

TRANSSYBERIA RALLY 2008 powered by Sony Ericsson
Newstape July the 17th
Stage 5 Tyumen – Omsk and Stage 6 Omsk - Novosibirsk

Infos : <http://www.transsyberia-rallye.de/> (News, entry list, Route, etc....)

00:00:05 STAGE 5: Establishing shots of Russia and its countryside

Welcome back to the Transsyberia-Rallye powered by Sony Ericsson. After Stage 4 was abandoned yesterday due to heavy rain, the Teams faced much brighter weather conditions today.

00:00:25 Start of new stage

Today's stage, from Tyumen to Omsk, mainly consisted of fast paced field roads.

00:00:48 onboard shot.

Pedro Gameiro, still first in overall ranking, like all drivers today had to challenge with dust, blocking sight and eventually leading them in wrong directions.

Danner Racing, one of many private teams in the rallye came in 10th, only 5 seconds behind today's winner.

00:00:59 Racing shots

A high powered race like the Transsyberia takes its toll sometimes. Unfortunately for Team GB, they had to desert their car, leaving it burning and its drivers devastated. Team Suzuki had a great day and came in 15th and 17th, marking their best positions so far.

00:02:01 Pictures of Armin Schwarz, establishers and driving.

This year's master of the speed stages comes from Germany. Adel Abdulla made second today, just 55 seconds behind Schwarz, Antonio Tognana made a great third place and Christof Danner as mentioned marks his first top ten spot in the year's rallye. So in the final results after the fifth stage Pedro Gameiro can still keep his first place after today's disaster, but Armin Schwarz is coming closer, now on sixth position. Way to go Armin! See you tomorrow for stage 6.

00:02:14

Welcome to the Transsyberia Rally 2008 powered by Sony Ericsson, and stage 6 to Novosibirsk!

00:02:21 ITV Said Rashid Al Hajri – Team Qatar (English)

WE WILL SEE THE CONDITION OF THE STAGE, IF IT ALLOWS ME TO PUSH, I WILL GO FOR IT. IF NOT, I WILL WAIT FOR MONGOLIA.

00:02:28 start and racing shots

The Route to Novosibirsk, Siberia's biggest city, is 700 km long and consists of winding roads through tall grass. Not easy to navigate at all for Team Qatar but after this stage they have taken over the overall lead with a time advantage of 1 minute 36 seconds.

Unfortunately not all the drivers managed to stay healthy. Team Italy had some bad luck coming down hard from a bump in the road injuring driver Tognana's back.

The physican took him to the hotel and will transfer him to the airplane for the flight back home.

We wish him all the best and hope he gets well soon.

03:12 ITV Joe Vito (German)

YES IT WAS A PRETTY TOUGH SPECIAL STAGE TODAY, WE DROVE THROUGH VERY HIGH GRASS... YOU COULD BARELY SEE THE TRACKS. WITHOUT THE EXCELLENT CO-PILOT I WOULD HAVE NEVER FOUND MY WAY OUT. IT WAS A MAXIMUM NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE FOR HIM.

03:27 more racings shots

Now starting on this special test stage is Team Germany 1 winner of the day and sitting in 5th place overall.

They hightailed it to victory today In 51 minutes and 21 seconds and moved Christian Laveille and his co-pilot Borsotto to 2nd place on the day score.

But there is still a chance for Laveille to keep up with Schwarz.

Here are the current overall results. The Top 3 is Team Qatar 1st, Team France 2nd, and Team Porsche Germany 3 driven by Lars Kern in 3rd.

We'll see if Qatar will maintain the lead after tomorrow's stage... finally it's Mongolia

04:18 Driving shots from stage 5

04:54 more driving shots from stage 5

05:29 driving shots from stage 6

05:58 onboard shots team 3 from stage 6

06:15 Interviews stage 5

06:15 ITV Armin Schwarz

We're trying to keep the constancy of the last stages. I like the rallye a lot and the car is immaculately prepared.

06:27 ITV Martin Rowe and Richard Tuthill

We've met some very good friends here, got some great people doing the rallye, got some great people at Porsche, so we just have to thank everybody at Porsche Great Britain for the opportunity we've had and it's a shame we didn't go any further.

06:48 Interview stage 6

06:48 ITV Christian Pfeil-Schneider

The hardest stage I have probably done in many years. It was over 78 km, very fast, a lot of concentration, tall grass, jumps.

07:00 End of Newstape