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Another 35 kilometres long was the second passage of specials Bzí, Smržovka and Šumburk. The spectators' situation calmed down and the drivers could fully focus on their fights for seconds. Valoušek carries on his sharp pace and wins the fifth and sixth special. Hänninen, Bouffier and Kresta are at tug of war for seconds and periodically alternate their positions. Unlike Pech, who after defect dropped back to 14th position. The first four are still in sight of Solowow and Prokop. His ten seconds penalty from yesterday seems to be a big handicap in this fight.

As expected the cards started to shuffle at almost 17 kilometres long stage Šumburk, locally called the Czech Monte Carlo, on which Juho Hänninen won and got in front of up till now leading Valoušek by three tenths of a second. Kresta finished the fourth and Prokop the fifth. Václava Pech caught the defect, which has moved him back to 14th place of the contemporary order. Leszek Kuzaj ended up even worse when he drove off the road, rolled over the roof and has to withdraw from the competition.

Juho Hänninen - Škoda Fabia S2000

“The race is developing well for us. We really like the local special stages, but we didn't expect so much of pulled out dust in the second passage. Car drives excellently and we are looking forward to the continuing of tight fights with Valoušek and Bouffier.”

Pavel Valoušek - Škoda Fabia S2000

“Juho got in front of us by few tenths of a second. I could go faster, but I don't know, if I want to push it that hard. The important thing for us is the situation in the local championship, where we have it pretty good driven off, and it would be a pity to lose the points because of some fault. We are still learning in Fabia and we will see how it goes.”

Bryan Bouffier - Peugeot 207 S2000

“We are disappointed a bit, because we haven't won any special stage yet. But on the other side we keep at the third place. We didn't expect so much of pulled out dust there. At the last test we were delayed by Kuzaj's accident. In any case we will carry on trying to beat the strongest opponents in this demanding competition.”

Roman Kresta - Peugeot 207 S2000

“We caught the loss a bit, the first three drive very equally, they tug-o-warring for second, but we have to think of the total order in the Czech Championship. Although Pavel Valoušek takes our points, Juho and Bryan don't. Will see how it goes, there is a lot of kilometres left to finish and possibly Vinec can reshuffle the order a lot. And I'm not talking about tomorrow's specials. Nothing is decided yet.”

Václav Pech – Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX

“Unfortunately we caught the defect and we had to replace the wheel during the insertion as there was another 12 kilometres left to finish so we would have lost even more. I don’t know where it has happened, it was fairly long passage where there were a lot of cuts, and maybe there was a sharp stone or edge I guess. We are in the middle of the competition, we don’t think of the top places, but we will try to keep the position in championship’s contemporary order as high as possible.”

Jaromír Tarabus – Škoda Fabia S2000

“We had little problem with brakes, I even clamped the pedal down on the floor once. It slips generally, it’s very hot out there and more to it we suffered all day from the set up of the suspension and wheel frame. It could be better.”

Štěpán Vojtěch – Škoda Fabia S2000

“Our becoming acquainted with Fabia carries on. We have tried out a lot, but we don’t know each other yet. We got scared a little after the first passage, at service we have completely re-set up the axle geometry, it works much better now, but now I don’t trust myself entirely. We have tried hard so much not to make another crisis again till we ended up in a ditch. It was in low speed, but it took around two minutes to the spectators to get us out of it back on track. So we don’t care about the time that much now, but apparently it drives me out of my concentration and calm.”

Antonín Tlustý – Škoda Fabia S2000

“We drive well with Fabia, it’s pretty all right even the top goes madly fast. On top of that I haven’t started here for five years, so I don’t know the new tracks. Sometimes we are looking for ourselves in the pace notes and we have found several mistakes in it, but no biggie.”

Kajetan Kajetanowicz – Subaru Impreza WRX STi

“I drive well. You have here very beautiful and interesting special stages. I’m glad we can drive here. I’m pleased that we hold the contemporary second place in the category of production cars. That’s good placement for us. Of course I’m interested in how we will end up in the total order of Polish Championship. We will try our best to achieve the highest result.”

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