



# 1987 PARIS - ALGIERS - DAKAR

## THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

### 9<sup>th</sup> PARIS - ALGIERS - DAKAR

- **Start:** 1 January 1987 from Versailles (Place d'Armes)
- **Finish:** 22 January 1987 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 11 January 1987 in Agadez
- **Length of rally:** 13,000 km
- **Number of kilometers of special:** 8,315 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Algeria, Niger, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal



### NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 539

- **At the start:** 312 cars  
154 motorcycles  
73 trucks
- **At the finish:** 124 véhicules  
including 98 cars/trucks  
26 motorcycles

### OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Ari Vatanen/Bernard Giroux (Fin) *PEUGEOT 205*

### OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Cyril Neveu (Fra) *HONDA NXR*

### OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

De Rooy/Geusens/Van (Hol) *DAF*

## MAJOR COMPETITORS

### Motorcycle

- **Honda** : Lalay, Neveu, Terruzi, Balestrieri
- **Yamaha** : Charbonnier, Mass, Grasso, Picco, Bacou
- **Cagiva** : De Petri, Auriol, Picard, Gualdi
- **BMW** : Rahier, Findanno
- **Suzuki** : Rinaldi, Salvador

### Car

- **Peugeot 205** : Vatanen-Giroux, Mehta-Toughty, Zanussi-Arena

- **Range Rover** : Tambay-Lemoyne, Raymondis-Ferret, Zaniroli-Lopes, Colsoul-Bouvy
- **Lada** : Ickx-Tarin, Lartigue-Roy
- **Mistubishi Pajero** : Cowan-Syer, Da Silva-Oligo, Rigal-Maingret,
- **Toyota** : Pescarolo-Fourticq, Gabreau-Gabbay
- **Majorette** : Briavoine-Trossat
- **Peugeot proto** : les Frères Marreau

### Truck

- **DAF** : De Rooy-Geusens-Van

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Groine goes crew:** with his Mercedes 87 prototype, Georges Groine gives up racing this year to devote himself to the quick service team of the Peugeot 205 Turbo 16.
- **Peugeot, the novice:** Peugeot arrives in full force at the rally with Jean Todt at the helm, 205 Turbo 16 cars and a large staff.
- **Vatanen too:** the first appearance for the Finnish driver Ari Vatanen, as well as for Patrick Tambay.
- **Ickx shuffles his deck:** Belgian Jacky Ickx is no longer competing in a Porsche, but in a Lada, and not with Claude Brasseur but with Christian Tarin.
- **Fetishists:** the Dakar's former winners are superstitious and faithful to their old rally numbers. "95" for Cyril Neveu, "185" for Jacky Ickx, "193" for Zaniroli, "100" for Auriol and "101" for Rahier. It should be noted that Vatanen choose "205" for his first attempt.
- **Take a chance...**and win big if you are Peugeot and Vatanen, who hit the jackpot on their first try in the race.
- **Is five enough?** Cyril Neveu wins his fifth rally on his Honda bike, after a wrenching duel with Auriol. Who will be able to stop him?



