



1980 PARIS - ALGIERS - DAKAR

THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

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- **Start:** 1 January 1980 from Paris (Trocadéro)
- **Finish:** 23 January 1980 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 10 January 1980 in Gao
- **Length of rally:** 10,000 km
- **Number of kilometers of specials:** 4,059 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Upper Volta, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 216

- **At the start:** 116 cars
90 motorcycles
10 trucks
- **At the finish:** 81 véhicules
including 49 cars
25 motorcycles
7 trucks

OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Kotulinsky/Luffelman (All) **VOLKSWAGEN**

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Cyril Neveu (Fra) **YAMAHA**

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

Ataquat/Boukrif/Kaoula (Fra) **SONACOME**

MAIN COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **Yamaha XT 500** : Cyril Neveu, Christian Rayer, Gilles Comte, Michel Merel, Jean-Noël Pineau
- **BMW 800** : Hubert Auriol et Fenouil
- **KTM 240** : Gilles Desheulles et Philippe Vassard
- **Honda 500 XLS** : Bernard Rigoni

Car

- **Buggy** : Yves Sunhill et Hervé Cotel
- **Renault 4 Sinpar** : Les frères Marreau

- **Range Rover** : Neveu-Bourgoin
- **Lada Niva** : Briavoine-Clerisse
- **Volkswagen Iltis** : Ragnotti-Vanis
- **Renault 12 Gordini** : Kerc-Ydrau

Truck

- **Leyland Marathon** : René Metge
- **Mercedes Benz** : Georges Groine

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Italy faces off against the rest of the world:** confronted with the armada of Japanese machines, alongside BMW and KTM, one Italian motorcycle will defend the honor of European builders. This 750 cm3 Ducata was prepared by the "Shop Moto" establishments at the Salon-de-Provence. Riding the bike, an all-terrain specialist, off-road veteran Michel Cheylan.
- **Commissioner Moulin at the start:** Yves Régnier makes his first appearance in the rally, as well as the three-time winner of the Le Mans 24 Hour race, Henri Pescarolo.
- **From the ocean to the desert...** rower Gérard D'Aboville also decided to line up, but in a motorcycle.
- **Truck rankings:** a major first for this second edition is the creation of a specific general ranking system for trucks.
- **43 Yamaha:** as winner of the first edition, Yamaha appears to be the favorite. The Japanese company enjoys major assistance from a plane and a helicopter. The team also benefits from the forfeiting of the official Hondas.
- **Four women on bikes:** the Ladies' Cup will be disputed by Martine de Cortanze and Marie Ertaud on Yamaha 500 XT's, and Nicole Maitrot and Christine Martin-Lefort on Honda 250 XLS's.
- **Rest:** two days of rest for the second edition of the Dakar



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THE ROUTE

- **Prologue à Olivet (4 km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Alger – In Salah (957km dont 37 km de spéciale)**
- **2^{ème} étape : In Salah – Gao (1575 km)**
 - In Salah-Reggane (270 km de spéciale)
 - Reggane-Bordj-Moktar (630 km de spéciale)
 - Bordj-Moktar-Gao (675 km de spéciale)
- **Repos à Gao**
- **3^{ème} étape : Gao – Tombouctou – Gao**
 - Gao-Mopti (595 km de spéciale)
 - Mopti-Niono (liaison)
 - Niono-Tombouctou (570 km de spéciale)
 - Tombouctou-Gao (424 km de spéciale)
- **4^{ème} étape : Gao – Bobo Dioulasso (liaison 1300 km)**
- **5^{ème} étape : Bobo Dioulasso – Kolokani (ss 120 km)**
- **Repos à Kolokani**
- **6^{ème} étape : Kolokani – Kayes (527 km)**
 - kolokani-Nioro (280 km de spéciale)
 - Nioro-Kayes (247 km de spéciale)
- **7^{ème} étape : Kayes – Dakar (745 km)**
 - Kayes-Bakel (liaison 168 km)
 - Bakel-Linguere (liaison 370 km)
 - Linguere-Lampoul (87 km de spéciale)
 - Lampoul-Dakar (120 km de spéciale)

THE RACE

• Prologue at Olivet

Fifteen motorcycles take the top fifteen slots. Cyril Neveu edges out Desheulles and Burgat. The Briavoine-Clérisse tandem posts the best time in a four-wheel vehicle, just 16th on their Lada Niva.

