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Press release 2: The leaders are expecting exciting Monbat Rally Sliven 2019

The leaders of the 39th Monbat Rally Rally Sliven Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza (ProRally Team Brasov, Skoda Fabia R5), Miroslav Angelov / Georgi Gadzhev (Megaport Racing, Skoda Fabia R5) and Yordan Atanasov / Yanaki Yanakiev (ART Racing, Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) shared their expectations at the traditional press conference before the start.

Dan Girtofan: "We are happy that we are here. Last year we wanted to drive again here but because of the crash in Romania we were unable to arrive. Last week we had a rally in Romania and joked with Tudor that we should be careful so we are able to go in Sliven. We expect competitive rally, we know parts of some stages from previous participations, but now they are combined in different way. We will try to get as many points as possible for the Balkan Rally Trophy because we do not know whether we will be able to get to Serbia. IDan Garofan: "We are happy that we are here Last year we wanted to drive back here but because of the crash in Romania we were unable to arrive Last week we had a rally in Romania and joked with Tudor that we should be careful so we can We will try to get as many points as possible for the Balkan Trophy because we do not know whether we will be able to get the most out of the Balkan trophy. we will go to Serbia. It would be very tricky in the narrow part of "Rakovo" stage, but it's will be the same for everyone."

Tudor Marza: "Rakovo will really be a challenge, because the tarmar is quite broken. We are happy that we are here, Sliven has always been a good rally and we hope everyone who is here to entertain the audience".

Miroslav Angelov: "As I've always said, Sliven is the best place for rallying in Bulgaria. There are changes on the stages, there is a new stage which we like. I would like to thank Dan for participating regularly in our rallies, thus contributing to raising the level and competition. It would be nice if Dimitar Iliev was here, so we would be able to continue the fight from rally Bulgaria, but I hope we will entertain the spectators."





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Georgi Gadzhev: "First of all I would like to thank Megaport Racing for being part of their team. For me this is the most professional team in Bulgaria. Things in this car happen quite fast, therefore the pleasure doesn't last for too long as the times are a lot faster. Miroslav and I synced very well and everything is going well in our work together."

Yordan Atanasov: "We are happy to be back in Sliven and we admire the organizers wonderful job once again. For me Monbat Rally Sliven is one of the strongest rallies in Bulgaria and that's being proven every year. Our goal is the European Rally Trophy and so our main focus will be on it."

Yanaki Yanakiev: "We have been discussing for a long time that it is strange why rally stages don't pass through villages. But the new Trapoklovo stage does include such section for which I applaud the organizers. There is everything in the new stage - wide and fast part, as well as narrow one. My only remark to the organizers is the condition of SS Rakovo's last part. The competitors who take a risk there and avoid a puncture will take a lot of time."

