



1986 PARIS - ALGIERS - DAKAR

THE DAKAR IN FIGURES

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- **Start:** 1 January 1986 from Versailles (Place d'Armes)
- **Finish:** 22 January 1986 in Dakar (Rose Lake)
- **Rest:** 13 January 1986 in Niamey
- **Length of rally:** 15,000 km
- **Number of kilometers of specials:** 7,731 km
- **Countries crossed:** France, Algeria, Niger, Mali, Upper Volta, Senegal



NUMBER OF COMPETITORS: 486

- **At the start:** 282 cars
131 motorcycles
73 camions
- **At the finish:** 100 véhicules
including 71 cars/trucks
29 motorcycles

OVERALL CAR STANDINGS:

Metge/Lemoine (Fra) *PORSCHE 959*

OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS:

Cyril Neveu (Fra) *HONDA NXR*

OVERALL TRUCK STANDINGS:

Vismara/Minelli (Ita) *UNIMOG MERCEDES*

MAJOR COMPETITORS

Motorcycle

- **Honda** : Baron, Neveu, Lalay, Charliat, Orioli, De Petri
- **Yamaha** : Charbonnier, Bacou, Marinoni A, Picco, Olivier, Huynen
- **Suzuki** : Joineau Ph et M
- **BMW** : Rahier, Hau, Loizeaux
- **Cagiva** : Auriol, Picard, Marinoni G.P
- **Guzzi** : Drobecq, Rigoni

- **Mitsubishi** : Cowan-Syer, Zaniroli-Da Silva, Rigat-Maingret
- **Rover Range** : Gabreau-Pipat, Pescarolo-Fourticq, Ragnotti-Hemard, Raymond-Bos
- **Lada Niva** : Marreau-Marreau, Lartigue-Giroux
- **Opel Kadett** : Colsoul-Lopes

Car

- **Porsche 959** : Ickx-Brasseur, Metge-Lemoine, Kussmaul-Unger

Truck

- **Mercedes Benz** : Groine-Drhey-Malférior
- **DAF** : De Rooy-De Saulieu-Geusens
- **Mercedes** : Capito-Capito

HIGHLIGHTS

- **"Mad Max at the Start"**: after the misadventure he experienced in the 1985 edition, Jan De Rooy decided to come back even stronger. His impressive truck is indeed of a size to rival the fastest cars. With its two dual-turbo engines generating close to 500 HP each, its two simultaneously commanded gear boxes and its two powered axles, the Dutchman's DAF could indeed waltz away with a few scratches, if not more...
- **Auriol, just like Moser**: in the interest of scientific studies, in conjunction with the Clinique du Sport, Hubert Auriol is following the same diet that allowed Italian cyclist Moser, to beat the world per-hour record.
- **"Schless" arrives**: the French champion (Production), a test driver for the Williams stable, Jean-Louis Schlessler lines up at the Dakar starting gaes in an Aro 4x4.
- **Anquetil at the wheel**: Jacques Anquetil trades in his bike for a Mercedes bearing the colors of Normandy.



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- **"Dakar '86, Dakar of the Heart"**: Thierry Sabine makes the announcement that several water pumps will be offered to the most impoverished cities and villages of the Sahel.
- **The Dakar veteran**: he has a white beard and has celebrated 73 birthdays. His name is Marcel Hugueny, a retired surgeon, who, for the first time since 1978, will not participate in the race as a competitor (lack of sponsors), but as a driver of an official race vehicle.
- **The Marreaux desert Renault**: the "foxes of the desert", also known as the Marreau brothers, abandon their loyalty to the house of Renault. After the R4 (1978 and 80), R20 (81, 82), R18 (83, 84 and 85), this year they will compete in a Lada Niva.
- **Honda triple feat in motorcycles**: behind Cyril Neveu are Frenchman Lalay and Italy's Balestrieri.
- **Porsche's double**: the Metge-Lemoine duo finish ahead of Ickx and Brasseur.

