

Hyundai Motorsport gets WRC into the Euro 2016 spirit in Sardinia

- Hyundai Motorsport has kicked off preparations for this weekend's Rally Italia Sardegna with a special football match involving many of WRC's leading drivers
- In celebration of Hyundai's sponsorship of the UEFA Euro 2016 tournament, which begins on Friday, the drivers took part in a friendly match using a life-size inflatable table football

Alghero, Italy

June 8, 2016 - UEFA Euro 2016 fever hit the service park at Rally Italia Sardegna this afternoon as Hyundai Motorsport played host to a special table football tournament ahead of this weekend's rally, round 6 of the 2016 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC).

Many of the WRC's drivers joined Hyundai Motorsport's four competing drivers in a friendly match using an inflatable, life-size table football pitch outside the team's hospitality unit in Alghero.

The fun event was held in celebration of Hyundai's sponsorship of the UEFA Euro 2016 event, which gets underway in France this Friday. There is plenty of WRC interest in Euro 2016 with eight of the participating countries also hosting a round of this year's Championship - France, Sweden, Portugal, Italy, Poland, Germany, Spain and Wales.

Hyundai Motorsport's drivers led by Thierry Neuville, Dani Sordo, Hayden Paddon and Kevin Abbring, were joined by Sébastien Ogier, Jari-Matti Latvala, Andreas Mikkelsen, Mads Østberg, Eric Camilli, Ott Tänak, Martin Prokop and Henning Solberg in a match refereed by WRC Live's reporter Colin Clark.

A full selection of photos from the event will be available in our media website later this evening.

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About Hyundai Motorsport GmbH

Established on 19 December 2012, Hyundai Motorsport GmbH is responsible for Hyundai's global motorsport activities and primarily for its World Rally Championship programme. Based in Alzenau on the outskirts of Frankfurt in Germany, the company embarked on its debut season in the FIA World Rally Championship in 2014 with a bespoke team of skilled staff and a brand new car, the Hyundai i20 WRC. The team made a strong impression in its first year claiming podium results in Mexico and Poland, as well as a memorable 1-2 in Germany. In its second season, the team was involved in a closely fought battle for second place in the Manufacturers' Championship, adding more podiums and stage wins to its tally. For its third season in WRC, Hyundai Motorsport has developed a brand new car, the New Generation i20 WRC, which made its rally debut with a podium finish in Rallye Monte-Carlo in January 2016. The team registered its first win with the new car in Rally Argentina, the fourth round of the season.

Further information about Hyundai Motorsport is available at: <http://motorsport.hyundai.com>

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