

News Release

Rally Turkey – Day Three Report

- Hyundai Motorsport has registered a double podium in Rally Turkey, the fifth round of the 2020 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC)
- Thierry Neuville finished in second place and took the maximum five Power Stage points, ahead of Sébastien Loeb, who claimed third overall - his first podium since Chile 2019.
- Ott Tänak brought his difficult Rally Turkey to a more positive conclusion with four Power Stage points, as the team maintains second in the manufacturers' championship.

ASPARAN, TURKEY, Sep. 20, 2020 — Hyundai Motorsport has concluded Rally Turkey with a double podium finish on a dramatic final day in which both Thierry Neuville and Sébastien Loeb picked up punctures on the opening stage.

With the longest test of the entire event - the 38.15km Çetibeli - run twice on Sunday morning, in addition to the shorter 6.28km Marmaris test, it was never going to be a straight-forward finish to the rally. However, issues for the crews during the opening run were not a welcome addition to the script.

Overnight leaders Neuville and co-driver Nicolas Gilsoul saw their 33-second advantage eradicated as they were forced to stop to change a tyre mid-stage. Loeb and Daniel Elena, too, were struck by tyre misfortune as they nursed their Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC through the final kilometres with a puncture, losing over a minute of time. They weren't the only crews to experience trouble in the first run through Çetibeli, which transformed the overall classification.

On the first pass through Marmaris, Neuville took an emphatic stage win to reclaim second overall, behind new rally leader Elfyn Evans, with Loeb in fourth overall - less than five seconds from the podium.

Heading into the repeat loop, all three Hyundai Motorsport crews - including the re-joining Ott Tänak and Martin Järveoja - were aiming to make it through safely in a bid to secure the maximum manufacturer points possible. Another stage win for the Belgian crew - their sixth of the weekend - saw them consolidate second with Loeb moving into third following Sébastien Ogier's retirement.

All eyes were on the Power Stage to see which drivers would add to their personal tallies. All three Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC pairs were able to secure points with Neuville fastest, Tänak second and Loeb in fifth. All in all, Hyundai Motorsport crews took eight stage wins (seven for Neuville, one for Loeb) from a possible 12, including five 1-2s.

The final result marks Hyundai Motorsport's 15th WRC double podium in total, and second in a row following the 1-2 in Estonia. Second place is Neuville's second podium finish of 2020, and his first since winning Rallye Monte-Carlo. By taking third, Loeb has taken his first top-three finish since Rally Chile last year, while also confirming the team's best result in Turkey following two consecutive third-place finishes in previous seasons.

In the manufacturers' championship, second-placed Hyundai Motorsport keeps the pressure on with just a nine-point deficit to the leaders. Tänak lies third in the drivers' table on 70 points, with Neuville fifth on 65.

Crew Notes: Thierry Neuville/Nicolas Gilsoul (#11 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

- Seven stage wins, including the Power Stage; Belgian crew's first podium since Monte-Carlo
- Puncture in SS9 saw chances of victory snatched away after competitive weekend

Neuville said: "I have the feeling we deserved to have taken more away from this weekend, but it is still a great feeling to be back on the podium again. We showed a strong performance and the car was working really well; we made some changes on Saturday afternoon and the speed was definitely there. Unfortunately, we were among the unlucky crews to pick up a puncture on the first stage today, which prevented us from taking the victory. Still, we fought back to take P2 and five Power Stage points, so from a championship point of view it was a good move. Even if we didn't take the win, we did the maximum we could. I have to say thanks to the team for all their efforts."

Crew Notes: Sébastien Loeb/Daniel Elena (#9 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

- First podium for Loeb/Elena since 2019 Rally Chile; their second for Hyundai Motorsport
- Crew had led event on Friday and were on a charge for second place before SS9 puncture

Loeb said: "It has been a tough final day of this rally. The first stage this morning was a bit of a lottery and we didn't get the right numbers! There was a lot of dust and I was driving carefully because I knew there was a chance of a puncture, and suddenly that's exactly what happened. We only had ten pages of notes left so we decided to bring the car to the end, but I lost the tyre completely so had to drive really slowly. We were still in the battle for the podium. Our aim in the second loop was to get the car through safely and we were able to do that to secure third place - and a great podium finish."

