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PRESS INFO – RALLYE OILIBYA DU MAROC 2014

LEG 5 – Zagora / Marrakesh

Liaisons : 211 km – SS : 302 km (8th October)

Team DESSOUDE close to the Top 10!

The penultimate stage of the Oilibya Rally of Morocco provided with competitors a route full of traps where navigation could be quite tricky. For Buggy Juke of Thierry Magnaldi and François Borsotto, a puncture happened before CP 1 and then after a suspected problem with the brakes. These two incidents, requiring a stop, the crew lost 20 minutes. Nevertheless, the # 321 is tonight at 11th place overall before the finish, tomorrow close to Marrakesh. Laurent Levêque and Thierry Pacquelet adopted a cautious pace not to jeopardize their chances of seeing the finish line. For Pascal and Nicolas Lhomme, an other clear stage in the Open category.



Today, between Zagora and Marrakesh, the stage was not the longest of the rally

regarding the distance but regarding the crews on track. Competitors took first a narrow valley between two mountains before wadi crossings and the passage of three passes with steep ravines. The recent bad weather on the region obliged the drivers to adopt a quiet style on some parts to stay on track.



For the pair Magnaldi-Borsotto, the day had started pretty well but just before CP1, a puncture forced the Buggy to stop. After that first CP, while things seemed back to normal, Thierry had the feeling that the brakes did not respond properly. Then a new unscheduled stop and a mechanical session to try to fix the problem. Finally, 20 minutes were lost but the end of the stage was good. The Buggy Juke and his crew are tonight at 11th position overall and 1st in 2WD category. Tomorrow, the aim would be to cross the finish line in the Top 10, and further to the quality of the rally line-up, this position seemed really tricky to be reached at the beginning of the race.

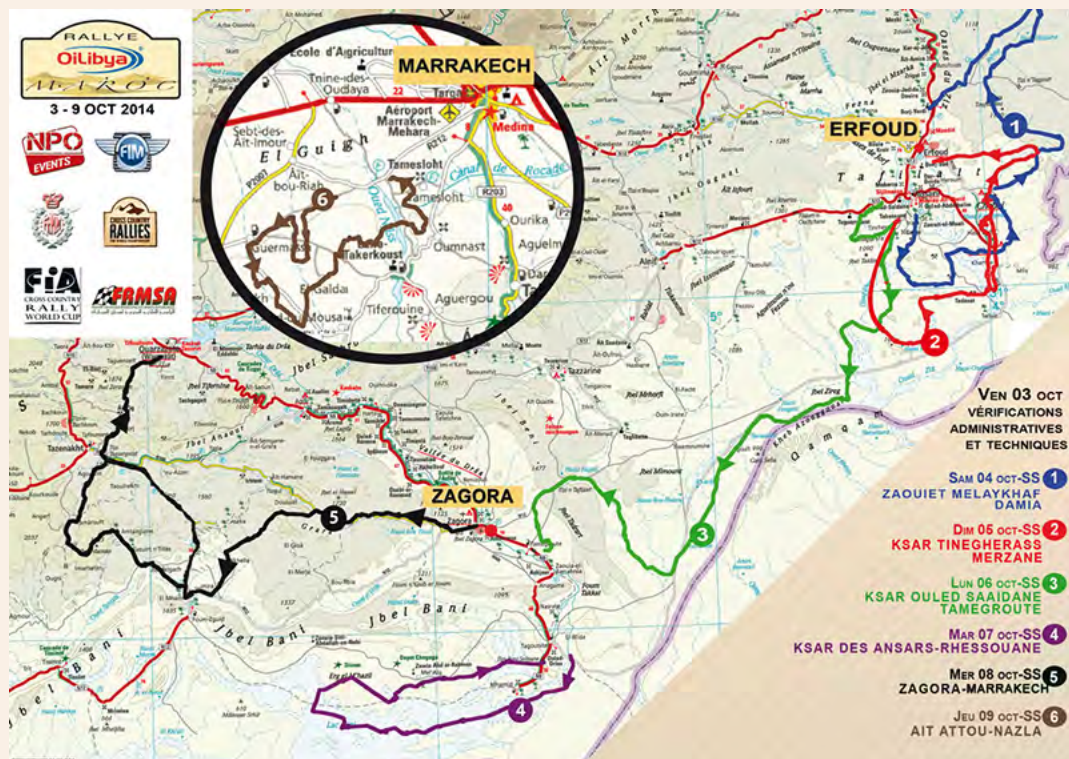


For Laurent Levêque and Thierry Pacquelet, this special stage did not reveal any particular problem. The crew chose to keep a relatively cautious pace. It was the kind of stage where you have more to lose than to gain the day before the finish. In addition, bad weather increased the level of danger of certain areas, especially in the mountains with deep ravines. The Pathfinder went on the 302 km on the proper pace and as usual, the driver was happy with his day!

Regarding the duo Pascal and Nicolas Lhomme, this new stage made their Pathfinder a step closer to the finish, at the 5th place of their class in the Open standings.



Tomorrow, on 113 km of the stage near Marrakech, co-drivers will be busy to avoid any fatal error that could have consequences on the ranking. It will be a day of celebration to finish as best as possible the 2014 edition!



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