



Press Release

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HERO MOTOSPORTS TEAM RALLY COMPLETE STAGE 4 AT THE ABU DHABI DESERT CHALLENGE

JOAQUIM RODRIGUES SCORES A PODIUM IN STAGE 4

Hero MotoSports Team Rally, the motorsports team of the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters - Hero MotoCorp, completed the fourth stage of the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge.



Joaquim Rodrigues, who has been delivering strong results through the event registered his best finish of the rally so far. Riding strong in a very fast stage that alternated between dunes and valleys, he finished the stage in 3rd place.



In the overall standings, Joaquim Rodrigues has now climbed into the 4th position.



Sebastian Buhler was running strong in 7th place before he had an unfortunate crash and had to retire due to a leg injury.

The penultimate stage of the rally consisted of a further 250kms of racing in the dunes of the Liwa deserts. The last stage will see the riders cover another 216kms of racing, totaling over 1350kms of racing in 5 days, before the winner of the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge 2021 is decided.

Joaquim Rodrigues, Rider, Hero MotoSports Team Rally: *“It was definitely a better day for me and I am slowly regaining my energy. It was a really fast stage and there are some dangerous sections in the desert, so I did my best to be careful. I heard about Buhler’s crash when I reached the bivouac. Wishing him a speedy recovery and hope to see him riding with us at the Dakar.”*

Sebastian Buhler, Rider, Hero MotoSports Team Rally: *“Today’s stage did not go well for me. I had a good start, but after the refueling, I had a crash on a plateau and injured my leg. I would like to thank my fellow competitors Aaron Mare and Ross Branch, who helped me after my crash*



till the medical team arrived. I will be heading home to recover as best as I can, but I want to thank the team for their hard work the entire year.”

Provisional Stage 4 Rankings

1	Adrien van Beveren	Monster Energy Yamaha	03h 10m 02s
2	Matthias Walkner	RedBull KTM Factory Racing	+ 54s
3	Joaquim Rodrigues	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+ 02m 58s
4	Daniel Sanders	GasGas Factory Racing	+ 03m 46s
5	Ross Branch	Monster Energy Yamaha	+ 16m 35s

Provisional Overall Standings:

1	Matthias Walkner	RedBull KTM Factory Racing	15h 05m 20s
2	Daniel Sanders	GasGas Factory Racing	+ 03m 50s
3	Adrien van Beveren	Monster Energy Yamaha	+ 04m 46s
4	Joaquim Rodrigues	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+ 28m 32s
5	Aaron Mare		+ 01h 16m 15s

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