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Who has registered for 42nd Rally Bohemia?

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ŠKODA Motorsport team will put two cars with crews Jan Kopecký – Pavel Dresler and Esapekka Lappi – Janne Ferm into this year Bohemia Rally. The list of the crews registered includes overall 17 cars of top specifications R5, S2000 and WRC. Within the Czech Rally Championship and Regional Rally Cup, 123 crews have registered.

The acceptance of entry forms for 42nd Rally Bohemia has been closed. What interesting crews are we going to see in the starting field of the Czech Rally Championship? In the surroundings of Mladá Boleslav, the spectators can see right two cars of ŠKODA Motorsport team, which will commit new successful cars Škoda Fabia R5. "We are glad that the ŠKODA Motorsport team will take part in this year Rally Bohemia in an enlarged line-up again. In case Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler are successful here, they will have put a foot forward to winning the domestic title. The reigning European Champions Esapekka Lappi with Janne Ferm, on the other hand, will be a great attraction of the competition for the spectators," says Petr Pavlát, clerk of the course of this year Rally Bohemia. As many fans may remember, Esapekka Lappi could be seen at Rally Bohemia for the first time already last year, however, then he only had a role of a forerunner in a prototype tested. So this will be his first start at Rally Bohemia in the racing field.

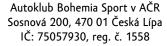
The biggest rivals of Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler in the contest for this year title of the Czech Republic Champion are the last year champions Václav Pech with Petr Uhel in car Mini John Cooper Works S2000 1.6T. These were shown a turned away face of Rally Bohemia last year when they had to withdraw from the competition at Šumburk special stage due to a broken wheel, and surely they intend to improve their reputation here. This is what they will have in common with the last year vice-champions Miroslav Jakeš and Jaroslav Novák who, for a change, were stopped by an accident at the special stage Sychrov. Pavel Valoušek with Škoda Fabia S2000 and Roman Odložilík with Ford Fiesta R5 will be defending their medal positions so far achieved in this year classification of the Czech Republic Championship. The fifth man of the present championship standings, Martin Vlček, is going to have his premier with car Subaru Impreza WRC.

This year, Rally Bohemia will introduce meanwhile the biggest number of cars in top specifications R5, S2000 and WRC, i.e. overall 17, namely: 5x R5, 5x S2000 and 7x WRC. After six years we will be able to see the ever-popular Liberec racer Štěpán Vojtěch with his co-rider Michael Ernst in Peugeot 206 WRC on the track of Czech special stages. It was just with this car they achieved their biggest success in years 2003-2006, which is still fresh in the memory of the rally fans. You will see another return on the Czech tracks at Rally Bohemia, namely of the formerly successful and widely used car Toyota Corolla WRC that will be introduced by Jiří Jírovec. For the first time since











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Rally Šumava, we will be able to see a popular crew with Škoda Fabia WRC registered under pseudonyms ŽITO –X- - VEZÍR VELKÝ, which hide names of Daniel Landa and Petr Novák. Neither will the leading driver of class 13, where WRC specials belongs, be missing, i.e. local pilot Věroslav Cvrček jun. with his Škoda Octavia WRC.

In class 3 of production cars, we can expect a fight between the aggressive youth represented by pilots Václav Kopáček and Jaroslav Szeja against the experience represented by the reigning Czech champion of class 3 Jan Votava and all the time attractive driver Josef Semerád. The fast Moravian pilots Martin Březík and Jaroslav Pešl will not fall behind either. The group of two-wheel drive cars 2WD will not miss anyone from the provisional TOP five with fast cars of R3 specification. Cards are distributed as follows here: Václav Dunovský, Ondřej Bisaha, Patrik Rujbr, Jan Lunga and Egon Smékal. The start of two Porsche 997 GT3, which will be introduced by Radoslav Nešpor and Karel Macek, will also be an attraction.

This year Rally Bohemia is also run as final race of the Regional Rally Cup. The organizers register 28 entries from the Czech Republic, Poland and especially from Germany, from where also a nine-member group of racing cars Trabant adjusted in compliance with the German national regulations intends to participate. These also promise spectators an extraordinary and rewarding show.

The full list of the registered crews can be found at the official competition website www.rallybohemia.cz.

Parallel to the 42nd Rally Bohemia, the Rally Bohemia Historic and Rally Bohemia Legend will take place. We will bring detailed information about them in the following press releases.

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