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Carchat-“Leite” set the winning pace in the Suzuki Swift Cup.

The improvement of Joan Carchat-“Leite” (Suzuki Swift) continues at a very good pace. Besides being always on the podium, this time they’ve climb to the highest step after solving to their advantage an incredible duel with the local team Pazó-Seoane. Carchat was very focussed during the rally and was able to cope with the pressure of having right behind a driver that knew the setting as the back of his hand and tried to get him out of the leadership in each special stage. Thus, first triumph for Carchat-“Leite” in the Suzuki Cup 2011 and, probably, leadership of the Cup after the initial three events (the confirmation of the official classification is still pending).

As far as the weather goes, it’s noteworthy that there was a chance of rain throughout the entire day, but finally the rally took place on dry concrete. The suffocating heat of past years was conspicuous by its absence this time. Carchat didn’t want heat and he got his wish.

The team of the Automóvil Club d’Andorra Junior Program had the race under control from the very first special stage. It only obtained a 1” advantage over Victor Pérez, but from then on Carchat settled comfortably in 1st place of the Suzuki Cup and he only let go on the second run through Toén, where Pazó barely managed a 2” advantage.

He was back in 1st place on the next timed stage (pass 2 through San Pedro de Rocas) and coped with all his opponents’ attacks until the end of the rally. It’s worth mentioning that the differences in times with Pazó were minimal throughout most of the day, but the Galician driver puncture in the first run through Luintra and hence cleared the way for Carchat, who manage to keep his concentration despite slightly slowing his pace. In any case he finished the rally with the scratch time in Luintra, the rally’s last special stage.

The championship is far from over, however there’s no doubt that our debut in a Spanish championship has exceeded our greatest expectations: three races, three podiums and continually improving. We’re very happy with the way things are going and are determined to maintain the brilliant level we’ve displayed during the first half of the championship. We’ll prepare the best we can and always with the very next race in mind. We’ll see how everything turns out. This is how Carchat expressed his happiness for their first triumph in the Suzuki Cup. However, he was also very aware that the classification will be very tight during the whole season: ***The differences are minimal among the top drivers. As I’ve said more than once, there’s people with a lot of experience in the Cup and this could turn out to be crucial. Today, the fight with Pazó, was very intense up until the very last loop. The puncture he had on the first run through Luintra, meant that I didn’t have to take risks at the end.***

The third Galician event of the Suzuki Swift Cup 2011 will take place in August, to be more precise on the 19th and 20th, in Ferrol. Joan Carchat-“Leite” will have their first encounter with one of the most complicated courses of the championship; there’s a lot of crossroads and finding landmarks is not easy, at all.

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Classification of the 44 Rally of Ourense.

Suzuki Swift Cup

1.-Carchat-Ribeiro, 2h32’30.4 , 2.-Monarri-Sanjuan, a 1’08.3 , 3.-Pazo-Piris a 3’10.4 , 4.-Viloria-Fariñas 3’34.3 , 5.-Teixidor-Sabater a 3’56.9 .



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