THE ROUTE

- **Prologue : Cergy (7 km)**
- **1^{ère} étape : Versailles – Sète (liaison 1100 km)**
- **2^{ème} étape : Alger – Ghardaja (liaison 660 km)**
- **3^{ème} étape : Ghardaia – El Golea (580 km dont 350 km de spéciale)**
- **4^{ème} étape : El Golea – In Salah (550 km) dont 297 km de spéciale)**
- **5^{ème} étape : In Salah – Tamanrasset (649 km)**
 - In Salah-Hi El Krenig (liaison 81 km)
 - Hi El Krenig-Gorges d'Arak (204 km de spéciale)
 - Gorges d'Arak-Marabout (144 km de spéciale)
 - Marabout-Tamanrasset (liaison 220 km)
- **6^{ème} étape : Tamanrasset – Tamanrasset (400 km dont 180 km de spéciale)**
- **7^{ème} étape : Tamanrasset – Agadez (828 km)**
 - Tamanrasset-Iferouane (549 km de spéciale)
 - Iferouane-Agadez (279 km de spéciale)
- **8^{ème} étape : Agadez – Dirkou (645 km)**
- **9^{ème} étape : Dirkou – Agadem (285 km de spéciale)**
- **10^{ème} étape : Agadem – Zinder (910 km de spéciale)**
- **11^{ème} étape : Zinder – Niamey (915 km de spéciale)**
- **Repos à Niamey**
- **12^{ème} étape : Niamey – Gourma (814 km dont 382 km de spéciale)**
- **13^{ème} étape : Bamako – Labe (986 km de spéciale)**
- **14^{ème} étape : Labe – Kayes (600 km)**
 - Labe-Kedougou (220 km de spéciale)
 - Kedougou-Kayes (380 km de spéciale)
- **15^{ème} étape : Kayes – Kiffa (281 km de spéciale)**
- **16^{ème} étape : Kiffa – Saint-Louis (1656 km)**
 - Kiffa-Boulimit (liaison 1 656 km)
 - Boulimit-Rossot (175 km de spéciale)
 - Rossot-Saint-Louis (139 km de spéciale)
- **17^{ème} étape : Saint-Louis – Sali Portudal (620 km)**
 - Saint-Louis-Richard Toll (liaison)
 - Richard Toll-Dara (141 km de spéciale)
 - Dara-Linguere (liaison)
 - Linguere-Kolobane (142 km de spéciale)
 - Kolobane-Sali Portudal (liaison)
- **18^{ème} étape : Sali Portudal – Dakar (200 km dont 60 km de spéciale)**

THE RACE

- **Prologue at Cergy-Pontoise**

A snowstorm before the sandstorms: on a snowy 7.6-km route and before 100,000 fans, Pierre-Marie Poli (Yamaha), editor-in-chief of "Moto-Journal", Dayraut-Destailats (Porsche 911) and De Rooy-De Saulieu-Geusens (DAF) win the day's scratches.

- **1st, 2nd and 3rd stages: Versailles – Sète – Algiers – Ghardaja – El Golea (580 km, including 350 km of special)**

The race has barely reached Algeria and the race sees its first casualties. Pescarolo-Fourticq in their Range-Rover abandon the race after 15 km of special in a car in flames. Schlessler also gives up after breaking his gear box. The Mitsubishi driven by Zaniroli-Da Silva and Cowan-Syer win the first two specials in the car class (Ouargla-El Golea and El-Golea-In Salah). An outsider, Belgian Huynen on a Yamaha, carries the scratch in El Golea while Italian De Petri wins at In Salah on his Honda. As for the trucks, the duel between Capito's Mercedes and Groine's DAF is going to be bitter. They each have one victory to their credit.

- **4th and 5th stages: El Golea – In Salah – Tamanrasset**

Between Hi El Krenig and the gorges of the Arak, Zaniroli pockets his second scratch win. Belgian Jacky Ickx, trying to avoid a cyclist, destroys his radiator and flirts with disaster. Yamahas obtain the top two positions with Picco and Charbonnier. Between the Gorges of the Arak and Marabout, Gabreau-Pipat prove to be the swiftest. Picco wins his second straight stage. In the overall standings, Zaniroli, Huynen and De Rooy are riding high at the top of the rally.



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- **6th stage: Tamanrasset (400 km, including 180 km of special)**

Zaniroli breaks his gear box. Gabreau-Pipat's Range takes advantage of his misfortune to win the special and seize the overall lead in front of Metge's Porsche. For the trucks, De Rooy finishes first, placing 13th in the scratch.

Honda is a triple threat again in the two-wheeler class with Orioli, Neveu and De Petri. Picco, the victim of a fall, cedes his top ranking to Italy's Balestrieri.

- **7th stage: Tamanrasset – Agadez (828 km)**

For cars, Porsche gets three cars in the top four slots, with the win going to Metge. The latter takes over the number one position in the overall rankings by less than a minute. Cyril Neveu is the major beneficiary of this stage. In effect, thanks to his victory in the special, he takes the lead in the general rankings. During the nighttime special just for the cars between Iférouane and Agadez, the Ickx-Brasseur tandem is victorious in their Porsche ahead of the Raymondis-Bos and Metge-Lemoyné teams.

