

TRANSSYBERIA RALLY 2008 powered by Sony Ericsson

Newstape Uplink July the 22nd

Stage 9 & Stage 10

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STAGE 9 Newstape

00:01 Cue Narrator

This is Mongolia calling. The Transsyberia-Rally powered by Sony Ericsson literally reaches it's peak.

Today's stage takes the contestants up to 3000 m altitude and throughout this 220 km stage pushes drivers and cars to the limit.

00:16 Cue Narrator

The vast and empty land and the navigation needs of the stage especially, challenge the co-pilots, searching for the ideal route between the road book and reality.

00:28 Cue Narrator

As the overall leader, Said Al-Hajri faces the heat of his opponents...

00:34 ITV Said Al Hajri (English)

FOR SURE THEY WILL PUSH MAXIMUM TODAY, AND WE WILL SEE...

00:39 Cue Narrator

Scoring good interim times, Al-Hajri's race was looking good but unfortunately towards the end, a bump in the road left him injured and ended his rally hopes. Co-pilot Tim Trenker...

00:48 ITV Tim Trenker (German) TRANSLATE!!!

I COULDN'T SEE IT, SAID DIDN'T SEE IT. WE HIT IT VERY HARD AND SAID IS NOT VERY WELL. THAT'S THE RACE. THANK GOD NOTHING MORE HAPPENED.

00:59 Cue Narrator

Pau Soler and Laia Peinado of Team Spain had the best results of the day. Both experienced Off-Road instructors, they found the best balance between caution, speed and navigation skill.

01:12 ITV Pau Soler (English)

I THINK LAIA MADE A GREAT JOB, BECAUSE NAVIGATION WAS NOT EASY.

01:16 Cue Narrator

Pau secured 1st, seven minutes ahead of Christian Lavieille. Armin Schwarz and Pedro Gameiro took 3rd and 4th respectively and are still in the hunt for overall lead.

01:25 Cue Narrator

Because of Al Hajri's accident and Christian Lavieille's great performance, Porsche France is the new overall lead and are feeling very confident...

01:31 ITV Christian Lavieille (French) TRANSLATE!!!

IT WAS A VERY NICE STAGE AND IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE REALLY HAD TO DISCOVER A NEW DISCIPLINE.

A LOT OF NAVIGATION, A LOT OF ANALYSING TERRAIN, AND I THINK OUR DRIVING PAID OFF AS THE SPANISH TEAM CAME IN ONLY 7 MINUTES AHEAD OF US AND THERE ARE NO OTHER REAL COMPETITORS.

01:48 Cue Narrator

So in the overall standings Christian is now in the top spot, having a nice lead of 48 minutes between him and the 2nd placed Pedro Gameiro.

01:55 Cue Narrator

From now on every day's performance counts. See you tomorrow for stage 10.

02:03 establishing shots:

Landscape, start area, preparation

02:23 driving shots

03:52 onboard shots team 16 & team 29

04:03 team 12 shots

04:24 team 6 shots (winner of this stage)

05:21 ITVs

05:24 ITV Tim Trenker – Team Porsche Middle East (German)

I couldn't see it, Said couldn't see it. We hit it very hard. Said is not doing well. He broke his T12 in his back. The doctors showed up pretty fast and I signaled the five cars behind us to watch out for this hole. Otherwise they could have smashed into that as well.

That's the race. Thank God nothing more happened.

05:49 ITV Ryan Millen – Team USA (English)

It was in an area that was really pretty easy to have that kind of accident. The terrain just did a long rolling dip and then just straight back up again, and it was a high-speed section. Uhm... you know.... The reason we didn't have any issues in that hole is because we saw them having issues and we'd call them... wow... slow down, slow down, there must be something up here. Sure enough, there was a big nasty hole.

06:12 ITV Pau Soler – Team Spain (English)

And we drive without taking risks the first day, but.... I think Laia made a great job because navigation was not easy.

06:20 ITV Adel Abdulla – Team Qatar (English)

It was very hard for me and for the car also. It's too much. I try my best to get to a front position, but sometimes you have things that you cannot do.

06:34

STAGE 10

06:39

It's clobbering time here on the Transsiberia Rally powered by Sony Ericsson...

06:45 ITV Aurele Bachman (English)

THE CAR TURNED AND THEN IT...FOUR TIMES IT ROLLED OVER

Unfortunately that's it for Team Desert Fox...

Today's stage once again confronted the drivers with harsh conditions. Long speedy passages intertwined with nearly impassable tracks, due to heavy rainfall.

