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1. WINNERS OF the RALLYE ŠKODA and the RALLY BOHEMIA

1974	Hubáček Vladimír - Ing. Minářik Stanislav	CS	Renault Alpine
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1976	Blahna Václav - Hlávka Lubislav	CS	Škoda 130 RS
1977	Haugland John - Berglund Bruno	N/S	Škoda 130 RS
1978	Ing. Šedivý Jiří - Janeček Jiří	CS	Škoda 130 RS
1979	Haugland John - Bohlin Jan Olof	N/S	Škoda 130 RS
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1981	Droogmans Robert - Geron Elaine	B	Ford Escort RS BDA
1982	Ferjancz Attila - Dr. Tandari Janos	H	Renault R5 Turbo
1983	Droogmans Robert - Joosten Ronny	B	Ford Escort RS BDA
1984	Cinotto Michele - Radaelli Emilio	I	Audi Quattro
1985	Demuth Harald - Radaelli Emilio	D/I	Audi Quattro
1986	Snijers Patrick - Colebunders Daniel	B	Lancia Rally 037
1987	Ferjancz Attila - Dr. Tandari Janos	H	Audi Coupé Quattro
1988	Weber Erwin - Feltz Matthias	D	VW Golf GTi 16V
1989	Baumschlager Raimund - Zeltner Ruben	A/D	VW Golf GTi 16V
1990	Baumschlager Raimund - Zeltner Ruben	A/D	VW Golf G60 Rallye
1991	Thiry Bruno - Prevot Stephane	B	Opel Kadett GSi 16V
1992	Soulet Marc - Fortin Jean - Marc	B	Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4
1993	Blahna Václav - Ing. Schovánek Pavel	CZ	Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4
1994	Deila Piergiorgio - Scalvini Pierangelo	I	Lancia Delta HF Integrale
1995	Bertone Enrico- Chiapponi Massimo	I	Toyota Celica GT-Four
1996	Křeček Ladislav - Krečman Jan	CZ	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
1997	Dolák Milan - Palivec Jaroslav	CZ	Toyota Celica GT-Four
1998	Křeček Ladislav - Krečman Jan	CZ	Ford Escort RS Cosworth
1999	Triner Emil - Hůlka Miloš	CZ	Škoda Octavia WRC
2000	Kresta Roman - Tománek Jan	CZ	Škoda Octavia WRC
2001	Kresta Roman - Tománek Jan	CZ	Škoda Octavia WRC
2002	Kresta Roman - Tománek Jan	CZ	Škoda Octavia WRC
2003	Kresta Roman - Tománek Jan	CZ	Peugeot 206 WRC

2004	Peták Josef - Benešová Alena	CZ	Peugeot 306 Maxi
2005	Štajf Vojtěch - Černocho Jiří	CZ	Subaru Impreza STi
2006	Pech Václav - Uhel Petr	CZ	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX
2007	Kresta Roman – Gross Petr	CZ	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX
2008	Kresta Roman – Gross Petr	CZ	Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX
2009	Hänninen Juho – Markkula Mikko	FIN	Škoda Fabia S2000
2010	Hänninen Juho – Markkula Mikko	FIN	Škoda Fabia S2000
2011	Loix Freddy - Miclotte Frédéric	BEL	Škoda Fabia S2000

2. HISTORY OF THE RALLYE ŠKODA AND THE RALLY BOHEMIA

1974

Rally Bohemia had begun to write its history already in the year 1974, that time under the name of Rallye Škoda. Interesting was that this event had been established by the automobile factory Škoda and for many years it was considered to be the main means of its presentation. One of the main reasons was a great interest of design engineers who could test under the extreme conditions the quality and reliability of their parts developed for Škoda series production. On the start of 1,800 kms long competition 152 crews appeared from that 72 crews were from abroad. The special stages were cropped all over the place across the Czech Republic. On these tracks the lead positions were split alternately among factory's drivers Horsák and Srnský on Škoda Super Sport cars, Norwegian Aaby on Opel and Hubáček on blue Alpine. What the odds that the Škoda factory cars were taking the lead, what the odds that Aaby lead everybody's life, that the least mistakes maker Vladimír Hubáček rejoiced the victory on his Renault Alpine.

1978

In this year Rallye Škoda, as the only one in that time Czechoslovakia, has gained the status of the competition enlisted in the European Championship series. A great happening of the fifth volume was the start of Belgian multiple champion Gilbert Staepelaere on Ford Escort even though he didn't saw the ramp of finish. The first winner who has taken the points into the European Championship was Škoda factory's driver Jiří Šedivý in Škoda 130 RS.

