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HEVIA IS FASTEST

The quickest driver on the first run on the Morcín section, which is the opening stage on the Rally Príncipe de Asturias 2012, is Alberto Hevia, who set the fastest time of 18:03.9. Next up was Sergio Vallejo, with a time of 18:04.5, and third was Miguel Fuster on 18:09.9.

At the end of the section, the drivers competing in the National Championship set the three quickest times on the stage. First in the European Championship contenders was Andorran Joan Vinyes, with 18:49.5, followed by the Czech Antonin Tlustak, with a time of 18:57.7. The Pole Michal Solowow, with a 19:18.9, closed the top three positions in the European standings.

A total of 90 drivers took the start of the 49th running of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias. After the official ceremony, celebrated at the Paseó del Bombé, in Oviedo, participants went to the attendance park, located in the parking area of the Nuevo Carlos Tartiere. At 19.40 the Rally began with the Morcín stage, one of longest of the event at 29.48 kilometres, five more than in last year's event. This section, which has been described as the most spectacular of the rally, will have two runs, one of them at night, and is the first indication of how the rally will evolve.

The organization would like to say once again of the importance of maintaining safety, throughout the rally. The public must follow the recommendations of the Safety Caravan of the organization and the forces and bodies of public order, especially on the second running of the stage which will take place at 23:00 hours.

Driver Comments:

Francesco Parli: "There is a little rubber on the road and the car is sliding a lot in the corners".

Miguel Fuster: "I had a stupid spin. I spun at a corner under braking. But, generally, the stage went very well".

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