

THE BEST EUROPEAN DRIVERS IN ASTURIAS

An outstanding group of drivers will compete in the Rally Príncipe de Asturias. The best continental team don't want to miss this event, valid for the European Rally Championship, the Intercontinental Rally Challenge and the Spanish Tarmac Rally Championship. Among the entrants we get first level drivers as the current leaders of the European Championship (the Pole Michal Solowow) and the IRC (the Briton Kris Meeke). With them will also be some other top drivers, as the World rally contenders Jan Kopecky (with a works Skoda Fabia Super 2000) or Toni Gardemeister, who will allow the Spanish fans to see, by first time, the Opel Corsa OPC Super 2000. To them we'll have to add the presence of the 2008 IRC winner, the French Nicolás Vouilloz, who shares team and brand with the Belgian Freddy Loix, another driver of world prestige. We can't also forget the presence of the Abarth Works team, with the winner of the 2008 Rally Príncipe, the Italian Giandomenico Basso, who will have this time as teammate the two times Spanish Champion Miguel Fuster. Another important addition will be the local driver Alberto Hevia, with a Works Fabia Super 2000 from Skoda, arriving to the Asturian roads just a few days after his winning debut in Ferrol, event valid for the Spanish Rally Championship.

As if all those names weren't enough, there will also be another new brand for the Spanish fans, Proton, that will enter the rally with a Satria Neo Súper 2000 for the competitive British driver Guy Wilks. We will also see another unit of the Skoda Fabia S2000 for the French Julien Maurin, several Super 1600 (the German Aaron Burkart, the Czech Antonin Tlustak, the Italian Manuel Villa and the Spaniard Gorka Antxustegui). There will also be the Italian Corrado Fontana, with a Peugeot 207 S2000 and looking to repeat the good results achieved so far de repetir in the European Championship. The Austrian Franz Wittmann will try to challenge the Super 2000 with his Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX, looking for good stage times with a very competitive car.

As for the usual Spanish Championship runner, the entry list includes all the best national drivers. As well as Alberto Hevia and Miguel Fuster, that will be in the fight with the European drivers, we'll have to add the spectacular performances of the Spanish Championship front runner, Xevi Pons (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X Gr.N Plus) and Enrique García Ojeda (Subaru Impreza STi Gr.N Plus) that will go on their fight in the Asturian stages..

We will also see in action Sergio Vallejo and his spectacular Porsche 911 GT3, and we shouldn't forget another GT, the Nissan 350Z driven by Sergio López-Fombona.

Furthermore, the entry list includes the contenders for the Challenge Renault Clio R3 (Joan Vinyes, Jonathan Pérez, Fran Cima, Miguel Arias and César Palacio), who will have to face the Clio R3 of the Bulgarian Todor Slavov. Finally, the Lancer Evo X of the Producción Rally Racing will complete the list.

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