



ASM MOTORSPORT, NEW LEADER OF SPANISH CUP OF HISTORIC CARS

Montgat (Barcelona) on May 11, 2011 - The dispute this weekend of the first edition of the Rally de Talavera Histórico, it has been very favourable for the sports interests of the team ASM Motorsport, which after the appointment of Toledo has placed his drivers leading absolute of the competition and leaders of the categories 2 and 3. The great performance realized by the debutants Carles Palou and Miguel Ángel Ibáñez to the steering wheel of the Ford Escort Mk2 BDG, has led them to heading a championship that presents more competed and disputed that never.

The second round of the calendar of the Spanish Cup of Historic Cars was joining to the aspirants' totality to the title in the city of Talavera de la Reina, to dispute the first edition of the rally. This one was consisting of five hundred twenty-six kilometres of tour divided in two stages, of which near hundred thirty two were corresponding to twelve specials, emphasizing between others " El Gébalo " of 11,5 Km., "Alcahuete" of 16,07 Km. or "El Piélago" of 13,8 Km.



Photo: Escudería talavera

For Carles Palou and Miguel Ángel Ibáñez it hasn't been an easy rally. The ignorance of the area, joined with the loss of time in the first specials of the race, has forced the team to realize a race always to attack. This tenacity has given his fruits obtaining as rewards the second position of the general and the first between the drivers that count in the national contest... **"It has been a very intense round. We have yielded little time in the first section and it has forced us, from this moment, to go out to the attack, but at the same time we have had to watch very much since the sections were very re-veered with an asphalt very bumpy and ditches where if you were putting the wheel too much was very easy to leave the suspension. Thankfully it has gone very well for us, and even in the final part we have preferred assuring the points with a view to the championship and going out of Talavera as leaders. We are very satisfied with the performances of the car and of the whole team "**

Manuel Bobes and Lolo García, leaders in category 2



Photo: ASM Motorsport

ASM Motorsport was relying also with the presence of Manuel Bobes and "Lolo" García, inscribed with his habitual Escort Mk 1 BDG, that they have finished first of the Category 2 and sixth between the teams that count for the championship. Thanks to this result, and the third position obtained in the

Historic Rally of Spain it does little more than one month, the Asturian pair places leader of this category and absolute third of the championship, demonstrating a great regularity and gaining in competitiveness rally after rally, being also a serious aspirant to the final podium. To emphasize also the third position of the general obtained by another Escort Mk2 piloted by Jose Marbán and Iñaki Páez.

The round began with the domain of Jesus Ferreiro and Antonio Sainz but both had to retire with mechanical problems. The relief was gathering it for the local driver Miguel Almirón who was entering in Talavera as winner of the rally (but without counting to block points because his car is registered in the category 6), followed by Palou and Marbán that were completing the podium of the race. In the contest of regularity, Juan Breda and Javier Alaña, also with Ford Escort Mk, were achieving the second victory of the season.

The championship will have his continuity in twenty days with the dispute of Rally of Liérganes, which also has entered as innovation this season in the calendar of the Spanish Cup of Historic Cars.

Final Classification of Rally de Talavera Histórico 2011

- 1.-Miguel Ángel Almirón/Miguel Ángel Almirón - Porsche 911, total 1h 22'22"6,
- 2.-Carles Palou/Miguel Àngel Ibáñez - Ford Escort RS, at 1'09"8,
- 3.-José Marbán/Iñaki Páez - Ford Escort RS, at 2'06"8,
- 4.-Juan Carlos Santos/Rodrigo Sanjuán - Toyota Corolla GT, at 2'11"2,
- 5.-Fernando Dameto/Pau Abraham - Ford Escort RS, at 2'17"2,
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- 8.-Manuel Bobes/Manuel Garcia - Ford Escort RS, a 9'05"8.

Provisional Classification Spanish Cup of Historic Cars

- 1.-Carles Palou (Ford Escort) 62 points,
- 2.-José Antonio Zorrilla (Opel Ascona) 50 points,
- 3.-Manuel Bobes (Ford Escort) 44 points,
- 4.-Joaquim Domenech (Seat Panda) 36 points,
- 5.-Jesús Ferreiro (Porsche 911 RS) 35 points.

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