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#### THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Cergy (6,7 km)**
- **1<sup>ère</sup> étape : Versailles – Barcelone (liaison 1200 km)**
- **2<sup>ème</sup> étape : Alger – Ghardaia (liaison 623 km)**
- **3<sup>ème</sup> étape : Ghardaia – El Golea (455 km dont 256 km de spéciale)**
- **4<sup>ème</sup> étape : El Golea – In Salah (679 km dont 492 km de spéciale)**
- **5<sup>ème</sup> étape : In Salah – Tamanrasset (819 km dont 560 km de spéciale)**
- **6<sup>ème</sup> étape : Tamanrasset – Arlit (705 km dont 648 km de spéciale)**
- **7<sup>ème</sup> étape : Arlit – Arbre Thierry Sabine (712 km dont 692 km de spéciale)**
- **8<sup>ème</sup> étape : Arbre Thierry Sabine – Dirkou (506 km)**
- **9<sup>ème</sup> étape : Dirkou – Agadez (702 km de spéciale)**
- **Repos à Agadez**
- **10<sup>ème</sup> étape : Agadez – Tahoua (518 km dont 358 km de spéciale)**
- **11<sup>ème</sup> étape : Tahoua – Niamey (600 km dont 350 km de spéciale)**
- **12<sup>ème</sup> étape : Niamey – Gao (645 km dont 500 km de spéciale)**
- **13<sup>ème</sup> étape : Gao – Tombouctou (418 km de spéciale)**
- **14<sup>ème</sup> étape : Tombouctou – Nema (590 km de spéciale)**
- **15<sup>ème</sup> étape : Nema – Tidjikja (735 km dont 458 km de spéciale)**
- **16<sup>ème</sup> étape : Tidjikja – Atar (458 km dont 343 km de spéciale)**
- **17<sup>ème</sup> étape : Atar – Nouadhibou (571 km dont 525 km de spéciale)**
- **18<sup>ème</sup> étape : Nouadhibou – Richard Toll (716 km dont 486 km de spéciale)**
- **19<sup>ème</sup> étape : Richard Toll – Saint-Louis (357 km)**
  - La sucrerie du Sénégal (15 km de spéciale)
  - Richard Toll-Dara (160 km de spéciale)
  - Dara-Saint-Louis (liaison 182 km)
- **20<sup>ème</sup> étape : Saint-Louis – Dakar (250 km de spéciale)**

#### THE RACE

- **Prologue : Cergy-Pontoise (6.7 km)**

498 vehicles embark on an artificial piste dug out in sweeping strokes by bulldozers and quickly transformed into a mud hole. Cowan and Syer, at the wheel of a Mitsubishi Pajero, arrive the fastest. Lalay (Honda) and De Rooy (DAF) are already the most effective.

- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stages: Versailles – Barcelone – Algiers - Ghardaia (liaison 1823 km)**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> stage: Ghardaia – El Golea (455 km)**

Over the 256 km of the first special of the rally, between Ouarga and Goudron, the Kenyan Shekhar Mehta wins the scratch helming his 205 Turbo 16. Italian Balestrieri does the same on his Hondo motorcycle.

- **4<sup>th</sup> stage: El Golea – In Salah (679 km)**

Mehta turns in a repeat performance and nests at the top of the overall standings. Mired in 274<sup>th</sup> place two days earlier, Vatanen finishes second and continues his climb in the overall standings. For the bikes, Cyril Neveu, a four-time Dakar champion, has taken charge of operations. The special is won by De Petri's Cagiva.

- **5<sup>th</sup> stage: In Salah – Tamanrasset (819 km)**

Another day, and the race goes on with Mehta winning for cars and Petri for motorcycles. Neveu passes Lalay in the overall motorcycle standings while Mehta leads in the car class ahead of Raymond's Range Rover.

- **6<sup>th</sup> stage: Tamanrasset – Arlit (705 km)**

Desert experience lets Mehta down as he gets lost and sacrifices an hour. Zaniroli seizes the opportunity to take over the overall top spot over Vatanen, who wins his first special. Peugeot counts its blessings with four victories in four specials. Auriol "The African" wins the scratch and inflicts more than 16 minutes on Italy's Findanno. Nothing changes for Cyril Neveu, who is still dominating the motorcycle race.

- **7<sup>th</sup> stage: Arlit – Thierry Sabine Tree (712 km)**

The Rigal-Maingret tandem on a Mitsubishi finally steals Peugeot's thunder. Or almost anyway, since the world's top rally champion, Ari Vatanen, has taken control over all the specialists. Another scratch for Auriol, who ascends to the number two position in the overall standings.

