

## RALLY BOHEMIA – Flash Info 04

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**The demanding first leg of the Rally Bohemia has taken out 11 crews, so 92 drivers started off to the final day. The beautiful and demanding tracks in the area of Turnov and Železný Brod town have attracted the great number of spectators not only from the Czech Republic.**

The follow-up of tug of war among Hänninen, Valoušek a Bouffier culminates. Since yesterday's evening the first place is held by Juho Hänninen. Bryan Bouffier won the eleventh special and got ahead of Valoušek. In the following first passage of Návarov Hänninen was the fastest with the lead of 2.5 seconds ahead of Bouffier. Valoušek finished the third. The longest special stage Sychrov is over 28 kilometres long. The big heat doesn't prosper to drivers, technics and most of all the tyres. On such long insertion the drivers should count on it. At Sychrov Juho Hänninen excelled again. He has given nine seconds to the second Bouffier, fifteen to Valoušek. The stable performance is delivered by Roman Kresta, who holds stably on the fourth place, but regarding the defect he has lost his half minute handicap on Prokop. Before the last section they are separated by tenth of a second and it's declining towards another dramatic fight.

### **Juho Hänninen - Škoda Fabia S2000**

***"We did the first section well, we handled to pass it with no mistake. Car works great, tyres choice was also very good. It is still a long way to go to the finish. I'll try to repeat my performance and keep my first position."***

### **Bryan Bouffier - Peugeot 207 S2000**

***"We are on the second, which is good, but Juho is very fast and from behind Valoušek will surely push farther. I'm trying to drive as fast as possible, but I don't know, if that will be enough on the leading driver. The special stages are more demanding than yesterday, full of difficult turnings."***

### **Pavel Valoušek - Škoda Fabia S2000**

***"Have to say right now that our priority target is to take the placing and points into the Czech Championship. Guys fly really unbelievably, because Juho holds Bryan behind and Bryan drives fast because he is chasing Juho. Under these circumstances I don't want to try to win at all costs. That wouldn't be tactical and more to it the guys sit in their cars all the time and comparing to us they are driven off. We keep up with them by the seconds and that is from my point of view great."***

## Roman Kresta - Peugeot 207 S2000

*“We got the front right tyre flattened now on Sychrov. Somewhere on that gravel about five kilometres from the finish. We made it on flat to the finish, but the half minute handicap on Martin Prokop was unfortunately gone. We have replaced the wheel after the insertion. There was a repair of brake hose waiting for us at the service. Certainly we don't give up, but putting ourselves in risk would be nonsense.”*

## Martin Prokop – Ford Fiesta S2000

*“Thanks to the Roman's defect the situation became more dramatic, but we still play with the set up of our car. Yesterday it seemed it's all good, but today's special stages are technically more demanding and yet again it's not good. We are slipping a lot, the car doesn't sit properly and I can't drive in the ideal trajectory. Our Fiesta was built for gravel, we are still very busy with the version for tarmac. It's not the way we would need it to be. With this set up we certainly can go on the championship in Germany.”*

## Václav Pech – Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX

*“We have to drive fast till the end. There are relatively a lot of kilometres to finish, almost like the whole rally sprint. We are the seventh and after yesterday we have something to catch up, so we drive at the full throttle. So far we have avoided the driving mistakes, but it's really on the edge.”*

## Michal Solowow – Ford Fiesta S2000

*“So far it looks we are safely ahead of Kajetanowicz. However to the finish there is still very far, we will try to hold our position till the end.”*

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