- **8th stage: Agadez – Dirkou (645 km)**

René Metge and Jacky Ickx escape again and establish a convincing lead. In the car class, Charliat is the first to arrive at the Ténééré tree. As for the trucks, De Rooy, whose DAF reached 200 km/h, leaves Capito and Groine in his dust.

- **9th stage: Dirkou – Agadem (285 km of special)**

Ickx and Metge get bogged down in the dunes of the big Bilma erg and lose nearly an hour to Zaniroli, Ragnotti and Gabreau, whose 4x4's make it through without any trouble. On bikes, two wins for two cousins, Gian-Paolo (Cagiva) and Andra Marinoni (Yamaha). Nicole Bassot is the only woman still riding a motorcycle in the race after Véronique Anquetil's fall and withdrawal.

- **10th and 11th stages: Agadem – Zinder – Niamey**

Once again on the piste connecting Tahoua and Talcho, it is the devilish Italian drivers Alessandro De Petri, Edi Orioli and Andrea Balestrieri, the three men of "Honda Italy", who were the swiftest. Hubert Auriol, one of the favorites on his Cagiva, quits the rally with a wrecked motorcycle and a dislocated shoulder. Gabreau-Pipat and Metge-Lemoyné win the day's two specials.

- **12th stage: Niamey – Gourma (814 km, including 382 km of special)**

Raymondis, Gabreau, Ragnotti and Zaniroli get stuck with 10 penalty hours for not having travelled the 382 km of the first Tera-Gao special in the allotted time. The win goes to Cowan and Syer's Pajero Mitsubishi, but Metge and Ickx hold steady in the overall standings. On motorcycles, there are two specials on tap and two Italian wins for Findanno and De Pétri to conclude.

- **The Tragedy**

On Tuesday, 14 January 1986, around 19:00, a terrible helicopter accident a few kilometers from Gourma Raous, takes the lives of the leader of the Dakar, Thierry Sabine, as well as those of the four people accompanying him: singer Daniel Balavoine, journalist Nathaly Odent, pilot François-Xavier Bagnoud and radio technician Jean-Paul Lefur. The TSO team, meeting in Bamako under the authority of Thierry Sabine's right-hand man, Patrick Verdois, decides that the race must go on.

- **14th stage: Labe – Kayes (600 km)**

Their hearts are not in the race anymore for the remaining 117 cars/trucks and 36 motorcycles. Zaniroli-Da Silva carry off the scratch, but the overall standings see no changes. Patrick Verdois adjusts the final route. An impromptu day of rest is added in Labé and four specials will be shortened to reach Tidjikja.

- **15th stage: Kayes – Kiffa (281 km of special)**

The Italians pull off the hat trick on motorcycles, with victories for De Petri and Picco. There is also a triple threat in the car class, but for Mitsubishi, with Cowan, Zaniroli and Rigal winning the day's three scratches. Noteworthy development: the withdrawal of Dutchman De Rooy and his DAF, because of a broken front axle.

- **16th stage: Kiffa – Saint-Louis (1656 km)**

The two specials of the day are won by Zaniroli and Rigal's Mitsubishi while Picco (Yamaha) and Hau (BMW) are stand-outs on two-wheels. The Metge-Lemoyné team, which got stuck in the mud, loses an hour, but remains solidly in the lead ahead of the second Porsche and the Ickx-Brasseur tandem.

- **17th stage: Saint-Louis – Sali Portudal (620 km)**

Belgians Colsoul for cars and Spira and Rahier on motorcycles, are best in the day's scratches in a symbolic gesture. After De Rooy, the race sees the surprising withdrawal of Groine, who could not get his truck out of a rut.

- **18th stage: Sali Portudal – Dakar (200 km, including 60 km of special)**

Belgian Gaston Rahier and his motorcycle win two more scratches. Cowan and Gabreau tie for the best time in the car class. Metge triumphs with a 3rd Dakar title and Neveu takes his 4th. Vismara-Minelli, on their Mercedes Unimog, are the unexpected winners in the truck class.

