



Wednesday January 24th

Meet the crews
Thierry Neuville
Dani Sordo
Ott Tanak

Thierry how do you feel about the new season?

TN: Everybody is excited about the year ahead. I'm really looking forward to it. Last year was a great season, but this year hopefully can be even greater. I was the best performer last year, but I did not clinch the title – that was the objective. I'm looking forward to a challenging and intense season.

How's the car set-up?

TN: The set-up is good, I'm very confident we have a good setting we had a good test and the car is pretty similar to last year, so yes I'm pretty confident.

Tell us about Sisteron in reverse...

TN: That's going to be really tough to be honest. We have never done the stage in this direction and we only did it once per year in the other way, so it's not a stage we know well. We should wait for a lot of surprises, especially in the cold and in the dark.

Dani you've done this event many times – how are the conditions from the recce?

DS: At the moment it looks dry, but Sisteron will be tricky, the first kilometres are dry but then we have 4km with patches of ice and snow. This will be really difficult for the tyres, sometimes it's more complicated when you have to use the snow tyres. It will be a tricky rally as always.

Can you challenge for the win?

DS: Why not? The car was good, we had a good feeling in shakedown... OK it's not the same as the rally, but it's good to take the feeling. Today was nice, but we'll see tomorrow.

Ott it's a brand new team in Toyota for you. Good start...

OT: The feeling is good. It looks quite nice. I struggle to complain about the car at shakedown – that's a good sign. I felt good in the car with a good feeling. We still have a lot to learn and see where is the limit, but it's nice to drive and now I'm keen to find some more when we start to fight against the clock.

Can you challenge for the win?

OT: Drivers always want to win. I have a good feeling and sure it would be possible. We need to see. Monte Carlo is one of these rallies where you can never say you can go for the win – the conditions will be tricky, we will need to make good and smart decisions.