

Dakar 2014: Gerard de Rooy stays on top of the general classification with the Iveco Powerstar

- De Rooy drives carefully to second place in third special
- Four Iveco trucks in the top ten

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"Today was very bumpy. Our team physician will have to work hard tonight", were the words of Tom Colsoul at the end of the third stage of the Dakar, one of the toughest competitions in the world.

After 239 clocked kilometres, Gerard de Rooy placed second with the Iveco Powerstar and managed to finish just 2:42 minutes behind stage winner Karginov. *"I am very satisfied. We drove at a constant pace and managed to prevent punctures, because that immediately will cost you a good result. We were overtaken by a Kamaz truck, which was cutting corners everywhere. But a moment later he had to stop with a puncture. Today the route really was in favour of Kamaz and therefore I am pleased with the result"* said De Rooy.

Behind Gerard de Rooy was Pep Vila in his Iveco Trakker Evolution II, as the next fastest Iveco truck in fifth place, only 7:22 minutes behind Karginov. A very good result because this particular Iveco Trakker carries a lot of spare parts. Team driver Jo Adua and his Iveco Trakker also finished in the top ten. Stacey settled for 11th place, with a gap of 18:59 minutes, due to a puncture.

Tom Colsoul: *"It was challenging. We regularly dived with the truck into many potholes, caused by the two-wheel drive cars. They quite often get stuck and with full throttle they try to get going again, creating deep potholes. And those are difficult to navigate because our truck has bigger wheels and we jumped from pothole to pothole. It was very hard physically. There were also many cars that got stuck and we had a hard time avoiding them. The paths were often very narrow, especially for our big truck. For tomorrow we expect fewer problems because trucks and cars will start together so there will be fewer cars ahead of us"*.

In the overall standing, De Rooy has performed well with his Iveco Powerstar, extending his lead over Marcel van Vliet to 18:49 minutes. In ninth and tenth place are Pep Vila and Jo Adua

respectively. The entire team Petronas De Rooy Iveco is ranked in the top 10 which is a great achievement.

Today, the fourth stage from San Juan to Chilecito is the longest stage in this 35th edition with 860 kilometres. The first part starts early in the morning with a connection stage of 43 kilometres and then the 650 kilometre special begins, concluding with 167 kilometre connection. The first part of the trail tomorrow starts as if in the Wild West, with beautiful rural views and large open plains. Later, the route takes the teams on a more challenging path through mountains, canyons and rivers.

Dakar ranking stage 3:

1.	ANDREY KARGINOV	KAMAZ	3h21m29s
2.	GERARD DE ROOY	IVECO	+00:02:42
3.	ALES LOPRAIS	TATRA	+00:04:54
4.	MARTIN KOLOMY	TATRA	+00:05:53
5.	PEP VILA ROCA	IVECO	+00:07:22
6.	MARCEL VAN VLIET	MAN	+00:07:34
7.	SIARHEI VIAZOVICH	MAZ	+00:10:44
8.	MARTIN V/D BRINK	GINAF	+00:13:01
9.	JO ADUA	IVECO	+00:16:55
10.	WUF VAN GINKEL	GINAF	+00:17:50
11.	HANS STACEY I	IVECO	+00:18:59

Overall ranking:

1.	GERARD DE ROOY	IVECO	10h10m53s
2.	MARCEL VAN VLIET	MAN	10h29m42s
3.	ANDREY KARGINOV	KAMAZ	10h50m03s
4.	HANS STACEY	IVECO	10h56m29s
5.	ALES LOPRAIS	TATRA	10h56m51s
6.	ANTON SHIBALOV	KAMAZ	10h57m46s
7.	EDUARD NIKOLAEV	KAMAZ	10h58m52s
8.	SIARHEI VIAZOVICH	MAZ	10h59m43s
9.	PEP VILA ROCA	IVECO	11h07m31s
10.	JO ADUA	IVECO	11h10m24s

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