SUBSIDIARY

- **Stage victories**

Num	Etape	Spéciale	Km	Vainqueur Auto	Nat	Marque	Vainqueur Moto	Nat	Marque
1	Cergy Pontoise	Prologue	7,6	Dayraut/Destaillats	Fra	Porsche	Poli	Fra	Yamaha
2	Versailles-Sete	Liaison	1100						
3	Alger-Ghardaïa	Liaison	660						
4	Ghardaïa-El Golea	Ouargla-El Golea	350	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Huynen	Bel	Yamaha
5	El Golea-In Salah	Chebaba-In Salah	297	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	De Petri	Ita	Honda
6	In Salah-Tamanrasset	Hi El Krenig-Gorges d'Arak	204	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Picco	Ita	Yamaha
6	In Salah-Tamanrasset	Gorges d'Arak-Marabout	144	Gabreau/Pipat	Fra	R Rover	Picco	Ita	Yamaha



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7	Tamanrasset-Tamanrasset	Tamanrasset-Col de l'Assekrem	180	Gabreau/Pipat	Fra	R Rover	Orioli	Ita	Honda
8	Tamanrasset-Agadez	Tamanrasset-Iferounae	549	Metge/Lemoyne	Fra	Porsche	Neveu	Fra	Honda
8	Tamanrasset-Agadez	Iferouane-Agadez	279	Ickx/Brasseur	Bel	Porsche	Non courue		
9	Agadez-Dirkou	Agadez-Dirkou	645	Metge/Lemoyne	Fra	Porsche	Charliat	Fra	Honda
10	Dirkou-Agadem	Dirkou-Agadem	285	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Marinoni	Ita	Cagiva
11	Agadem-Zinder	Agadem-Zinder	910	Gabreau/Pipat	Fra	R Rover	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
12	Zinder-Niamey	Zinder-Niamey	915	Metge/Lemoyne	Fra	Porsche	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
13	Niamey-Gourma	Tera-Gao	382	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	Findanno	Ita	Yamaha
14	Bamako-Labé	Bamako-Labé	986	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Marinoni	Ita	Cagiva
15	Labé-Kayes	Labé-Kedougou	220	Cowan/Syer	GB	Mitsubishi	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
15	Labé-Kayes	Kedougou-Kayes	380	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	De Pétri	Ita	Honda
16	Kayes-Kiffa	Kayes-Kiffa	281	Rigal/Maingret	Fra	Mitsubishi	Picco	Ita	Yamaha
17	Kiffa-Saint Louis	Boutilimit-Rossot	175	Zaniroli/Da Silva	Fra	Mitsubishi	Picco	Ita	Yamaha
17	Kiffa-Saint Louis	Rossot-Saint Louis	139	Rigal/Maingret	Fra	Mitsubishi	Hau	All	BMW
18	Saint Louis-Sali Portudal	Ricahrd Toll-Dara	141	Colsoul/Lopes	Bel	Opel	Rahier	Bel	BMW
18	Saint Louis-Sali Portudal	Linguere-Kolobane	142	Colsoul/Lopes	Bel	Opel	Spira	Bel	Yamaha
19	Sali Portudal-Dakar	M'Boro-Lac Retba	60	Gabreau/Pipat	Fra	R Rover	Rahier	Bel	BMW



