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The best time on the first pass of the Nava stage, the third on the second day of the Rally, went to Miguel Fuster, with a time of 9:01.8. Next was Sergio Vallejo on 9:05.4 and then Alberto Hevia, with a 9:06.7. At the end of the first five stages of the 49th Rally Príncipe de Asturias, the National Championship is led by the Asturian Alberto Hevia, at the wheel of a Skoda Fabia S200, with an accumulated time of 1:05:30.4. Second is occupied by Miguel Fuster, 14.3 seconds behind, and third is Sergio Vallejo, 22.3 seconds behind Hevia.

Top of the European Championship after the first pass of Nava was the Pole Michal Solowow, with a time of 9:20.6; followed by Gorka Antxustegi, 9:29.4; and third Joan Vinyes, 9:30.9. At the moment the overall European classification is headed by Czech Antonin Tlustak, in his Skoda Fabia S2000, with an accumulated time of 1:08:42.5. 10.1 seconds behind is the Andorran Joan Vinyes and Gorka Antxustegi is third, 19.4 seconds adrift of the leader,

The Nava stage, which will have a total of three passes today, is 14.8 kilometres long. This stage underwent a slight delay due to the neutralization of the previous stage. The accident to the Galician driver Alexander Country with his Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X on the Villaviciosa-Colunga stage, forced a delay to the start of Nava.

The Galician driver Victor Manuel Senra, who had occupied fourth position in the general classification of the National Championship, had to retire on Nava. In addition, during the previous Villaviciosa-Colunga stage, drivers Eugene Peláez and Daniel Martinez also retired whilst on the road.

Driver Comments:

Alberto Hevia: "I went off braking at a crossing, I had to reverse and I lost time. We have worn the front wheels and I am worrying as they were new."

Sergio Vallejo: "I am happy because I had not run on this section and that didn't give me much confidence. Certainly the second run will be better."

Miguel Fuster: "We went as fast as possible. I must continue to run the same because Vallejo and I are so close together."