



HERO MOTOSPORTS REGISTERS THEIR FIFTH TOP 10 STAGE FINISH

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Hero MotoSports Team Rally delivered another Top 10 performance in Stage 10 today, their fifth now in the rally.



Joaquim Rodrigues seems like a man on a mission as he continues to battle it out there to deliver one Top 10 finish after the other for the team. He set the pace right from the start and rode with a nice rhythm in a relatively shorter stage to finish 10th today, his fourth Top 10 of the rally.

His teammate Sebastian Buhler had a more subdued stage after losing a lot of time in the beginning due to a navigation mistake. However, he regained his rhythm and focus quickly and managed to win some time back in the later part of the stage to finish in a solid 21st place.

With the finish of the Dakar Rally in sight with only two more stages to go, Hero MotoSports Team Rally is eyeing a solid finish this year with Joaquim Rodrigues in 11th place and young Sebastian Buhler in 16th place in the overall standings after 10 stages.

Stage 11, the penultimate stage of the rally, will offer the longest special with 511 kms to be done under the clock to take the rally to the Yanbu region in Saudi Arabia.



Joaquim Rodrigues (Competitor No. 27) said, *“It was a pretty fast and dangerous stage again with lot of rocks. After yesterday’s tricky navigation, I decided to focus on that today and luckily it all went pretty well for me today. I managed to ride with good pace and did not commit any navigation mistakes, so I am happy to finish the stage today and get a good result for the team.”*

Sebastian Buhler (Competitor No. 24) said, *“I made a mistake in the beginning today that cost me a lot of time. But after that, it went well as I began to feel good on the bike and got into a decent rhythm. Now only two days are left for the finish, so it is important to concentrate harder to get good results but at the same time not take unnecessary risks.”*

Provisional Rankings – Stage 10

1. Ricky Brabec	Monster Energy Honda Team	03h 12m 33s
2. Joan Barreda Bort	Monster Energy Honda Team	+03m 15s
3. Kevin Benavides	Monster Energy Honda Team	+05m 11s
10. Joaquim Rodrigues	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+16m 24s
21. Sebastian Buhler	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+43m 31s

Provisional Overall Rankings at the end of Stage 10

1. Kevin Benavides	Monster Energy Honda Team	40h 20m 08s
2. Ricky Brabec	Monster Energy Honda Team	+51s
3. Sam Sunderland	RedBull KTM Factory Team	+10m 36s
11. Joaquim Rodrigues	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+01h47m52s
16. Sebastian Buhler	Hero MotoSports Team Rally	+03h30m08s

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