• 1st stage: Algiers – In Salah (957 km)

The first special on African soil is contested at the doors of the desert (Moudj-Barra – Messad). Cyril Neveu once again sets the lead time ahead of Auriol and Desheulles. The first car, Briavoine's Lada, finishes eighth.

• 2nd stage: In Salah – Gao (1575 km)

The In Salah-Reggane special takes place on a smooth piste with a few sand banks on the Tidikelt plain.

On his Yamaha, Breton sets the pace ahead of Christophe Neveu's Range Rover and Fenouil's BMW. Cyril Neveu loses 25 minutes and loses his leader position to his brother Christophe. He beats Auriol's BMW and the Renault driven by the Marreau brothers.

At the Mali border, in the famous Tanezrouft desert, Ragnotti-Vanis set a hellish pace behind the wheel of their Volkswagen and post the best time. André Costa, editor-in-chief of "Auto Journal", takes second place driving his Citroën CX 2400 GTI, and takes the overall lead. The BMW's are left out of the celebration. Auriol loses more than two and one-half hours because of a broken valve and Fenouil has to ride on a single cylinder.

• 3rd stage: Gao – Timbuktu – Gao

The Gao-Mopti special is one of the best of this second edition, but also one of the most trying, on a piste known for "mechanical breakdowns". Hubert Auriol posts the best time, climbs back up to 6th place in the overall standings and second place in the motorcycle standings behind Lloret's 500. Cars go for it with gusto during this special and fill out the top four spots. In fourth place, there is the Volkswagen from the Kottulinsky-Luffelmann duo, which is taking over the rally, just ahead of the Marreau brothers and Zaniroli. The fifth special, between Nioro and Timbuktu, sees Jean Ragnotti stage a celebration on a piste along the Niger known for its deceptive qualities. The Iltis Volkswagen, despite a tire change that causes it to lose 10 minutes, precedes the KTM ridden by Gilles Desheulles and the Yamaha of another Gilles, Comte. During this special, the Kerc-Ydraut R12 Sinpar is forced to abandon the rally.

• 4th stage: Gao – Bobo Dioulasso (liaison 1300 km)

A theatrical moment on the Dakar during this transitional stage. A winner of three specials since the beginning of the race and the new motorcycle leader, Hubert Auriol is disqualified. He is accused of having completed part of the Gao-Bobo Dioulasso liaison on a local vehicle following a problem with his gear box. The BMW driver was trying to reach Ouagadougou in order to wait for his help when he was inspected and sanctioned.

• 5th stage : Bobo Dioulasso – Kolokani (ss 120 km)

Already a winner of two specials, Kottulinsky once again wins on his VW. In other news, Merel drives his Yamaha to success.

• 6th stage: Kolokani – Kayes (527 km)

During the day's first special between Kolokani and Nioro, the Marreau brothers and Cyril Neveu prove to be the most prompt. Neveu thus pads his lead in the motorcycle standings. The second special (Nioro-Kayes) sees Kottulinsky take over once again.

• 7th stage: Kayes – Dakar (745 km)

The penultimate special of this edition (Linguere-Lampoul) only confirms the excellent end of the race performance of Yamaha driver Cyril Neveu, overall leader. The day's special goes to Philippe Vassard on his KTM bike, which finishes ahead of Burgat's Yamaha and Fenouil's BMW. In Dakar, the second edition issues its verdict: number two for Cyril Neveu. Once gain the



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motorcycles have bested the cars. Michel Merel, also on a Yamaha, finishes second. Kottulinsky-Luffelmann on their Volkswagen Iltis take third place in the overall standings and thus first for the car rankings. At the top of the two-wheel drive standings is Sunhill in his buggy.

