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THE CORVERA STAGE CONFIRMS HEVIA DOMINANCE

Alberto Hevia once again set the best time on the Corvera stage, the second of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias, with a time of 9:37.7. The Asturian driver dominated the stage and was followed home by the Porsche 911 of Sergio Vallejo on 9:51.4, and Miguel Fuster, 9:52.4. The dominance of the drivers in the National Championship over those competing in the European Championship continued on this stage.

The best classified in the European Championship on the Corvera stage was Gorka Antxustegi, with a time of 10:12.7; followed by the Czech Antonin Tlustak, 10:14.6, and Joan Vinyes, on 10:17.4.

The Corvera stage is one of the shortest of this 49th running of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias, with a length of 14.88 kilometres. However, the drivers have confirmed the difficulty of this section which is run just as dusk is falling, causing significant changes in the light and therefore, the driving conditions.

At the end of first stage of Morcín, the first retirement took place. Driver Marcos Rodriguez had to quit the Rally when his Suzuki Swift suffered a mechanical failure. In addition, drivers Jose Enrique Rodriguez, with his Renault Twingo, and Oscar Barroso, in a Suzuki Swift, did not take the start of the Corvera stage.

Driver Comments:

Alberto Hevia: "This section was very flat and the car went very well. But we had a small scare in a change of surface when we went into a meadow. Perhaps we went a little faster than we should have."

Joan Vinyes: "It has been a quite a difficult stage. It was run at night and there were zones in which the road was confusing".

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