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## Team Acerni Racing wins the 5th X-TREM Challenge Andorra.

**Amongst the cars from the Prepared category, it was the French team Euro4x4conti who won for the second year in a row.**

The X-TREM Challenge Andorra has lasted three intensely competed days in an environment praised by everybody. The main favourites to win the Proto category did as expected, or almost. The Italian team Pier Acerni-Nicola Bondi became the clear winner in front of the British Team Giggelplin (Jim Marsden-Nick Bolt). The surprise was Jaume Guardiola-Josep Solà, who finished in third position, after an awful start (they were 13th by the end of the first day).

In the Prepared category, the fight was very close, but at the end the French team Euro4x4conti formed by Pascal Leboucher and Thomas Lefevre took advantage of some last minute mechanical problems of their opponents and won once again the Andorran X-TREM. The podium was completed by two Andorran teams: Hostal la Font (Jordi Betriu-Xavi Morlans) and Team Choy (David and Joan Choy).

The weather forecast was the only one that wasn't fulfilled: the rain did not fall despite being likely to do so by the early afternoon. The Team Acerni managed in Sant Julià de Lòria an almost perfect race. They were leaders after the fast zones of the first day (Friday) and when the race became even tougher, at 10am on Saturday, they kept increasing their advantage. Behind them, the fight between the Reul brothers and Marsden-Bolt was really exciting. On Saturday night, there was a difference of only 100 points between both teams, but on the final racing day the Belgians had all kinds of problems and they even lost their place on the podium. Guardiola-Solà took this chance to reach the third position after a great comeback.

In the Prepared category, there was a different leader at the end of each day. Betriu-Morlans were winning after the Friday rounds (12th October). On Saturday, however, it was the brothers Bringué who were leading the ranking, despite having some problems with their car. On the final racing day, both teams were out of the fight for the win because they encountered some mechanical problems, more precisely Betriu's problem was the half-shafts and Bringué's was the gearbox. This situation was most favourable for Leboucher-Lefevre and Team Choy. All in all, Betriu managed to hold on to the second position until the race finished.

At the end of the race, Ramón Pujol, the race director, looked worn out, but really happy; this was his comment: ***We are really pleased with how everything has developed and most of all with the great amount of fans that have come to see the race live, most of them came from France and Spain. Both the participants and the fans, who have travelled to the areas around Canòlich, have behaved in the best possible way, so our work has been really easy. We haven't yet finished this year's X-TREM, but we already have some notes on how to prepare next year's event.***

Can you give us some examples? ***Well, since there are more and more fans driving up to Canòlich, at times, there has been a lot of traffic and we would like to find a solution for these occasional traffic jams... What we want for next year is to maintain the level as far as the route and the participants go and to improve these aspects that are somehow not directly related to the competition, but would make it even better for the fans.***

All in all, it looks like the X-TREM Challenge Andorra 2012, which is now reaching its end, won't be the last one raced in Sant Julià de Lòria. The words of Ramón Pujol clearly show that the organization wants the race to keep growing and to be even better next year.

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### Classification of the X-TREM Challenge Andorra 2012.

#### PROTOS.

1.-Acerni-Bondi (Jeep black Jaws evo), 66.194 punts, 2.-Marsden-Bolt (Defender 4.8 v8), 84.142 p., 3.-Guardiola-Solà (Suzuki Proto), 84.652 p., 4.- Torrontegui-Ozaeta (Tomcat Td5), 104.619 p., 5.-Reul-Reul (Defender 104 RS), 110.744 p.,

#### PREPARED.

1.-Leboucher-Lefevre (Land Rover Defender9 116.308 points, 2.-Betriu-Morlans (Jeep Wrangler) 1239.768 p., 3.-Choy-Choy (Land Rover Defender) 139.975 p., 4.-Bringué-Bringué (Suzuki Samurai), 142.961 p., 5.-Raventós-Tubau (MNIssan GR) 144.272 p.,

Although there hasn't been an official confirmation, these results place as winners of the TT Cup 2012 Jaume Guardiola-Josep Solà in the Proto category and Ernest Raventós-Pau Tubau in the Prepared category.

