

Mads Ostberg on the Rally Bohemia

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The Rally Bohemia is proud of having a first class star. That is Norwegian Mads Ostberg driving in Ford Fiesta RRC.

The organizers of the 39th Rally Bohemia, which takes place on 13th – 15th July 2012, after long expectations finally received the entry form from Norwegian driver Mads Ostberg. Long-time participant in the World Rally Championship and currently fourth will have the opportunity to swallow up some more kilometres on tarmac surface.

Mads Ostberg, the star of world rally, will start in Mladá Boleslav in Ford Fiesta RRC, also called “a little WRC”. It has almost identical car body in comparison to WRC version, having a turbo-supercharged 1600ccm engine, but unlike WRC it has smaller restrictor of 30mm in diameter. It causes slightly lower power against WRC cars, which are used strictly in World Championship only. Thanks to Mads Ostberg in the Czech Republic there will be the premiere of this Ford Fiesta RRC, which has never started here. Also such driver, who has achieved the overall victory in the World Rally Championship in the same year, has never appeared in the new-age history of rally in the Czech Republic.

Mads Ostberg has begun the rally carrier in his 16 years by participating in amateur rallies, but later when he was 17 he sat behind the steering wheel of a WRC car. It was Subaru Impreza WRC. Mads changed over to Ford brand in 2011, to which he is faithful up to these days. In the World Championship events he drives Ford Fiesta RS WRC. His co-driver is Jonas Andersson from Sweden. Having 46 participations in the World Championship he fights for the Adapta World Rally Team.

Mads Ostberg: “I’m in touch with John Haugland for several months now. He helped me to find an appropriate competition, where I could test and improve my skills on tarmac. He recommended me the Rally Bohemia and this is the reason why I’m going to participate here. Experience gained in this rally will be used in other tarmac races including German rally. In the Rally Bohemia I will drive Ford Fiesta RRC, which is in many perspectives different to WRC, which I use in world level events. There are only a few differences between RRC and WRC car from the outside, but there is a big one in engine power, which I can compare better to S2000. Those S2000 might be slightly faster in much faster competitions, but on the other hand where twisty special stages take place RRC should take the lead. I’m looking forward starting in the Rally Bohemia. The result forecast can’t be given though.”

The traditional general partner of the Rally Bohemia is the Škoda Auto car factory, which provides a representative background and makes it possible for the Motorsport Team to start in their Škoda Fabia S2000 cars.

More information about the 39th Rally Bohemia can be found at www.rallybohemia.cz.

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