

Jan Černý, in the fight for the podium in the Rally of Portugal

10/5/20234

After a long and hard leg, the Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport driver is in fourth position in WRC3, less than five seconds away from stepping on the podium. Together with his codriver, Ondřej Krajča, he will try to climb positions in the longest day, this Saturday, which has nearly 150 km against the clock.

The Rally of Portugal has begun for the couple from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport. Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča have completed a first leg that started on Thursday with the 'Figueira da Foz' super special, where they were second in WRC3, and continued today with nearly 130 km of stages divided into four different specials.

This Friday, the action was to begin in 'Mortagua', but the stage was canceled during the WRC2 time, so Černý-Krajča picked up the thread of the run in 'Lousa'. From that precise moment they saw the toughness of the Portuguese event, with a lot of loose stones after the passage of Rally1 and Rally2 and, especially, the appearance of some ruts that were going to make it difficult to pass the Rally3, much narrower than the previous ones.

The couple of the Ford WRC3 found a route that at any moment could leave them out of the fight for the highest positions. Focused on adding maximum points for the WRC3 World Championship, they added kilometers in extremely harsh conditions, especially for the car and the tires.

A tactic that, in a way, has not gone badly. They started after the first stage on Friday in fifth position, reached third place in the second part of the day, and completed the leg fourth overall, 4.7 seconds behind third position. Without a doubt, anything can happen starting this Saturday.

“It has been a very tough day”, highlighted Jan Černý on his way to the last service of the leg. “I have never done a rally like this, it is very hard”, stressed the driver who lives in the south of Tenerife. The one from Ángel Bello Motorsport highlighted his starting position, “with a car as narrow as ours it is very complicated. The road is destroyed and there are many stones. “You really don’t know how much to push in this conditions”. Regarding the result, he highlighted that now “we are fourth, very close to the podium, and there is a long way to go and continue fighting”.

This Saturday will be the longest day of the weekend. Nearly 150 km of route against the clock where the double pass through 'Amarante' and its nearly 40 km of special stand out above the rest.

57 Rally Portugal

2nd Leg | Saturday, May 11

SS10	Felgueiras	8,81 km	8.05 a.m.
SS11	Montim	8,69 km	9.05 a.m.
SS12	Amarante	37,24 km	10.10 a.m.
SS13	Paredes	16,09 km	11.35 a.m.
SS14	Felgueiras	8,81 km	2.35 p.m.
SS15	Montim	8,69 km	3.35 p.m.
SS16	Amarante	37,24 km	4.40 p.m.
SS17	Paredes	16,09 km	6.05 p.m.
SS18	SSS Lousada	3,36 km	7.05 p.m.

Total: 145,02 km

This project in the World Rally Championship / WRC3 is possible thanks to the main support of Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport, in addition to FBL Front Brake Light, Evrofin Digital & Technology, KD, Czech Motorsport, InterCars, Proresta and Auto Černý.

For more information:

Instagram: @jancernyracing.com | Facebook: Jan Černý | Web: www.jan-cerny.com