SUBSIDIARY

• Stage victories

Num	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Olivet	Prologue	4	Briavoine/Clérisse	Fra	Lada	Neveu	Fra	Yamaha
2	Alger-In Salah	Moudj Barra-Messaad	37	Briavoine/Clérisse	Fra	Lada	Neveu	Fra	Yamaha
3	In Salah-Gao	In Salah-Reggane	270	Neveu/Aubourg	Fra	R Rover	Breton	Fra	Yamaha
3	In Salah-Gao	Reggane-Bordj Moktar	630	Ragnotti/Vails	Fra	VW	Merel	Fra	Yamaha
3	In Salah-Gao	Bordj Moktar-Gao	675	Kottulinsky/Luffelman	All	VW	Auriol	Fra	BMW
4	Gao-Tombouctou-Gao	Gao-Mopti	595	Kottulinsky/Luffelman	All	VW	Auriol	Fra	BMW
4	Gao-Tombouctou-Gao	Niono-Tombouctou	570	Ragnotti/Vails	Fra	VW	Desheulles	Fra	KTM
4	Gao-Tombouctou-Gao	Tombouctou-Gao	424	Neveu/Aubourg	Fra	R Rover	Auriol	Fra	BMW
5	Gao-Bobo Dioulasso	Liaison	1300						
6	Bobo Dioulasso-Kolokani	Bobo Dioulasso-Kolokani	120	Kottulinsky/Luffelman	All	VW	Merel	Fra	Yamaha
7	Kolokani-Kayes	Kolokani-Nioro	280	Marreau/Marreau	Fra	Renault	Neveu	Fra	Yamaha
7	Kolokani-Kayes	Nioro-Kayes	247	Kottulinsky/Luffelman	All	VW	Vassard	Fra	KTM
8	Kayes-Dakar	Linguere-Lampoul	87	Cotel	Fra	Buggy	Vassard	Fra	KTM
8	Kayes-Dakar	Lampoul-Dakar	120	Neveu/Aubourg	Fra	R Rover	Neveu	Fra	Yamaha