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• Overall scratch standings

Cl	Concurrents	Marques	Nat				
OVERALL CAR-TRUCK STANDINGS							
1	METGE/LEMOYNE	PORSCHE	Fra	51	GAFFURI/DANDEVILLE	MERCEDES	Fra
2	ICKX/BRASSEUR	PORSCHE	Bel	52	GUARATO/BENOIT	MITSUBISHI	Fra
3	RIGAL/MAINGRET	MITSUBISHI	Fra	53	CASTERA/EIREA	TOYOTA	Fra
4	LARTIGUE/GIROUX	LADA	Fra	54	HOUSSAT/BRUBACH	MERCEDES	Fra
5	COWAN/SYER	MITSUBISHI	GB	55	AUSALONI/PALLADINI	RANGE ROVER	Ita
6	KUSSMAUL/UNGER	PORSCHE	All	56	CANEVALE/REPETTI	ASTRA	Ita
7	ZANIROLI/DA SILVA	MITSUBISHI	Fra	57	MOREE/PILLAULT	RANGE ROVER	Fra
8	GABREAU/PIPAT	RANGE ROVER	Fra	58	BELOTTI/CONSONNI	MERCEDES	Ita
9	BOUCHET/VILLEPIGUE	TOYOTA	Fra	59	VERNHETTES/ROBIN	LAND ROVER	Fra
10	GIERST/BOUVY	RANGE ROVER	Bel	60	DUMONT/BARTHELOT	MITSUBISHI	Fra
11	BELVEZE/GIRAUD	MITSUBISHI	Fra	61	GATTINGER/POHL	MAN	All
12	KORO/POITOU	TOYOTA	Fra	62	BOCHET/BARBIER	TOYOTA	Fra
13	MICHEL/DUVERNE	MITSUBISHI	Fra	63	MITSUMOTO/ALBRECHT	TOYOTA	Jap
14	MARAUX/GAILLARD	MERCEDES	Fra	64	OBERMEYER/HUBER	MAN	All
15	BISSON/BORIE	MERCEDES	Fra	65	REVERCHON/LEBLOND	MERCEDES	Fra
16	DE DEYNE/JAMAR	RANGE ROVER	Bel	66	SUSSBAUER/STABEL	MAN	All
17	HOUOT/BONDENET	NISSAN	Bel	67	MORIN/LADAURADE	MERCEDES	Fra
18	LESTRADE/GUILHELMEN	RANGE ROVER	Fra	68	DALLAVALLE/PONZINI	ASTRA	Ita
19	RAGNOTTI/HEMARD	RANGE ROVER	Fra	69	MILANOLO/FREYRE	MERCEDES	Fra
20	DUPARD/SINGEOT	ROVER	Fra	70	BOUNEY/ALIPHAT	TOYOTA	Fra
21	SCHURG/ADEN	PUCH	All	71	GUNTNER/FISCHER	MAN	All
22	KALVAS/DI MERCURIO	MERCEDES	Fra	OVERALL MOTORCYCLE STANDINGS			
23	LECOQ/FOUCHET	ROVER	Fra	1	NEVEU Cyril	HONDA	Fra
24	PEILLEX/VIGNE	MITSUBISHI	Fra	2	LALAY Gilles	HONDA	Fra
25	VISMARA/MINELLI	MERCEDES	Ita	3	BALESTRIERI Andrea	HONDA	Ita
26	DAYAK/DENIEUL	LAND ROVER	Nig	4	CHARBONNIER Thierry	YAMAHA	Fra
27	ARNOUX/BODET	ARNOUX BUGG	Fra	5	DE PETRI Alessandro	HONDA	Ita
28	HEYER/WINKLER	MAN	All	6	ORIOLE Edy	HONDA	Ita
29	SAVOLDELLI/ALBERTI	LAND ROVER	Ita	7	MARINONI Andrea	YAMAHA	Ita
30	CANELLAS/FERRAN	PEGASO	Esp	8	HAU Eddy	BMW	All
31	BERGNA/CORBETTO	MITSUBISHI	Pe	9	FINDANNO Giampiero	YAMAHA	Ita
32	BERNAU/BARTMANN	MAN	All	10	PICCO Franco	YAMAHA	Ita
33	SUGAWARA/MARUYAMA	MITSUBISHI	Jap	11	MAS Carlos	YAMAHA	Esp
34	SEPPI/VON SOLDER	MERCEDES	Ita	12	OLIVIER Jean-Claude	YAMAHA	Fra
35	VANNEVEL/FRAIKIN	TOYOTA	Bel	13	MARINONI Gian-Paolo	CAGIVA	Ita
36	SORGHINI/BARDINI	RANGE ROVER	Ita	14	RAHIER Gaston	BMW	Bel
37	WEBER/WANGER	OPEL	All	15	CHARLIAT François	HONDA	Fra
38	AUTISSIER/FOLLEFANT	MERCEDES	Fra	16	JOINEAU Philippe	SUZUKI	Fra
39	VERNEY/DE BELABRE	TOYOTA	Fra	17	KIES Anne	KTM	Hol
40	COLSOUL/LOPES	OPEL	Bel	18	PICARD Gilles	CAGIVA	Fra
41	SARTIAUX/COTTRET	MITSUBISHI	Fra	19	POLI Pierre-Marie	YAMAHA	Fra
42	TIJSTERMAN/TIJSTERMAN	MITSUBISHI	Hol	20	SPIRA Alain	HSC	Bel
43	LABARCHE/LABARCHE	RANGE ROVER	Fra	21	BOANO Roberto	HONDA	Ita
44	CASSEGRAIN/JUNCKER	MITSUBISHI	Fra	22	LOIZEAUX Raymond	BMW	Fra
45	PAPADIMITRIOU/ROSVAL	VOLVO	Gre	23	JORMAKKA Tarmo	YAMAHA	Fin
46	SHINOZUKA/BOCANDE	MITSUBISHI	Jap	24	VALADON Dominique	BARIGO	Fra
47	MEYER/BLANCO-JAIME	MITSUBISHI	Fra	25	SALVADOR Gilles	SUZUKI	Fra
48	CANADO/PISSON	RANGE ROVER	Fra	26	GERMANETTI Francesco	YAMAHA	Ita
49	DUBREUIL/DUPUIS	TOYOTA	Fra	27	PASCUAL Bernard	YAMAHA	Fra
50	JEANNIN/OSMOND	MERCEDES	Fra	28	PAINEAU Gérard	YAMAHA	Fra
				29	NAKAMURA Hiroshi	HONDA	Jap