

## Successful start of Rally Bohemia

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**The opening act of 37<sup>th</sup> volume of Rally Bohemia proceeded from early morning hours at rally cross arena in Sosnová. 103 crews went through the administrative check and technical scrutineering and from 9 o'clock they had the opportunity to test their set ups of their cars on shakedown. Testing rides were measured and best time was achieved by French Bryan Bouffier in Peugeot 207 S2000.**

In the painful afternoon's big heat the press conference took the place with the participation of the top drivers of starting field. **"The local tracks are more demanding than those in Zlín, where I started last year. I would like to win but looking around me it won't be easy at all. There are a lot of super drivers. It will be very difficult,"** sizes up his chances the pilot of the factory's Škoda Motorsport Team. The consecutive leader of the local championship Pavel Valoušek adds: **"The organizers have arranged really delicious tracks; especially the Liberec's special stages are wonderful. We have the honour to introduce the new evolution of Škoda Fabia S2000. I believe that our result will be as good as possible and we will absolutely make our best."** In similar way was also talking the sitting World Champion in JWRC category Martin Prokop, who admitted the possibility, that he might not be able to keep up with the local and foreign top. The end of conference belonged to Václav Pech and Kajetan Kajetanowicz, who hold the front positions despite the fact that they drive the production cars.

The historical cars started off at 15.00 hours and two hours later the highly expected super special stage, which cut away the first sharp kilometres from the total length of the competition. The fight for each meter has started since the very beginning. Martin Prokop cut the start and together with tiny hesitation he has lost several tiers in total order. The highly watched double was Pavel Valoušek and Roman Kresta, whose fight culminated by the equal time and they share the same position. Even faster by three tenths of a second was at the end Juho Hänninen, who fought out the consecutive leadership of the competition.

The second section of first leg of 37<sup>th</sup> volume of Rally Bohemia starts off by the special stage no.2 – Bzí. The first crew gets on the road at 9.00 hours.

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