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The untouchable Despres, the incident of Ceci, and the Manca's Profecy. San Teodoro, 7 maggio 2008.

Any kind of thrill events happened today in the day 4 of the Sardegna Rally Race. Not all were too much happy. First of all we have to speak about the incident that occur to Paolo Ceci. The young and strong Aprilia teammate crashed in the very final part of the second special test of the day, just few kilometers from the finish. Finally nothing really serious, but at the very first moment the organizers decided to shorter the test in order to concentrate all their resources in the emergency. Cyril Despres, the first rider behind Ceci, alerted the organization, and the medicals of RMT came in a flash. Eight minutes more and the italian was in the Nuoro town hospital. A broken arm, a deep cut in his tongue, but nothing more serious. Only the disappointing consideration that just the day before Ceci was the hero of the Rally, and then , some hours later, his dream was broken.

That's the reason because of the cancellation of the second special test of the day. Cinically, this was one of the most expected days of the Rally, because of the related second special test was traced thinking at the historical days of the rally, when all the days were very long and demanding. This test was designed entirely across the magical Burgos Forest.

The riders enjoyed the day's track, even without running the final section over any speed limit. The main reason is that they love the Sardinian terrain, and much more the unbelievable landsdcaapes the discover kilometer after kilometer. Finally they enjoy also the screenplay of this Sardegna Rally Race.

First at the crossing of the finish line, spanish Repsol KTM official team rider Jordi Viladoms finally showed his great talent, winning the first special test and the today's leg. Non one mistake in navigating the route, like yesterday, and a very powerful performance. Some seconds over Cyril Despres, and a nothing before the strongest sardinian rallyman, Luca Manca. The last winner of the last Dakar Cyril Despres is still leading the race, but this shoulders have to be ready to sustain the pressure of Alex Zanotti and Matteo Graziani, now second and third in the general ranking.

Tomorrow the rally moves to Arbatax, a really nice beach village of the east cost, but for the 57 riders still in the race, it will be one more hard day. An almost 300 kilometers stage, with two special tests of 39 and 52 kilometers. Route to Arbatax, the shadow of the Gannargentu mountain chain darking the labirinth of the beautiful but demandin pists.

Many thanks, and please stops laughing because of my english.