- **8<sup>th</sup> stage: Thierry Sabine Tree – Dirkou (506 km)**

Belgian Ickx and Britain's Cowan, trapped in the sand, are the primary victims of a day marked by the second straight scratch for Rigal. More Peugeot predominance, with Vatanen, Zanussi and Mehta, taking slots 2, 3 and 4. On bikes, Lalay finishes ahead of Auriol and Neveu. The overall standings see no changes. The day is memorable for the homage paid to Thierry Sabine, at the foot of the lost tree where his ashes were scattered.

- **9<sup>th</sup> stage: Dirkou – Agadez (ss 702 km)**

The fifth win for Peugeot and the second for Vatanen. The Finn is still ahead of Zaniroli in the overall standings.

As for the motorcycle class, Rahier secures his first scratch and settles into third place overall behind Neveu and Auriol.

- **10<sup>th</sup> stage: Agadez – Tahoua (518 km)**

Mehta rediscovers his winning ways and Rahier also repeats. There are no changes in the general rankings.



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- **11th stage: Tahoua – Niamey (600 km)**

Peugeot hits a triple as Italy's Zanussi wins. Another Italian, Picco finishes ahead of the rest on his Yamaha. Nicole Bassot is the only woman remaining in the motorcycle competition. The Marreau brothers quit the race at Niamey.

- **12th stage: Niamey – Gao (645 km)**

A major first for F1 driver, Patrick Tambay, who kicks up a lot of dust and wins his first scratch in the Dakar. On the downside, Jacky Ickx gives up on the last Lada still in the race. Terruzzi and his bike score a win, but the diabolical trio of Neveu, Auriol and Rahier cannot be budged from the top of the standings.

- **13th stage: Gao – Timbuktu (ss 418 km)**

Still on the attack, Vatanen avoids near disaster. The flying Finn, victim of a roll-over, loses half of his progress in the rankings. Rahier, Auriol and Neveu arrive in just that order. In the overall standings, it is the same three, but in reverse order.

- **14th stage: Timbuktu – Nema (ss 590 km)**

Auriol is on the run. In a maze of parallel pistes, the Cagiva driver speeds ahead of all the others and grabs the lead in the overall standings with more than 30 minutes on Neveu. Mehta wins scores his sixth special. In the truck class, De Rooy continues to rock the race and in the overall standings has amassed an 11-hour lead over Loprais's Tatra.

- **15th stage: Nema – Tidjikja (735 km)**

Another scratch for Auriol, who has not ceased to leave his mark on the race. Cyril Neveu seems unable to believe his eyes and loses 41 minutes in this special. The Tambay-Lemoyne duo, winning their second scratch, beat out the Vatanen-Giroux 205.

- **16th stage: Tidjikja – Atar (458 km)**

A wall of dunes and a pass that is not so easy to find: the co-pilots are put to the test. In this navigational puzzle, the leaders lose their way, but remain unharmed in terms of the overall standings. Except for the Ratet/Vantouroux pair, sixth in the special with their Toyota, which is rocketed into third place overall and first in the Marathon category.

- **17th stage: Atar – Nouadhibou (571 km)**

Shinozuka (Mitsubishi) and Picco (Yamaha) take the scratch. In the overall standings, Vatanen still has an hour's lead. Auriol is under pressure, as Neveu is now just 10 minutes behind.

- **18th stage: Nouadhibou – Richard Toll (716 km)**

A third scratch for Tambay, who has finally found his African rhythm. Neveu, winner of the special, gains another 33 seconds on Auriol and is now just nine minutes behind the Cogiva pilot.

- **19th stage: Richard Toll – Saint-Louis (357 km)**

Drama and emotion on the Dakar. Just 20 km from the finish, Auriol falls hard after hitting a tree stump. He breaks both his ankles, thereby losing all hope of victory. He finishes the stage in heroic fashion despite his injuries. So on the eve of the race's conclusion, Neveu takes the top spot. Vatanen continues to patiently stay the course and lets Zaniroli take the day's specials.

