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THE KENYANS RETAIN THE LEAD

Day 7 saw the rally start in Amboseli before starting the descent towards the coast with an overnight stop in Voi prior to the final stages on Thursday and Friday out of Watamu.

Patrik Sandell continued his impressive charge from yesterday with fastest time on SS16 ahead of the unclassified Flash, and Ian Duncan. He took all of 1'42" out of Baldy to show that the rally is not remotely over. With SS17 being used as transit due to roadworks the day came down to a battle in Tsavo for SS18. The penalised Ken Block set his sixth fastest stage time of the event so far to show that his speed is undiminished, heading the Porsches of Sandell, Chager and Kadoorie.

Patrik's pace leapfrogged him up to third overall, but he remains more than 16 minutes behind Baldy. Between them still sits Ian - the Rover not much more than a puncture behind the leading Porsche.

Behind these three come three more Kenyans - Raaji Bharij (Escort MkI), Piers Daykin (280Z) and Lee Rose (Escort MkII). Overall, it continues to be the Kenyans in ascendancy with the international entries struggling as the event continues. Today this was particularly true for the amateur British crews further down the field: the Bentley brothers rolled their immaculate MkI Escort putting them out of the rally, the Connolly brothers had serious issues with their 911, and the wife and husband team of Lynda and Tony Hughes got their Capri bogged down in fesh fesh, heavily delaying them.

However, so far the rally has shown that things can change spectacularly quickly so nothing is set in stone and two very fast, hot and dry days beckon at the coast before the finish on Friday afternoon.

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