

Jan Černý lost his spectacular lead in the Rally Sweden in the fifth stage

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The Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport driver was the leader of the event from the opening special held on Thursday night. Unfortunately, in the fifth special stage, and due to the terrain conditions, he went off the road and damaged the cooling circuit of his Ford WRC3. Today, they will repair to join Saturday's leg, the longest of this second round of the World Rally Championship.

Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča have been protagonists at the start of the second round of the World Rally Championship (WRC), the iconic Rally Sweden. The Scandinavian event is being the protagonist due to the copious snowfall that is falling on the itinerary, which has undoubtedly added intensity to the development of each of its special stages.

In their first visit to this rally, those from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport were demonstrating spectacular speed. On a Ford WRC3 that adapted to the demanding terrain conditions, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča led a category with more than 20 teams. They did it from the first special on Thursday, where they achieved the best time, and maintained that position until the fourth special stage, which closed the first loop on Saturday.

Until that moment, Černý-Krajča had a solid difference of almost 15 seconds with respect to their closest pursuers, a lead that they were going to try to preserve in the stages ahead of them and that were going to put an end to the first leg of the Rally Sweden.

Unfortunately, the snow that was falling non-stop was forming significant ruts in the passage of the cars of the higher categories (Rally1 and Rally2), a handicap for the Rally3, vehicles that have a narrower track width. Thus, in the first meters of the fifth special stage, in one of those ruts, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča lost control of the vehicle and collided with a snow bank. The damage was not serious, but it did damage the cooling circuit, so abandonment was inevitable.

"I'm very sorry, we were doing a great rally," lamented the driver residing in the municipality of Adeje. "We hit a snow bank and damaged the cooling circuit and it was impossible to continue," lamented the one from Costa Adeje Tenerife Sur and Ángel Bello Motorsport. "It has been very difficult, many ruts have formed and with a narrower car than Rally1 and Rally2 the situation

became very complicated. Now we just have to think about making fix to try to get as many points as possible between now and Sunday,” he explained.

This edition of the Rally Sweden will continue tomorrow, Saturday with the same trend, that is, with conditions that have made this chapter of its history one of the most demanding in recent times. Meanwhile, Jan Černý and Ondřej Krajča will join forces to try to reach any possible point and thus maintain their lead in the WRC3 World Rally Championship.

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SS9	Vännäs	15,65 km	7:45 a.m.
SS10	Sarsjöleden	14,23 km	8:35 a.m.
SS11	Bygdsiljum	28,06 km	10:08 a.m.
SS12	Vännäs	15,65 km	2:15 p.m.
SS13	Sarsjöleden	14,23 km	3:05 p.m.
SS14	Bygdsiljum	28,06 km	4:38 p.m.
SS15	Umea	10,08 km	7:05 p.m.

Total: 125,96 km

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