Now at stage two of the Mongolian part mainly three teams manifest their will to win this competition.

Pedro Gameiro in second overall, had a good day on the tracks, coming in after 13 h 19 m but...

Team France marked the best time of the day...

07:19 ITV C. Lavieille (French) Translate!!!!

THE PLAN FOR TOMMOROW IS THE SAME AS YESTERDAY, OBSERVE THE OTHERS AND STAY IN CONTACT. WE STILL HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS WHAT ARMIN IS DOING AND WE'RE WATCHING THE PORTUGUESE CLOSELY.

As mentioned before for the two leading teams, Armin Schwarz is the one to keep an eye on. What's his opinion of the leaders...?

07:45 ITV A. Schwarz (German) Translate!!!!

IT'S A GOOD CREW, A GOOD DRIVER AND CO-PILOT. THEY MAKE ALMOST NO MISTAKES AND IF YOU'RE UP AGAINST SUCH YOU CERTAINLY CANNOT AFFORD TO MAKE MISTAKES...

So in today's results, a surprising 3rd for Ryan Millen who's starting to get in the groove. Schwarz comes in 11th.

Unbelievably, besides those who are working, there are actually those who find the whole thing relaxing...

08:18 ITV U. Baier (German) Translate!!!!

FOR ME IT'S REALLY ALMOST LIKE A HOLIDAY, HECK IT TOTALLY IS...REALLY FANTASTIC TRACKS. I'M LOVING IT...

Sitting in 10th Uta has every reason to be enjoying the race. Still no big changes in the overall results, Team France ahead of the team Portugese and team Germany 1. Pau Soler is closing in on Schwarz in 4th position.

See you tomorrow for more mud, speed and fun in Mongolia.

08:40 helicopter shots

09:02 driving shots

10:46 onboard shots team 18, team 1. Team 21

11:24 team 17 driving shots (winner of this stage)

11:54 ITVs

11:57 ITV Armin Schwarz – Team Germany 1 (German)

Wir waren sicher das wir alle gefahren haben und jetzt haben wir beim Aushang gesehen, dass wir einen verpasst haben. Und ja, zu unserer Überraschung.

Es sind eine gute crew, guter Fahrer, guter Beifahrer und die machen fast keine Fehler, ja und wenn man gegen solche Leute antritt, dann darf man fast selber keine machen.

We were certain that we got to all checkpoints, but now we just found out that we missed one to our surprise.

We have good crews, good drivers and co-pilots in this rally. With this kind of competition, you can't allow yourself any type of mistake.

12:13 ITV Christian Lavieille – Team France (French)

Für Morgen gilt das Gleiche wie für heute : die Anderen beobachten und in Kontakt bleiben. Deswegen ist Armin auch vorgefahren. Das ist ein bisschen kompliziert, aber wir mussten den richtigen Punkt finden und sind deshalb bei den Portugiesen geblieben, die mit uns auf dem zweiten Platz fahren. Wir müssen also weiter aufpassen, wie Armin morgen wieder vorgefahren wird und wir beobachten die Portugiesen, die Zweite oder Dritte werden.

Tomorrow we have to proceed by observing the other teams and to stay in contact with them. That is why Armin went ahead of us. It was difficult for us. We had to find the correct checkpoint and stayed with the Portugese team, who is in second place with us. Tomorrow we have to look out for Armin and need to keep an eye on team Portugal which most likely will come in second or third.

12:33 ITV Denis Levyatov – Team Porsche Russia 1 (Russian)

Today's Stage was more interesting than yesterday, because we could go much faster as there weren't as many stones as yesterday, but we still had a little problem with one of the wheels.

12:50 ITV Uta Baier – Teambuctou (German)

Für mich ist es ein bisschen wie Urlaub. Was heisst ein bisschen, eigentlich total. Super

Strecken, tolle Landschaft, hab ein bisschen Zeit zum gucken, Farben, Tiere. Menschen, unglaublich. Und natürlich eine super geile Strecke. Macht mir richtig Spass.

It's like being on vacation for me. Exciting stages, beautiful scenery. I even have time to enjoy the colors, animals, and people here. Truly amazing just as the stages we drive. I have so much fun.

13:05 ITV Paul Watson – Team Oz (Unfinished Business) (English)

We called the team unfinished business because last year this was the stage that finished our race. We finished here, we didn't get any further. The car was broken, ours was broken and that was the end of it. That's where we got our team name.

13:17 END OF Newstape Uplink Stage 9 & 10