

END OF THE FIRST DAY

At the end of the first day of the 49th running of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias— following the cancellation of the second run on the Morcín stage for safety reasons—, Joan Vinyes leads the classification for the European Championship, followed by the Czech Antonin Tlustak, 5.4 seconds behind, and Gorka Antxustegi, with a 17.2 second gap to the leader.

The drivers of the Spanish Championship have been the fastest in the Rally. Alberto Hevia was the quickest during the day, followed by Sergio Vallejo, at minus 14.3 seconds, and then Miguel Fuster, with a 20.7 second gap.

During the running of the first stage of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias2012, in Morcín, an accident with several people hurt occurred. Three fans had to be evacuated to hospital by the Emergency Services, although none were seriously injured.

The spectators, who gathered at the stages as well as the Palacio de los Deportes de Oviedo where they could see the technical scrutineering had an exciting time and were clearly enjoying themselves greatly.

Tomorrow will be an intense day, in which eight special stages will take place: The Gijon stage with two passes, and the stages of Villaviciosa-Colunga and Nava, with three passes each. The fans should remember that the road between the two last mentioned stages will not be opened to the traffic. In the same way, the public must follow the recommendations of the Safety Caravan, the commissioners of the route, of the organization and the forces and bodies of public order.

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