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Pro-System Racing 2nd in Tunisia on TOYO Tires

NEUSS, GERMANY – Eric Vigouroux and Alexandre Winocq in their Pro-System Racing Chevrolet have taken second place in the gruelling Rallye de Tunisie. Vigouroux finished just 4 minutes and 18 seconds behind winner Dominique Housieaux after over 4.000 kms of racing.

The Rallye de Tunisie is the first round of the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies. For this prestigious, international event, Eric fitted newly developed TOYO Open Country MT-R (race specification) tires.

The final stage was a desperately close battle with Vigouroux needing to overcome a 12 second deficit going into the stage to win. At the first checkpoint, Vigouroux was leading the stage, a tantalizing 11 seconds faster than Housieaux. Unfortunately, the second part of the stage favoured the straight line speed of Housieaux's Schlessler buggy meaning he finished the stage in second position whilst Vigouroux's fourth place won him second position overall.

Vigouroux put his astonishing performance down to two factors, the extraordinary Chevrolet and the performance of his TOYO tires. His post race analysis stated;

"This second place is the reward of several years of fidelity to our initial choice of an American, simple, powerful and eminently spectacular vehicle.... I do not know any other vehicle with this level of competitiveness which can be maintained during such a long rally by only two mechanics, which is the case in our very small team. This excellent result is also credited to our TOYO tires which were proved extremely reliable on ground as demanding as the Tunisian and Libyan tracks"

Despite coming second, Vigouroux has no time for regrets focusing instead on the upcoming Trans-Orientale Rally from St Petersburg to Beijing which commences on June 12.

Toyo will make available 235/85 R 16 Open Country MT-R (race specification) tires for Rally Raid competitors early in 2009. Demand is anticipated to be high based on their performance.

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