

## Membrado-Ribolleda win a heart-stopping Osona.

Josep M. Membrado-Josep R. Ribolleda (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X N+) performed brilliantly in the 43 Rally Osona with a great win, just one tenth of a second, over their closest opponent, Jordi Gaig. It's the seventh triumph for Membrado in the rally of the Osona Motor-Racing team and the first together with the Andorran navigator.

The heat and the great affluence of people were key in a very exciting Osona, which kept the suspense until the very end.

Once again this season, the fans, who decided to see the Osona live, were looking forward to the duel between Gaig and Membrado. The expectations were more than met in the most intense fight between the two drivers so far.

The first part of the rally favoured slightly Membrado-Ribolleda, but their advantage at the half-way regrouping halt was only one tenth of a second.

Gaig didn't let go and thanks to his Porsche's power, which made a big difference in Costa dels Gats and Alpens-Les Lloses, he was close to 5" in front at the end of the third section. It looked like Gaig had everything going his way.

Membrado's reaction at the end was magnificent, he put everything at stake and managed the closest win of his career.

***We've worked very hard for this triumph; the differences have been minimal one way and the other and we never gave up. It's also true that everything has gone well and we haven't had problems. The win, but specially how we've got it, makes me really happy.*** Such were the feelings of Membrado after the Osona 2011 awards ceremony. When asked if at any point he had seen the race slip through his fingers, he answered: ***The truth is that it wasn't easy, mainly after the first loop of the afternoon. I think that the advantage of one second we obtained on the second go through Costa dels Gats, added to the fact that the road was damp on the first kilometres, gave us the last push towards the triumph.***

Josep R. Ribolleda stressed upon the tension felt during the race; ***this was his comment: During the morning sections, we were always in front, despite never being able to score the best time in La Trona. It was important not to make mistakes to maintain our chances to win until the end. We managed to keep the distance during the afternoon. The end was brilliant and to win the rally by one tenth of a second... what can I say.***

The usual teams in the asphalt events of the Catalan Championship will be able to rest for a long while, up to October, when the next rally is scheduled in Valls (Tarragona).

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## Results - 43 Rally Osona.

Pos	Clasificación Scratch		
1	Josep M. Membrado-Josep R. Ribolleda	Mitsubishi Evo X	1h08'11.8
2	Jordi Gaig-Alex Astudillo	Porsche GT3	a 0'00.1
3	Albert Orriols-Manel Muñoz	Mitsubishi Evo X	a 1'49.3
4	Joan Segu-Alberto Gil	Seat Ibiza kit Car	a 2'11.4
5	Eduard Garcia-Isaac Pujol	Mitsubishi Evo X	a 2'18.1

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