1981

The year 1981 is written in gold in the history of Mladá Boleslav's Championship, when the organizers gained the European coefficient 2. Newly assigned coefficient 2 in terms of European Championship has also attracted the rally sport rising star Belgian Robert Droogmans, who drove factory's Ford Escort in legendary colours of Belga Rally Team. The resistance his of opponents, namely Hungarian Ferjancz and Polish Krupa on two magnificent Renault R5 Turbo cars, was a vain.



Also Škoda 130 cars kept the face, which have taken the places from 4th to 7th in the order of Kvaizar, Křeček, Blahna and Pech. The experts have nodded their heads over the achievement of another Belgian Willy Plas on Fiat Ritmo 75, further multiple champion of the country.

1986

For many unbeatable and to date the best competition ever, which has taken the place in Czechoslovakia, who knows? Either way, on the event, for the first time carrying the name Bohemia, Belgian Snijers and Italian Pregliasco on two Lancia Rally 037's had arrived, as well as Carlsson on new Mazda 323 and his fellow countryman Johnsson on Ascona. Also the winner of Safari Rallye Kenyan Shekhar Mehta was here, Germans Schwarz and country champion Petersen, Yugoslavian Kůzmič, Norwegian Haugland, local Křeček and Kvaizar, and many others. As expected class B Lancia's led the dance in the order of Snijers and Pregliasco in which they also have passed through the finish line.

1988

Coefficient 3! Rallye Bohemia lines up among a few selected competitions, which had one of the two highest coefficients. Long time ahead of the start it was known, that German Weber he wins if his car holds up. Even with the three Belgian Munster, German Schwarz and Swede Strömberg, the sixth man of the World Championship 1987 classification in Mladá Boleslav didn't have any competitors at all. Weber has introduced his super car in still aborning "A" class and wiped all out. Worth noticing is achievement of Pavel Sibera, who has beaten Schwarz on VW Golf by more than one minute. Haugland has started for the last time and finished the sixth.



1990

Historically the lowest number of competing crews standing on start (51) and the second lowest number through finish line (33), such like was autumn's Bohemia. Along with the change of political system, which has moved Czechoslovakia towards the civilized countries, Rallye Bohemia practically ceased to exist. Despite this a few in around Jaroslav Horák achieved to rescue the whole competition. And it happened that in terms of Mladá Boleslav competition the European first appearance of VW Golf G60 Rallye took the place, which has been driven by winning Baumschlager. On mudded track he has been successfully seconded by Netherlander Bosch on BMW M3, a short while also by Austrian Hopfer, Norwegian Arntsen, Bulgarian Kolev, but most of all ours Sibera, Křeček and Berger with factory's Favorit's. A sympathetic impression was left by Russian Fedotov on Samara.

1994

Blomqvist, Deila, Bertone, Haider and Van Krimpen, all of them had really started off from Mladá Boleslav. The World Champion 1984 Stig Blomqvist on factory's Favorit was the biggest wild card. With an overview Italian Deila on Lancia Delta has won, Emil Triner on Audi S2 has also greatly performed. Vice-versa Křeček and Drotár on two Lancia's or Štolfa on Favorit had bad luck. So far for the first and the last time at the same time John Haugland's son Frode has started off, what else than on Škoda.

2000

Thanks to the main sponsor the start and finish was in Prague. The new Škoda Team's acquisition Roman Kresta has won with a massive head start. Vice-versa the former team members Sibera on Octavia Kit Car and Triner on Pulsar GTi-R didn't finish, Hrdinka with beautiful Subaru Impreza WRC was the same. Bohemia competition was held by Autoclub Škoda for the last time.

2003

An incredible and record-breaking number of 18 WRC cars stood on the start line of thirtieth volume of Rallye Bohemia. Roman Kresta has dominated again, but this time behind the wheel of Peugeot 206 WRC. Start of the World Champion 2001 of production cars Argentine Gabriel Pozzo on Octavia WRC was an event of the year as well as attractive two Křeček – Kulhánek on the same car. The era branded with three magic letters WRC is in 2003 fading away.



Romantically bottomed man could have said that the Rally Bohemia is a lady in the best shape. As every attractive woman we know she had and she still has a huge number of admirers going up for her goodwill as the success and victory. It was 4 thousand crews in total from the whole Europe and from other continents too. Only a few chosen were granted to know her most affable face and to taste the delight of victory on top of finish podium. These names are written in the list of winners and from those a few chosen were

allowed to enjoy these feelings repeatedly. For Rally Bohemia and all the fans they become the legends about which fathers tell the stories to their sons and grandfathers to their grandsons. Well behaved lady from a high society has to take care of her reputation all the time and with that tens of thousands organizers always helped her. They cherished and took care of the competition and its preparation with the responsible attitude. Every single chosen meter of difficult tracks they secured and thanks to them despite the traditional severity this lady became one of the most popular competitions here. The crews from neighbouring countries and also from British islands and northern countries come here very gladly.

