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TLUSTAK NUEVO LEADS THE ERC

The fastest time on the Villaviciosa-Colunga stage, the second on the second day of the Rally Príncipe de Asturias 2012, went to Alberto Hevia with time of 20:11.0. After Hevia came the Porsche 911 of Miguel Fuster, just four tenths slower, and then Sergio Vallejo with a 6.3 second gap. The dominance of the National Championship drivers, who are fighting over every tenth of a second, continued.

The highest finisher in the Championship of Europe on the Villaviciosa-Colunga stage has been Antonin Tlustak, with a time of 21:02.6; followed by Michal Solowow 16.8 seconds down, and Gorka Antxustegi, at 17.6 seconds behind the leader. The Czech driver leads the ERC classification, ahead of the Andorran Vinyes who is lost time due to problems with the intercom in his Swift S1600.

The Villaviciosa-Colunga stage, at 29.36 kilometres long, will have three runs today. The first run for the drivers began with a light fog in the final zone of the stage and a temperature of approximately 12 degrees. The Asturian driver Jonathan Perez, at the wheel of his Lancer Evo X, was forced to retire due to breakage of an arm on the rear suspension of his car.

Driver Comments:

Joan Vinyes: "We have had of communication problems between driver and co-driver and the stage has been very difficult".

Alberto Monarri: "It has been very hard. It is a slow section on which it is impossible to know if you are being quick. In addition the brakes are not letting to us go any faster".

Gorka Antxustegi: "The beginning has been difficult. They have cut to the grass and we had trained in different conditions. Even so it has gone well for us. The fight with Vinyes is very exciting".

Sergio Vallejo: "It was difficult to find the right speed. But we kept the tires cool and they are in good condition for the Nava stage".

Miguel Fuster: "" A hard stage where I have skidded a lot and I have left myself enough time".

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