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Sardegna Rally Race day 3: Italians (but especially Paolo Ceci) do it better...
 San Teodoro, 6 maggio 2008.

Day two for the Sardegna Rally Race. A very demanding leg, 270 kilometers long with two special tests. A “short” one, “only” 37 kilometers, and the longest one of this first edition of the Rally organized by Bike Village. A day where the experience of the Italians came out and a lot of action took place.

The difference with the African Rallies (Dakar, Pharaons and Tunisia) and the Sardegna Rally Race is that the African ones are long hard on the body, and the riders have to be able to drive on sand dunes but with just few notes on the road book. In fact you may change direction after hundreds of kilometers. In the Italian Sardegna Rally Race the main requested ability is to read sudden changes of directions even after just hundred or few meters, speed is not the most important factor then, but not making mistakes makes the difference.

So today for those mistakes some of the African champions were penalized for and the Italians took advantage of it to climb the overall ranking. Because of that, today we are allowed to say that “Italians do it better”.

This is finally the leit motiv of the today fast journey of the 60 riders, dominated by the incredible performance of Paolo Ceci. The Italian won the first special test, and was second in the second one, paying a only 3 second gap to the leader of the race, Cyril Despres. Some other Italians were also smart. And at the end, from second to the fifth place of the general overall, you only can read Italian names: Ceci for sure, but also Alex Zanotti, Massimo Chiesa and Matteo Graziani.

And what happened to the “stars” of the days before? Nothing exceptional. They only “loose” themselves some times, adding more disadvantage to their tiredness. Many of them were involved in a sort of “mass mistake”, an involuntary “cut” of the track that is now the puzzle of the technicians of the tracking system. They have to check every single track recording, in order to “discover” the “guilts” and to penalize them. For that reason, the final results are now expected later in the night.

But the next down will reveal one of the most exciting routes of this Sardegna Rally Race, this one that will re-introduce the “historical” Burgos Forest special test. Stay in touch, looking for your riders in internet, with the Sporttraxx tracking system. Please open the official rally page, www.bikevillage.it, and look for it.

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Results of Day 2

Cl.	No.	Rider	Year	Model	Year	Model	Cl.	Time	Pen.00	Pen.1hr.	Total	Gap	Rt
Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Cl.	Temp	00	Penalty	Total	Cl.	Rt
1	1	194 CECI Paolo (ITA)	1975	Geoff	1974	Aprilia	SP1	2:15:58.78			2:15:58.78		
2	1	5 DESPRES Cyril (FRA)	1974	Rbm Red Bull	1974	Rbm	SP2	2:16:27.14			2:16:27.14	1:27.36	
3	1	3 ZANOTTI Alex (ITA)	1977	Geoff	1977	Aprilia	SP2	2:16:47.15			2:16:47.15	1:47.37	