- **20<sup>ème</sup> étape : Saint-Louis – Dakar**

The heroes of the day are Masuoka (Mitsubishi) and Bacou (Yamaha). They win the final two scratches of the 1987 edition. Peugeot and Vatanen are already part of the history of the rally for the way they dominated their first rally. As for Cyril Neveu, he wins his fifth Dakar title behind the handlebars of his Honda. De Rooy (DAF) blows away the truck competition with a more than 14-hour lead on his vehicle. Vassard finishes 14<sup>th</sup> overall but first in the motorcycle Marathon while for cars, the Ratet-Vantouroux Toyota team suffer the same fate.



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## SUBSIDIARY

- Stage victories

Nu m	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Cergy Pontoise	Prologue	6,7	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	Lalay	Fra	Honda
2	<b>Versailles-Barcelone</b>	<b>Liaison</b>	<b>1200</b>						
3	Alger-Ghardaïa-El Golea	Ouargla-Goudron	256	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	Balestrieri	Ita	Honda
4	El Golea-In Salah	Chebaba-Fogaret	492	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
5	In Salah-Tamanrasset	Khoenig-In Ecker	560	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
6	Tamanrasset-Arlit	Tagahouhaout-Arlit	648	Vatanen/Giroux	Fin	Peugeot	Auriol	Fra	Cagiva
7	Arlit-Arbre Thierry Sabine	Arlit-TEXACO	692	Rigal/Maingret	Fra	Mitsubishi	Auriol	Fra	Cagiva
8	<del>Arbre Thierry Sabine-Dirkou</del>	Arbre Thierry Sabine-Dirkou	506	Rigal/Maingret	Fra	Mitsubishi	Lalay	Fra	Honda
9	Dirkou-Agadez	Dirkou-Anoumekerene	702	Vatanen/Giroux	Fin	Peugeot	Rahier	Bel	BMW
10	Agadez-Tahoua	Agadez-Tchin Tabaradene	358	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	Rahier	Bel	BMW
11	Tahoua-Niamey	Tahoua-Abala	350	Zanussi/Arena	Ita	Peugeot	Picco	Ita	Yamaha
12	Niamey-Gao	Mangaize-Gao	500	Tambay/Lemoyne	Fra	R Rover	Terruzzi	Ita	Honda
13	Gao-Tombouctou	Gao-Tombouctou	418	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	Rahier	Bel	BMW
14	Tombouctou-Nema	Tombouctou-Nema	590	Mehta/Doughty	Ken	Peugeot	Auriol	Fra	Cagiva
15	Nema-Tidjikja	Ayoum el Atrous-Tidjikja	458	Tambay/Lemoyne	Fra	R Rover	Auriol	Fra	Cagiva
16	Tidjikja-Atar	Tidjikja-Chinguetti	343	Boussier/Faucher	Fra	R Rover	Charbonnier	Fra	Yamaha
17	Atar-Nouadhibou	PK 46-Nouadhibou	525	Shinozuka/Fenouil	Jap	Mitsubishi	Picco	Ita	Yamaha
18	Nouadhibou-Richard Toll	Nouadhibou-Nouakchott	486	Tambay/Lemoyne	Fra	R Rover	Neveu	Fra	Honda
19	Richard Toll-Saint Louis	La Sucrierie du Sénégal	15	Vatanen/Giroux	Fin	Peugeot	Neveu	Fra	Honda
19	Richard Toll-Saint Louis	Richard Toll-Dara	160	Masuoka/Takahashi	Jap	Mitsubishi	Boudou	Fra	BMW
20	Saint Louis-Dakar	Saint-Louis-Dakar	250	Masuoka/Takahashi	Jap	Mitsubishi	Rahier	Bel	BMW



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## • Overall scratch standings