Crew Notes: Ott Tänak/Martin Järveoja (#8 Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC)

- Challenging weekend for Estonians, who were forced to stop on Saturday with steering issues
- Four points secured with second fastest time in the Marmaris Power Stage

Tänak said: "Since the beginning of the weekend, it has been a very challenging event for us. Friday night, we had some demanding conditions, then on Saturday morning we had to retire with the steering issue. Today, we had to drive through the first three stages with a target of getting something from the Power Stage. I didn't really have the full commitment to go flat out, somehow it was only at 90%, but we made it through and got four extra points which is much better than nothing."

Team Principal Andrea Adamo: "It has been a tough rally and not the result we had hoped to score here, even if second and third places are not so bad. We had some reliability issues this weekend which shouldn't happen and that has cast a shadow on our result. We have also had these 'rally moments' with punctures on today's opening stage. My crews have done all they possibly could, and my thanks go to them. Our job now is to give them a better car for Sardinia."

Next rally

- The 2020 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) continues its modified schedule with a trip to Rally Italia Sardegna for round six
- The gravel event takes place from October 8-11 and is a rally where Hyundai Motorsport has previously secured victory on three occasions - 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Final Overall Classification – Rally Turkey

1	E. Evans	S. Martin	Toyota Yaris WRC	2:43:02.7
2	T. Neuville	N. Gilsoul	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC	+35.2
3	S. Loeb	D. Elena	Hyundai i20 Coupe WRC	+59.4
4	K. Rovander	J. Halttunen	Toyota Yaris WRC	+2:35.9
5	G. Greensmith	E. Edmondson	Ford Fiesta WRC	+4:08.3
6	E. Lappi	J. Ferm	Ford Fiesta WRC	+5:36.2
7	K. Kajetanowicz	M. Szczepaniak	Škoda Fabia R5	+12:35.5
8	P. Tidemand	P. Barth	Škoda Fabia R5	+12:59.7
9	A. Fourmaux	R. Jamoul	Ford Fiesta R5	+14:42.6
10	M. Bulacia	M. Der Ohannesian	Citroën C3 R5	+14:46.4

2020 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers' Standings

After round 5

1	Toyota Gazoo Racing World Rally Team	174
2	Hyundai Shell Mobis World Rally Team	165
3	M-Sport Ford World Rally Team	101

2020 FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers' Standings

After round 5

1	E. Evans	97
2	S. Ogier	79

3	O. Tänak	70	
4	K. Rovaniemi	70	
5	T. Neuville	65	
6	E. Lappi		38
7	T. Suninen	34	
8	C. Breen	25	
9	S. Loeb	24	
10	G. Greensmith	16	

All results remain subject to official FIA confirmation.

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About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities, including the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), Customer Racing and electric racing projects. In WRC, Hyundai Motorsport quickly established a strong reputation taking victory in its debut season in 2014. The team finished as runners-up in the manufacturers' championship on three consecutive occasions between 2016 and 2018 before claiming its maiden title in 2019*. Since the establishment of its Customer Racing activities in September 2015, Hyundai Motorsport has become a trusted partner for teams and drivers looking for success on the rally stages or on racetracks around the world. From its competitive i20 R5 rally car to the competitive i30 N TCR, Hyundai Motorsport-built cars have claimed victory in several championships, including national rally series in France and Spain, as well as the teams' and drivers' titles in the inaugural FIA World Touring Car Cup (WTCR) season. Designed and built at its Alzenau headquarters, the Veloster N ETCR was unveiled in September 2019 and heralds an exciting new era, in which electric racing is set to become one of the company's pillars. Unified under Hyundai Motorsport, WRC, Customer Racing and electric racing are together playing instrumental roles in driving Hyundai's global high-performance N brand, and are supporting an important perception shift for the Hyundai brand around the world.

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