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• Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat				
OVERALL CAR STANDINGS							
1	KOTULINSKY F./LUFFELMAN	VOLKSWAGEN	Sue	44	GUICHARD/FLAMAIN/SOLER	TOYOTA	Fra
2	ZANIROLI P./COLESSE	VOLKSWAGEN	Fra	45	TRAUTMAN R./VALLECI R.	LAND ROVER	Fra
3	MARREAU B. et C.	RENAULT 4	Fra	46	HANRIOUD J.P./BERTINI	LAND ROVER	Fra
4	RAGNOTTI J./VAILS G.	VOLKSWAGEN	Fra	47	HEINIS P. & P.	TOYOTA	Fra
5	NEVEU Ch./BOURGOIN	RANGE ROVER	Fra	48	BREBANT F./MAYROLL	LAND ROVER	Fra
6	BOURGOIGNIE/TASIAUX/GIERST	RANGE ROVER	Fra	48	GUILLOT G./PRADEAU P.	COURNIL	Fra
7	BECKERS C./STINGLHAMBER/GERIN	RANGE ROVER	Bel	49	PIOT J.F./SPRAGIA	LAND ROVER	Fra
8	DELEFORTERIE J. & P./PRAT	TOYOTA	Fra	1	OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS		
9	GUMPERT R./EDER A.	VOLKSWAGEN	All	2	NEVEU C.	YAMAHA	Fra
10	GUERMONPREZ C./RAVEZ J.C.	RANGE ROVER	Fra	3	MEREL M.	YAMAHA	Fra
11	SUNHILL Y.	BUGGY	Fra	4	PINEAU J.N.	YAMAHA	Fra
12	KURRER J.P./CHANTEUX J.M.	COURNIL	Fra	5	LLORET J.P.	YAMAHA	Fra
13	COTEL H./CORBETTA C.	BUGGY PROTO	Fra	6	FENOUIL	BMW	Fra
14	COQUANT/ATANE/CARDINAL	TOYOTA	Fra	7	VASSARD PH.	KTM	Fra
15	LEROUX P./MASERATI	TOYOTA	Fra	8	PADOU A.	HONDA	Fra
16	MOY G./INDLET/NORY	TOYOTA	Fra	9	LOUE L.	YAMAHA	Fra
17	RENIER Y./LE GUEN/GENIES	TOYOTA	Fra	10	ALBARET	YAMAHA	Fra
18	ANDRIEU L./BOUILLON C.	TOYOTA	Fra	11	JOINEAU M.	SUZUKI	Fra
19	TROSSAT A./TOURON J.	LADA NIVA	Fra	12	YVORA J.M.	YAMAHA	Fra
20	NEVEU C./AUBOURG J.P.	RANGE ROVER	Fra	13	BURGAT	YAMAHA	Fra
21	BORDAIS J.M./QUIE M.	RANGE ROVER	Fra	14	VERHAEGUE G.	HONDA	Fra
22	LIZARD H./SORIANO	TOYOTA	Fra	15	RENE D.	HONDA	Fra
23	HARREWYN F./LIGER	MERCEDES	Fra	16	BEAUFONT P.	YAMAHA	Fra
24	THENOUX P./GOULLIOUD O.	COURNIL	Fra	17	TONNELINE J.P.	SUZUKI	Fra
25	TAMALET C. & F.	STEYR PUCH	Fra	18	DUISIT P.	YAMAHA	Fra
26	BONALDI L./PAILLOUX J.	LADA NIVA	Fra	19	CHEYLAN M.	DUCATI	Fra
27	CLATOT/KAYSER/BEINHAUER	STEYR PUCH	Fra	20	LEBRUN G.	HONDA	Fra
28	DUBOSCQ Ch. & J.	LADA NIVA	Fra	21	MARTIN C.	HONDA	Fra
29	HUGUENY M./PROST J.F.	TOYOTA	Fra	22	AURIOL J.P.	YAHAMA	Fra
30	CLAUDIN R. & M.C.	RANGE ROVER	Fra	23	DECOMBEIX P.M.	HONDA	Fra
31	LOURSEAU/GRANJA/LEFEBVRE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	24	MAITROT N.	HONDA	Fra
32	DELANNOY M./BADIOU G.	TOYOTA	Fra	25	DESHEULLES G.	KTM	Fra
33	NEYRIAL/FOURNOL	PEUGEOT	Fra		RAZET M.	SUZUKI	Fra
34	SIMON J.P./BOULANGER E.	RANGE ROVER	Fra	OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS			
35	BARD A./DANIEL P.	TOYOTA	Fra	1	ATAQUAT/BOUKRIF/KAOULA	SONACOME	Fra
36	MONGIN/SOUVANT/SIMONPIER	TOYOTA	Fra	2	HEU/DELOBEL/VERSINO	MAN	Fra
37	RODIER C./MAIRESSE B.	TOYOTA	Fra	3	BOUZID/DAID/MEKHELEF	SONACOME	Fra
38	BORDIER J.J.	LAND ROVER	Fra	4	HAFFANE/ZERGOUN/HADDOU	SONACOME	Fra
39	BERLA A./ARBIN C./HENRIO	TOYOTA	Fra	5	MARIE J.C./BOULAY	RENAULT	Fra
40	BARBE/DURIAUX/MESPLOMD	TOYOTA	Fra	6	FRUMHOLTZ J./DOZ	RENAULT	Fra
41	REMUSAT P./PRUVOT	TOYOTA	Fra	7	METGE R./DE SAULIEU/LANDAIS	MARATHON	Fra
42	BARRAL G./BESNARD F.	TOYOTA	Fra				
43	HUGUENY M./SANTOS C.	TOYOTA	Fra				