Clt	Concurrents	Marques	Nat			
<b>OVERALL CAR-TRUCK STANDINGS</b>						
1	VATANEN/GIROUX	PEUGEOT	Fin	60	FERRI/BAUMGARTNER/RI	MERCEDES Fra
2	ZANIROLI/LOPES	RANGE ROVER	Fra	61	DUSSER/DEROUARD	LAND ROVER Fra
3	SHINOZUKA/FENOUIL	MITSUBISHI	Jap	62	BELOTTI/PEZZOTTA	MERCEDES Ita
4	RATET/VANTOUROUX	TOYOTA	Fra	63	TRAGLIO/PIO	MERCEDES Ita
5	MEHTA/DOUGHTY	PEUGEOT	Ken	64	CONSONNI/TRIPODI	MERCEDES Ita
6	SEPPI/ARRIVABENE	MERCEDES	Ita	65	VANMARIS/VAN LOEVEZI	DAF Fra
7	CANELLAS/FERRAN	RANGE ROVER	Esp	66	GRASSI/BELCASTRO	MERCEDES Ita
8	COWAN/SYER	MITSUBISHI	GB	67	BOCANDE/DE ROISSARD	MITSUBISHI Fra
9	PRIETO/TERMENS	NISSAN	Esp	68	BOUILLE/LARDEAU/GIRA	TATRA Fra
10	PORCAR/TOURINAN	RANGE ROVER	Esp	69	GERMANETTI/ANFOSSI	MITSUBISHI Ita
11	DE ROOY/GEUSENS/VAN	DAF	Hol	70	RAIMONDI/RICHARD/KER	TATRA Fra
12	TIJSTERMAN/TIJSTERMAN	MITSUBISHI	Hol	71	MARTINEZ/VERSINO/MAG	MERCEDES Fra
13	DELADRIRER/BERTHUEL	RANGE ROVER	Bel	72	KAHANEK/MERINSKY/BUC	TATRA Tch
14	BOUSSIER/FOUCHER	LAND ROVER	Fra	73	SMULEVICI/FALAISE	MITSUBISHI Fra
15	SARRAZIN/TROUBLE	TOYOTA	Fra	74	LALEU/LEVIEUX	MERCEDES Fra
16	BOUCHET/VILLEPIGUE	TOYOTA	Fra	75	ROUSSEL/FRANCIOLI	MERCEDES Fra
17	HOUOT/BONDENET	TOYOTA	Fra	76	MARSAULT/CABRAL	RANGE ROVER Fra
18	MICHEL/THOMAS	MITSUBISHI	Fra	77	JOUBERT/DALCHE	MERCEDES Fra
19	ISHIHARA/YOKOTA	TOYOTA	Jap	78	SILLARD/VIDAL	MITSUBISHI Fra
20	TAMBAY/LEMOYNE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	79	MEIGNEN/LUTENAUER	MERCEDES Fra
21	MITATY/DELETANG	MERCEDES	Fra	80	DEL VAL/SIEGENTHALER	PEGASO Esp
22	BOIN/LADAURADE	PEUGEOT	Fra	81	HOUSSAT/LACOUR/MAIMO	MERCEDES Fra
23	HERVE/RIVIERE	TOYOTA	Fra	82	MILANOLO/KLEIN/GERAR	MERCEDES Fra
24	KORO/BERLIET	TOYOTA	Fra	83	TRAVAGLIA/MARIANO/SO	MERCEDES Ita
25	LIGNERES/CHAMINADE	MITSUBISHI	Fra	84	KIES/GRAAFSTRA	MERCEDES Hol
26	TROSSAT/BRIAIVOINE	MAJORE	Fra	85	ROSSI/AIMONETTI	MITSUBISHI Ita
27	BELVEZE/GIRAUD	MITSUBISHI	Fra	86	BOSONNET/BROGLIA/MON	MERCEDES Fra
28	LOPRAIS/KRPEC/STACHU	TATRA	Tch	87	SUGAWARA/MARUYAMA	MITSUBISHI Jap
29	MASUOKA/TAKAHASHI	MITSUBISHI	Jap	88	BERTRY/DAGUZAN	MITSUBISHI Fra
30	MILLER/RACIONERO	RANGE ROVER	GB	89	LAFFONT/LEVINE	MERCEDES Fra
