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Official timekeeper of the 44th Dakar, Rebellion was also at the heart of this exhilarating year with its drivers, Alexandre Pesci and Romain Dumas and its ambassadors, Nasser Al-Attiyah and Cyril Despres. Tracks, dunes, dust... The hardest race, the most exciting rally has once again kept all its promises. Frustration, friendship, fatigue, fighting spirit, adrenaline, the emotions during 14 days of competition have been pushed to the limit.



48 hours before the start of the event, a blow of fate struck Team Rebellion. The DDX buggy of Alexandre Pesci kisses and reduces to ashes the ambitions of the Team Manager. Amateur driver, he only does one race in the year. All his energy is dedicated to the preparation of the Dakar. The disappointment is immense. All bets are off, nothing is going to happen anymore. Fortunately, the race is not a game of chance, the Dakar not a casino. A formidable and impromptu chain of solidarity between drivers is set up. Romain Dumas hands over the keys of his car to Alexandre Pesci. Nasser Al-Attiyah, Rebellion ambassador, having heard about the mishap, decides to lend his Toyota, with which he won the World Cup of Off-Road Rallies, to Romain Dumas. The entire Rebellion team could then take the start of the rally-raid. From this misadventure, the sequence of events and the generosity between competitors make up one of the most beautiful pages of this 44th Dakar even before its start!



After a quick warm-up on the first special stage of only 19 km, the big names took to the track without any observation round. Nasser Al-Attiyah (#201) won. The second Rebellion ambassador, Cyril Despres (#210) took the 29th place. Alexandre Pesci (#251) takes the 59th position. Romain Dumas (#215) discovered his new car and set the 63rd time. The next day, the marks are taken for the Rebellion drivers. Good results allowed them to sign significant performances.



The testing stages followed each other and put a strain on the bodies as well as the cars. If every night, the first ones benefit from the know-how of a physiotherapist, the second ones undergo the hazards of the mechanics.

Thus, at the end of stage 3, Romain Dumas was forced to abandon the race because of an insoluble gearbox problem. Two days later, a broken shock absorber made Alexandre Pesci lose a lot of time. True to his motto of never giving up, he drove his car to the finish line of stage 5 and took the 75th place. The next day is another day. Starting in the last ones, he started a brilliant recovery and crossed the finish line of the 6th stage with the 60th time, despite a complex course composed of a labyrinth of tracks and 40km of ergs to cross. Alexandre Pesci finishes the first week at the 59th place in the general ranking. His goal remains unchanged: to finish the race of his dreams!



At the same time, Nasser Al-Attiyah showed strategy and virtuosity at the wheel of his car. The champion finished first at the halfway point with a 48'54" lead over the next competitor. Cyril Despres slipped through the ranks at the end of some hard-fought stages to 20th place overall.



Marathon stages, kilometers of dunes and endless tracks await the pilots for the second week. Alexandre Pesci's rigor and fighting spirit give him the possibility to face the many technical difficulties he will meet. He takes up the challenges, special after special, and thwarts the traps of a route revealed only a few minutes before the start of each stage with the handing over of the roadbook. At the bivouac, he can count on the expertise of the technicians of RD Limited, Romain Dumas' company, to allow his DDX buggy to take the road in the best conditions. Alexandre Pesci is twice in the top 50 in the stages ranking. Thanks to his regularity, he reached the objective, to finish the 44th Dakar, and took the 53rd place in the general ranking.



For Nasser Al-Attiyah, each stage of the second part of the event was favorable to consolidate his role as leader. The “fox of the desert”, supported by his co-driver Matthieu Baumel, won the event with brio. He adds to his rich record of achievements with 3 stage victories and a 4th trophy in the most prestigious rally. As for Cyril Despres, he has shown his pugnacity during this Dakar and takes a deserved 18th place in the final ranking.



Victory is only beautiful if it is shared. During the festive crowning ceremony in Jeddah, Rebellion, the official timekeeper of the 44th Dakar, presented the winners of each category with one of the limited edition Twenty-One Three Hands in the competition colors.

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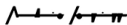
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