11/03	01/04	06/05	20/05	03/06	05/08	19/08	02/09	07/10	14/10	28/10	18/11	02/12	
1	BP FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM	10	16	18	14	9	14											81
2	CITROEN TOTAL WRT	18	9	1	15	16	13											72
3	STOBART M-SPORT FORD WRT	1	5	10	3	2	9											30
4	SUBARU WORLD RALLY TEAM	8	2	5	4	8	2											29
5	OMV KRONOS CITROEN WRT	2	7	5	3	4	1											22

CLASSIFICATION CAMPIONATO FIA JUNIOR RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

P O S I T I O N	DRIVER	CAR	N O R W A Y	P O R T U G A L	I T A L Y	F I N L A N D	G E R M A N	S P A I N	F R A N C E	P O I N T S
			18/02	01/04	20/05	05/08	19/08	07/10	14/10	
1	P.G. ANDERSSON	SUZUKI SWIFT S1600	10	10						20
2	U.AAVA	SUZUKI SWIFT S1600	6	8						14
3	P.SANDELL	RENAULT CLIO R3	8							8
4	A.CORTINOVIS	RENAULT CLIO	2	4						6
4	J.BERES	RENAULT CLIO S1600		6						6
6	J.MOLDER	SUZUKI SWIFT S1600	5							5
6	J.MOLDER	SUZUKI SWIFT S1600		5						5
8	A.BURKART	CITROEN C2 GT	4							4
9	T.SVENKERUD	FORD FIESTA N3	3							3
9	S.GALLAGHER	CITROEN C2 R2	1	2						3
9	M.RUEDA	RENAULT CLIO S1600		3						3
12	V.ROZUKAS	SUZUKI SWIFT S1600		1						1

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