

Jan Černý is one step away from scoring some important points in Portugal

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After the longest leg of this third round of the World Championship for the Tenerife-based driver, he remains, together with Ondřej Krajča, in fourth place in the WRC3 category after overcoming a problem with the power steering on the second pass through 'Amarante' and its nearly 40 km against the clock. For this Sunday there are four other special stages, including the iconic pass through Fafe.

Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča continue ahead in a Rally Portugal that is being very tough. Those from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport have completed this Saturday the long second leg from the fourth position in WRC3 that they have maintained since yesterday.

Without a doubt, Saturday's leg was marked in red in the itinerary of Černý-Krajča. Unfortunately, a one-minute penalty after arriving six minutes late at the time control located at the exit of the service area that closed the first day was going to complicate their fight for the podium when they had it less than five seconds away.

With that reading, those from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport embarked on some stages that were in very complicated conditions after the run of Rally1 and Rally2. Despite this, they were always positioned at the gates of the Top3, thus strengthening a fourth position that, given the current classification of the Rally of Portugal, can elevate them to the places that directly compete for the world title in WRC3.

In any case, the leg has been intense and has given more, and in the second pass through 'Amarante', with its nearly 40 km of route, the Ford WRC3 lost the power steering and complicated the arrival to the finish line of the driver resident in Tenerife.

Now, from fourth position and with a relatively comfortable gap in front and behind, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča have the opportunity to add some valuable points this Sunday for their title chances in WRC3.

“Like yesterday, today's leg has been very difficult”, said the Tenerife-based driver after completing Saturday's journey. Although the gap are wide at the front and at the back, Jan Černý has not found himself completely comfortable “with his pacenotes. Furthermore, I have not felt comfortable on gravel after so long without competing on this surface”. On the second pass through the long stage they tried to “push a little more, but near the end we lost the power

steering. We are not in the best situation, but we are not in the worst either”, therefore, this Sunday scoring some good points will be very important: “it is our main goal.”

The last leg includes two double-pass sections, including the iconic Fafe stage and its popular jump. It will be just over 60 kilometers, a distance that is not excessively long but can always provide movement in the overall.

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SS19	Cabeceiras de Basto	19,91 km	7.05 a.m.
SS20	Fafe	11,18 km	8.35 a.m.
SS21	Cabeceiras de Basto	19,91 km	9.32 a.m.
SS22	Fafe	11,18 km	12.15 a.m.

Total: 62,18 km

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