31	CAILLON/FOUCHET	RANGE ROVER	Fra	90	LENORMAND/LENORMAND	MITSUBISHI Fra
32	EL ABDI.DUCHAUSSOY	TOYOTA	Fra	91	BRUBACH/BOUTEVILLAIN	MERCEDES Fra
33	MOSKAL/JOKLIK/ZALESK	LIAZ	Tch	92	BOUREMAD/BOURGOIN	MITSUBISHI Fra
34	CADORET/GICQUEL/GUIL	MERCEDES	Fra	93	LACOURT/MOLLET/AIGUI	MAN Fra
35	PASCAL/URBIHA	LAND ROVER	Fra	94	GROUARD/MICHARD	TOYOTA Fra
36	SERVAN/DE CASTRO	MERCEDES	Fra	95	SAVARY/VENTURINI/SCH	MERCEDES Fra
37	VILLA/DELFINO	MERCEDES	Ita	96	BOSTEELS/DESRUMEUX	TOYOTA Fra
38	ANQUETIL/LACAZE	LAND ROVER	Fra	97	CHAUMONT/SCANDELLA/B	MAN Fra
39	LAVILLE/TROUPEL	TOYOTA	Fra	98	GRANJON/LATOUR/CLERI	MERCEDEX Fra
40	FONTENAY/MUSMARRA	MITSUBISHI	Fra	<b>OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS</b>		
41	VISMARA/POZZETTO/MIN	MERCEDES	Ita	1	NEVEU	HONDA Fra
42	LAISNEY/GOBEAUX	RANGE ROVER	Fra	2	ORIOLI	HONDA Ita
43	SEGONNE/CHAMPART	MERCEDES	Fra	3	RAHIER	BMW Bel
44	KUBOTA/YAMAMOTO	TOYOTA	Jap	4	PICCO	YAMAHA Ita
45	BEGGI/SAVIO	MITSUBISHI	Ita	5	MAS CARLOS	YAMAHA Esp
46	PAINVIN/GIRARD	RANGE ROVER	Fra	6	CHARLIAT	HONDA Fra
47	GROINE/MALFERIOL/GRA	MERCEDES	Fra	7	BACOU	YAMAHA Fra
48	ALIPHAT/BOUNEY	TOYOTA	Fra	8	CHARBONNIER	YAMAHA Fra
49	BOCHET/DELETTRE	LAND ROVER	Fra	9	JOINEAU	SUZUKI Fra
50	COTEL/VINCENT	BUGGY	Fra	10	KARSMAKERS	HONDA Hol
51	GIMBRE/LANGLOIS	MERCEDES	Fra	11	OLIVIER	YAMAHA Fra
52	THIJS/VELDEMAN/THIJS	MERCEDES	Bel	12	MALETTI	YAMAH Ita
53	LEONARD/CHAMBON/PERA	MERCEDES	Fra	13	GIATTI	"PONOMA Fra
54	MORITZ/ELENBAAS	DAIHAT	Hol	14	VASSARD	HONDA Fra
55	MITCHELL/MARTINEZ	TOYOTA	Fra	15	LOIZEAUX	BMW Fra
56	DIEKER/KETELAARS/TES	DAF	Hol	16	BOUDOU	BMW Fra
57	ESPITALLIER/WEHRLE	TOYOTA	Fra	17	WINKLER	HONDA Ita
58	IVENS/BONNET	TOYOTA	Fra	18	PIBERNAT	SUZUKI Esp
59	SERRIER/GEZ PHILIPPE	TOYOTA	Fra	19	FERNANDEZ	SUZUKI Esp
				20	GUALINI	YAMAHA Ita
				21	COURTOIS	HONDA Fra



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22 LY ALSSANE  
23 DEWILDE  
24 LAROUBY

YAMAHA  
SUZUKI  
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25 MENIL  
26 CAILLOU

BMW  
KAWASAKI

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