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Tihomir Stratiev, Marina Motorsport driver: "Today we made the recce, the stages are quite different from the previous years, in which there is nothing wrong, I think the stages are a little faster, at a higher pace. I think this race will be very unpredictable because the weather will decide who will have an advantage and the tire choice will be key. In this configuration of the rally, the 4x4 cars will have a greater advantage over us, because of uphills".

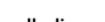
Dobrin Borisov, Marina Motorsport co-driver: "I will not hide that this is one of my favorite competitions and admirations to the organizers that it has managed to break the status quo and change the standard appearance of Monbat Rally Sliven. I was a little skeptical about the choice of when I saw them for the first time, but I dare say that an extremely interesting race is going to be unpredictable due to the different characteristics of all stages, so for me as a co-driver this competition is a real challenge. We start with number 1 and always go with the desire to win, but we are realistic and ultimately four-wheel-drive cars are faster and have an advantage but our intention to be close to them. "

Miroslav Angelov, Megaport Racing driver: "It is a very good tradition that the stages for Monbat Rally Sliven for the third time are changing. The Sliven Balkan gives the best conditions for practicing our sport in Bulgaria. The stages are faster than these in the first round in Tvarditsa. There are long stages, with multiple changes of the surface, in the width of the road. This with the variable weather means that the levels of grip will change constantly. The competition will really be roulette due to the choice of tires and the change of the weather. Our car really has an advantage over two-wheel drive cars, but on the other hand, I have more experience in selecting front-wheel drive tires, and we will probably put on soft tires for the start of the race rather than pure wet. "

Edi Sivov, Megapart Racing co-driver: "This is my home race and I am so happy to be here with this car. The configuration of the stages is great, I like it, especially the two long stages on Saturday, there are many running waters, in the shady places the asphalt does not dull, where we cut the corners will have mud and it will be very difficult to stay on the road, but I hope for a successful race, to find good choice of tires and to present us properly".



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Vlad Cosma, Napoca Rally Academy driver: "I am glad we are back in Bulgaria and will meet with many old friends. With Tihomir and Dobrin we competed in many competitions in Bulgaria, as well as in Romania. In Sliven I started as a driver in 2010 and once as a co-driver two years ago. I am happy to start again with my old friend Florin and I hope to introduce ourselves well. We do not have any practice with the new car but I hope step by step to achieve results in it. "

Florin Dorca, Napoca Rally Academy co-driver: "The key stage will be "Katchulka"- a long stage with many varied bends, changing surfaces and it will be the most important in this difficult race."



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