Year 2009

Snow has (almost) stopped the Rally Bohemia

Mladá Boleslav factory's team couldn't participate to its local competition for several years. It didn't have anything to drive with and when it was, a suitable date had to be found, which didn't cross the starting plans of the factory and which still didn't match to traditional July's date of Rally Bohemia. That is why the 36th volume has moved to the second half of October.



Despite the non-traditional date the starting list promised and interesting show. Lowest start numbers were taken by North men Juho Hänninen from Finland and Anders Mikkelsen from Norway, both on Škoda Fabia S2000. Jan Kopecký on another Fabia S2000 supposed to second them as well as two other drivers fighting for the country champion title Václav Pech on Mitsubishi and Roman Kresta on Peugeot 207 S2000. Two

more weeks before the Rally Bohemia 2009 start it all looked pretty much troublefree even the weather forecast wasn't ideal. And why? Because of the snow fall! At the Rally Bohemia? Dear me! Things worse and difficult and long special stages in Liberec region have really got covered by snow duvet and because of this snow break disaster had jeopardized the human lives on several places, the Police of Czech Republic had to close them down. What has remained from Rally Bohemia was just a torso. Vinec special stage, this one was taken three-times, Old Town's and super SS on Autodrome in Sosnová. On the top of start ramp the historically least number of crews have climbed at the end, which was 49. But for example even on the very first SS Štěpán Vojtěch and Josef Peták both on S2000 category cars didn't show up.

At the only Friday's first leg special stage, in the streets of Mladá Boleslav during rain the Finish driver of Škoda factory's team Juho Hänninen has dominated. Jan Kopecký was the second and Roman Kresta the third, who had Václav Pech tightened to his tail. The second leg started on Saturday morning and once again it was fortunate for Juho Hänninen. Jan Kopecký fought very bravely, but in the first passage of Vinec he had to do with the second place on finish line. Andreas Mikkelsen ended up the third and popped up to the third place of continuous tier. Roman Kresta made a mistake on the Saturday's first special stage and in Strenice he had broken out the rear right wheel. In one of the turnings he didn't slow enough, leaned on safety fence with his right side and with damaged car he finished the special stage as 34th. Technicians managed to put all back very quickly and Kresta – Gross crew could keep their hopes for the title. It was a tight win for Kopecký after the second passage of Vinec with Hänninen and Mikkelsen behind. Roman Kresta has started immediately to restrain the time loss and on the finish line of the SS 3 he has moved forward by 9 positions to 15th place of continuous tier. Václav Pech held his 4th position with 9 secs lead over 5th Jaromír Tarabus. Also the SS 4 has brought the win to local Kopecký, who has lowered the time loss behind Hänninen down to 7.1 sec. Kresta was the fastest for the third time on Vinec SS and has again moved forward to 10th position. There was only the final super SS on Autodrome in Sosnová near Česká Lípa waiting out there for the crews. The length of this track was doubled by adding more laps and then it represented a portion of 4.8 kms. Sosnová fitted the best to Finish driver on Fabia S2000, the rally cross circuit Norwegian Mikkelsen finished 2nd, Kopecký was 3rd followed by 4th Kresta and 5th Pech. The final tier behind the first five remained the same up to 12th position, which meant close victory for Juho Hänninen. Also the 2nd position was taken by the factory's Škoda Motorsport Team thanks to Jan Kopecký, 3rd place on finish ramp was celebrated by Andreas Mikkelsen on another Škoda Fabia S2000. Taking into account that Norwegian wasn't registered for the Championship of Czech Republic, Václav Pech gained the winning points for 3rd place in terms of championship. But neither this wasn't enough for getting the title, vice-versa 9th place assured Roman Kresta's the Champion of the Czech Republic title.

