



*Team  
DESSOUDE*



## PRESS INFO – RALLYE OILIBYA DU MAROC 2014

### Leg 6 – Marrakesh / Marrakesh

Liaisons : 56 km – SS : 113 km (9th of October)

### Mission accomplished for Team DESSOUDE!

The final special stage of the Rally Oilibya of Morocco 2014 allowed the Juke Buggy crew to reach their final goal, namely to get into the top ten and to finish in the lead of the Two-Wheel Drive (2WD) category. By just a handful of seconds, Thierry Magnaldi and François Borsotto finally claimed the longed-for position. At the end of an event which took place at fast pace and against top-quality competitors, the Juke Buggy was able to stand up to its rivals. There was also relief for Laurent Levêque and Thierry Pacquelet who crossed the finish line in 24th position, after many adventures and many memories. Third and last of the team's cars entered in this event, the Pathfinder of Pascal and Nicolas Lhomme also reached Marrakech without problems to finish in the Top Five of its category in the Open classification.



At the end of an intense week on the tracks of Morocco, Team DESSOUDE can finally catch its breath, with the satisfaction of seeing its three cars crossing the finish line. For André DESSOUDE, this is a good result.

« I am satisfied with the job we have accomplished here in Morocco. The Buggy did not have any mechanical problems and has confirmed its level of performance

after its various evolutions. The team did a good job over the week. My only regret is the twenty minutes that were lost on the second day, but that is racing and to err is only human. It would not have made any difference to the overall result. When we started this event, considering the strength of the field, we really did not know where to place ourselves, or if we could aim for the top ten. And finally, we're there, and we are fully satisfied with first position in the 2WD category. Another reason for satisfaction is that

Laurent (Levéque) and Thierry (Pacquelet) were able to reach the finish line. After their roll, I was really not sure that they would be able to get going again, but the mechanics did a wonderful job and the next morning they were back in action. The Lhomme family Pathfinder also reached the finish line, which is a really good thing. All three cars entered reached the end, and all three in good positions. Our next deadline is to prepare the vehicles for the Dakar. There is a lot of work, and we are already counting down the days until we have to embark, on November 20th and 21st, from Le Havre... »



For Thierry Magnaldi and François Borsotto, this week in Morocco was rather positive. The crew was able to follow the pace of the leaders each day, and despite some regrets, their final result is satisfactory. Between Erfoud and Marrakech, the Juke Buggy proved its reliability and its level of performance over varied terrain and in relatively difficult conditions.



« I would like to thank Team DESSOUDE for this new adventure, and particularly André for having entrusted me with the Juke Buggy. We finished in first place in the 2WD, and tenth overall, which was mission accomplished even if, as a competitor, I am slightly sorry that we could not do better. It was a good race against some fine competitors, and it is always a pleasure to drive in Morocco, for the scenery as much as the driving.»



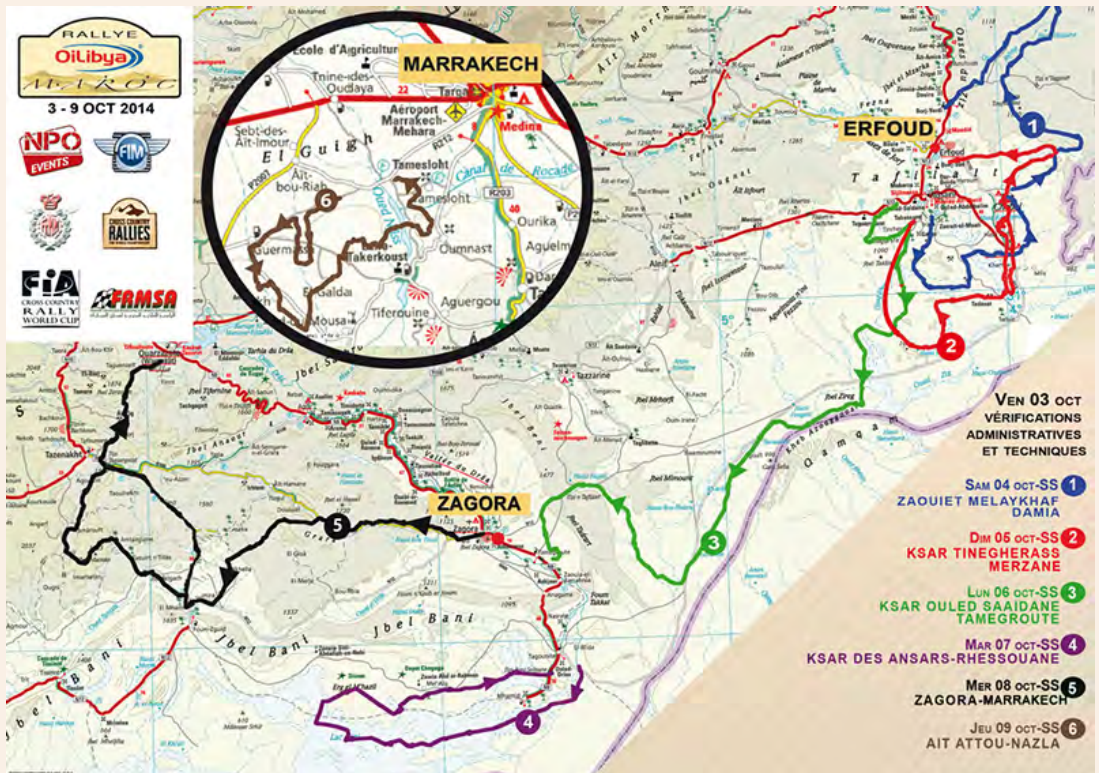
As far as Laurent Levêque is concerned, he seemed satisfied with his Moroccan experience with Team DESSOUDE after a week of sharing the cockpit of the Pathfinder with Thierry Pacquelet. Behind the wheel, the driver from Normandy lived through some fine moments and a few ups and downs...



"I had a fantastic week with lots of adventures and all in an incredible atmosphere. I would like to thank my co-driver but also all the mechanics who really did a great job to allow us to get going again after our somersault. I drove through some magical landscapes and I feel that on the driving front I have really made progress. I enjoyed each day for different reasons, but they were all a breath of fresh air. The classification was not our priority, and we did not really worry about it. To finish 24th is not too bad, but the most important thing will be the memories that I'll keep of this wonderful adventure!"



As André DESSOUDE explained, the next deadline will be November 20th and 21st, when the vehicles need to embark for the Dakar at the port of Le Havre. In just a few weeks Team DESSOUDE will unveil the crews that will take part in the South-American adventure... Just a little bit more patience...



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