

The Rally Bohemia Shakedown – Ostberg out of the game

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Everything for the ceremonial start is being prepared now on Old Town's Square in Mladá Boleslav and crews have undertaken the shakedown.

The technical scrutineering of competitive cars of the 39th Rally Bohemia took place on Friday 13th July in the Service Park at the Hořkovice Airport since early morning. Right after it a great number of crews have taken the opportunity to try out the set-ups of their cars at testing special stage – shakedown. This was situated just 2 kilometres away from the Service Park, which was by participating crews widely appreciated.

Results from the testing special stage aren't really decisive, because the proper rally starts only on special stages on Saturday and Sunday. Nevertheless we can still say the fastest crew was Mads Ostberg with Jonas Andersson in Ford Fiesta RRC with the time of 1:31.3, the second crew was Juho Hänninen with Mikko Markkula in Škoda Fabia S2000 finishing with 1:32.0, and third was Jan Kopecký with Pavel Dresler also in Škoda Fabia S2000.

Unfortunately the shakedown was the first and at the same time the last winning stage for Norwegian Mads Ostberg, who had an accident there and damaging his Ford Fiesta RRC ended up with minor injury. After a treatment in hospital he was released back to home healing. As a result the competition is over for him.

General partner of the Rally Bohemia is the Škoda Auto automobile factory, which provides a representative background and also seeds into the competition factory's crews driving in Škoda Fabia S2000 cars.

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