

Dakar 2014: Gerard de Rooy remains at top of the rankings

- Stacey takes eighth place at the end of the seventh stage
- All four Ivecos still upfront in the ranking are in the top 12 positions in the overall rankings

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Gerard de Rooy continues his fight towards the podium with his Iveco Powerstar, strengthening his advantage by placing third in the seventh stage. Fellow teammate Hans Stacey finished eighth and thereby maintains his place in the overall standings.

"With this kind of terrain, it is important that you are focused and careful with the vehicle's tyres and brakes. Every stone that you can avoid helps. After about 250 kilometers we saw Marcel van Vliet (MAN) with a flat tyre. When you fall back on roads like today, there is no chance to improve because overtaking is virtually impossible," said De Rooy at the end of the long stage.

Nikolaev (Kamaz), winner the Dakar 2013, took off aggressively from the start and took the lead. But Teammate Sotnikov and De Rooy were some 30 seconds behind him. In the second half, he took De Rooy managed to reduce the distance and place third. Hans Stacey and his Iveco Trakker finished in 8th place with a 15 minute gap behind the stage leader. The two other Iveco drivers, Vila and Adua placed 15th and 16th respectively in their Iveco Trakkers.

In the overall standings, Gerard de Rooy strengthened his leading position with the Iveco Powerstar with over 37 minutes ahead of Kamaz driver Karginov and over an hour ahead of Kamaz driver Nikolaev who follows in third place. Hans Stacey and his Iveco Trakker are in fifth in the overall standings, followed by Ales Loprais (Tatra) who trails him by 22 seconds.

Iveco teammate Pep Vila is in the top ten, in seventh, but has lost time, by almost half an hour to Stacey and Loprais. With Jo Adua in 12th, all four Iveco trucks hold strong standings at the top of the rankings.

After having faced the great heights of the Andes, the competitors have now left Argentina. The eighth stage runs from Salta to Calama and features a total length of 824 kilometres. The first part of the connection will begin very early. The first day on Chilean soil will be characterised by a 302 kilometre Special on hard and rocky terrain. The trucks will once again have to begin the Special behind the cars, which means that overtaking attempts will be difficult to make.



PRESS RELEASE

Special 7 Results

1.	EDUARD NIKOLAEV	KAMAZ	5h02m41s
2.	DMITRY SOTNIKOV	KAMAZ	+00:03:45
3.	GERARD DE ROOY	IVECO	+00:04:34
4.	PETER VERSLUIS	MAN	+00:08:04
5.	ALES LOPRAIS	TATRA	+00:10:23
6.	ANTON SHIBALOV	KAMAZ	+00:11:10
7.	ANDREY KARGINOV	KAMAZ	+00:13:19
8.	HANS STACEY	IVECO	+00:15:10
9.	MARTIN VAN DEN BRINK	GINAF	+00:16:05
10.	MARTIN KOLOMY	TATRA	+00:19:26

Overall Ranking

1.	GERARD DE ROOY	IVECO	28h21m42s
2.	ANDREY KARGINOV	KAMAZ	28h59m32s
3.	EDUARD NIKOLAEV	KAMAZ	29h24m50s
4.	DMITRY SOTNIKOV	KAMAZ	29h43m28s
5.	HANS STACEY	IVECO	30h07m02s
6.	ALES LOPRAIS	TATRA	30h07m24s
7.	PEP VILA ROCA	IVECO	30h33m08s
8.	RENE KUIPERS	MAN	30h55m46s
9.	ANTON SHIBALOV	KAMAZ	31h04m53s
10.	MARCEL VAN VLIET	MAN	31h11m39s
12.	JO ADUA	IVECO	33h09m47s

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