



Press release N.11/Dakar '13

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9th Stage, San Miguel de Tucuman – Cordoba

853 km stage (533 miles) including 593 km special test.

Barreda second and Botturi third in Dakar ninth stage.

Joan Barreda picked up a precious second place in today's ninth stage, the longest in the Dakar '13 covering some 853 km (533 miles) from San Miguel de Tucuman to Cordoba. Barreda set off first this morning and opened the path for the other riders dominating throughout a special test divided into two parts. Despres, starting from further back, was the only competitor to outrun the Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain rider, winning the special 4'03" ahead of Barreda.

Alessandro Botturi too, ran a spectacular race coming in third right behind teammate Barreda. In doing so Botturi managed to close the gap, moving up to fifth overall place on the leader-board.

A great day in the office for the Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain was rounded off with a seventh place for Paulo Goncalves, who also did a fine job in pulling back positions.

Joan Barreda : "A really tough and dangerous stage. The ground was so slippery that it would have been really easy to fall. I open up the road coming across every type of animal imaginable; cows, horse, birds, and every time I had to slow down to avoid hitting anything. I'm pleased with the second place. With my hand the way it is I couldn't do any more."

Alessandro Botturi: Starting from that far back I was confronted with an incredible amount of dust. I pushed hard from the start and I'm happy with the way that it went. This was my stage. If I had started amongst the leaders, I'd have won the race.

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Paulo Goncalves: "I rode well in the first part and I was, in fact, in fifth place at the end of the first leg. Then it was simply too dangerous to push hard, so I sat back and tried not to make any mistakes."

Wolfgang Fischer: "Congratulations to our riders for a job well done in this, the longest stage of the rally. We're really pleased that Botturi is making ground on the leaders in the overall standings."

Classifica della nona tappa

1. Despres (F, KTM)
- 2. Joan Barreda (ESP, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 4'03"**
- 3. Alessandro Botturi (ITA, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 5'14"**
4. Faria (PRT, KTM) 7'47"
5. Rodrigues (PRT, Honda) 8'47"
- 7. Paulo Goncalves (PRT, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 11'14"**
- 18. Bianchi Prata (PRT, Husqvarna)**
- 29. Jordi Viladoms (Spain, Husqvarna)**
- 43. Alex Busquets (Spain, Husqvarna)**
- 79. Fish (AUS, Husqvarna Rallye Team By Speedbrain)**

Classifica provvisoria dopo la nona tappa:

1. Faria (P, KTM)
2. Despres (FRA, KTM) 5'23"
3. Lopez (Cile, KTM) 9'03"
4. Jakes (Slo, KTM) 16'56"
- 5. Alessandro Botturi (ITA, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 22'58"**
- 19. Paulo Goncalves (PRT, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 1h33'51"**
- 35. Joan Barreda (ESP, Husqvarna Rallye Team by Speedbrain) 3h11'40"**

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