Year 2010

Rally Bohemia won after dramatic finish Juho Hänninen in Fabia S2000

With an unbelievably dramatic final culminated the 37th volume of the popular Rally Bohemia. After the ravishing fight Juho Hänninen won in Škoda Fabia S2000, the second finished Bryan Bouffier in Peugeot 207 S2000 and the third was Martin Prokop in Ford Fiesta S2000. The last section brought the starting field to the special stages Chloudov, Návarov and Sychrov again. Everybody has expected above all the duel between



Hänninen and Bouffier. With these two Pavel Valoušek still kept the contact, who however focused on the maximal point gain for the ranking of the Championship of the Czech Republic. But after the incredibly equable executions he became one of the biggest badluckers of the competition, when he crashed in the last but one fifteenth special and lost so almost sure third place. In the same special stage Martin Prokop pushed through ahead of Roman Kresta and the result list was all of sudden full of changes. There was only the second passage of Sychrov left to the finish, but everyone knew, that it's still very long 28 kilometres. Kresta was troubled by his shock absorbers and that prevented him from the attack on Prokop. The full fight for the tier was however in the class of production cars. Throughout well driving Štajf didn't handle the high tempo and crashed. Right after him his big opponent Běhálek took his leave from the track as well. They both ended up just a few kilometres before finish and confirmed the generally known fact, that the victory

is certain only at the finish ramp, on which after 228 deadly fast kilometres the crew of Juho Hänninen and Mikko Markkula drove over as the first. The second in the finish was Bryan Bouffier and Xavier Panseri, the third two were Martin Prokop with Jan Tománek. The fourth finished Roman Kresta with Petr Gross, and after the defect in the first leg with beautifully executed chase drive Václav Pech with Petr Uhel forged to the fifth position.

Year 2011

The 38th Rally Bohemia started off with the attribute of “Applicant Event” of the international championship. The organizers have initiated a contact with the promoter of the international championship, which was the British North One Sport Company, and with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile FIA regarding the possibility of becoming a candidate of the international championship. Apart from the international observers taking part on the Rally Bohemia also a promoter's representative of the North One Sport Company arrived to watch and observe the safety precautions and set-up of the event.

The biggest star of the 38th Rally Bohemia was the crew of Fredy Loix – Frederic Miclotte driving under the Škoda Motorsport Team. Although Belgians have never started at Bohemia before, it could be anticipated that such an experienced driver should have no problems with the track characteristics. Of course the complete list of the local top appeared on start too.

The shape of the initial city's special stage has had a premiere this year. The track led around the city's shopping centre near the Škoda Auto Museum. Spectators weren't surprised that the fastest time on first stage was achieved by Loix driving in Škoda. Some anticipated however, that during the first leg some of the Czech top pilots will show off proving, that they are unbeatable at home.

Saturday's morning belonged to proper start into the initial leg of the Rally Bohemia containing eight special stages in the total length of almost 90 kilometres. The weather has changed rapidly during the night and the temperature dropped very deep. On top of that black clouds were hanging over the horizon announcing incoming rain. The best to handle such a situation was Kresta with Gross in Škoda Fabia S2000 beating tightly Valoušek with Hruža driving in Peugeot 207 S2000. The Belgian crew Loix – Miclotte was third. The last special stage at the end of the first leg was the super special stage in Sosnová. This has been under a heavy reconstruction bringing a great positive potential to spectators. It included jumps, slides and plenty of gravel. TV viewers of the ČT4 Sport Channel surely liked too, where they could watch one hour long live broadcast transmitted from this super special.

During following night thick rain together with even lower temperature arrived to the regions of Mladá Boleslav and Liberec cities. Everyone anticipated that the tyre choice will play the main role. But before the very start of the initial stage of the second leg we could cross off up-to-time leading crew of Kresta – Gross in Škoda Fabia S2000, whose car quit the service shortly after leaving the service zone. The whole Sunday was in terms of bad weather very demanding.

In the finish of the Rally Bohemia the first to celebrate was the Belgian crew of Freddy Loix and Frederic Miclotte driving in Škoda Fabia S2000 under the service of the Škoda Motorsport Team. The second place, with the weight of gold, has been taken from Mladá Boleslav by Valoušek with Hrůza. Arazim – Gál finished third. For these Czech rally matadors this fantastic result was a proof that growing old in rally sport goes very slow. The front-wheelers were mastered by Andrea Crugnola in Citroën DS3 R3T, who is under the spot lamp of the Citroën Sport Team being one of the hopes of the international rally sport. Right behind him finished much weaker front-wheelers Jaromír Tarabus and Jan Černý, both in Škoda Fabia R2.

The Rally Bohemia was very wet and tricky. The track already demanding enough was even harder thanks to pouring rain. Plenty of pulled-out mud has annoyed almost all participants. The spectators lined up in thick rain along the track of the special stages were warmed up a little by the passage of the Rally Legend cars, which were the jewels in the starting field of competitive cars and have remanded the old glory of rallies long time ago. The Rally Bohemia has shown that it has all it takes to hold the international event, but there still is a long way to go.

