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THE TOP TEN

THE top ten at the end of the first leg:

1. Waldegaard and Thorszelius, No. 5 Porsche — 153 pts.
2. Aaltonen and Drews, No. 6 Datsun — 196 pts.
3. Kallstrom and Bilstern, No. 7 Datsun — 196 pts.
4. Makinen and Todt, No. 1 Peugeot — 198 pts.
5. Mehta and Doughty, No. 11 Datsun — 201 pts.
6. Nicholas and Lefebvre, No. 4 Peugeot — 204 pts.
7. Preston and Lyall, No. 14 Porsche — 210 pts.
8. Lampinen and Liddon, No. 3 Peugeot — 217 pts.
9. Rhemtulla and Jivani, No. 15 Datsun — 234 pts.
10. Fowkes and Kaiser, No. 12 Mercedes — 287 pts.



LEADING THE WAY... A smiling Hans Thorszelius is welcomed back to Nairobi by Safari Chairman Dr. Bharat Bhardwaj. Thorszelius and Waldegaard were the leaders on the road and on points.

Waldegaard 'slides' into lead

RALLY FANS IN DEATH ROLL CRASH

A RALLY spectator died yesterday when he rolled his car near the Kitale control.

Ramesh R. Shah, of Nakuru, who had been "roaring up and down in a Peugeot 504 with a noisy exhaust," had just been cheered by hundreds of people as he gassed through the control.

"When the car reached a bend just beyond," an eyewitness said, "it seemed to go out of control and rolled several times. Passengers were flung out as it spun over and over."

Police said Shah was killed instantly. Passenger Amir Abdu of Kitale was taken to hospital by the two other occupants who were flung out.

Police said residents recognised the car as the one that had been "roaring through the streets during the night."

"I was at the control point at about 4 a.m.," a witness said. "Everybody cheered as the car approached, thinking it was a rally car. But instead of stopping at the control it actually increased speed."

WORLD Champion Bjorn Waldegaard opened up a huge lead in the Safari rally yesterday.

He clocked into Nairobi at the end of the punishing first leg with 153 minutes lost — more than 40 minutes better than the twin Datsun 160J challenge of Rauno Aaltonen and Harry Kallstrom, who were equal second with 196.

Hard on their heels came the first of the Peugeot 504 Coupes, driven by Timo Makinen.

Vic Preston, who was the early leader in his Porsche, had slipped back to seventh place.

The treacherous conditions took a big toll, and retirements were many. Among them were some big names, including the Flying Sikh, Joginder Singh, and Andrew Cowan, both driving "two tonner" Mercedes 280Es.

Floods and mud also took a

By NATION Reporter

toll on the course, and there was major re-routing beyond Kisumu.

And by the end of the day the field had been slashed to 46 cars, despite lateness extensions to help as many cars as possible get through.

The rally is developing into a tactical battle with the Porsches and Peugeots still going flat out despite the punishing and treacherous conditions.

The slower, but more sturdy, Datsuns are keeping in touch, hoping the pace-setters will break under the strain.

The Mercedes team is now out of contention, having developed troubles with water getting in through the manifold intake and seizing the engine.

The leading cars arrived back in Nairobi last night in quick succession — 14 of them checked in at the Kenyatta Conference Centre in the space of 20 minutes.

First home was World Champion

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MAN'S DEATH 'FOLLOWED TORTURE IN POLICE CELL'

A MAN died at Nyeri General Hospital allegedly from "severe police torture" in Embu.

He could not be treated at Siakago health centre "as his condition was too bad," clinical officer Mr. Willie Nyagah told an Embu court.

He was giving evidence in a case where two policemen attached to Embu police station are charged with assault.

Mr. Nyagah aid Henry Njeru Metumii was taken to the centre complaining of abdominal pains "as a result of thorough torture by the police". He said he referred Metumii to Embu District Hospital, and the injured man was later transferred to Nyeri General Hospital for "intensive care."

The policemen — Snr. Sgt. Samuel Marete and Const. Edward Asyoke — have denied a joint charge that on May 14, they assaulted and injured Metumii.

Punched

Embu magistrate Mr. E. G. Mithamo was told Metumii and another man were arrested for being "drunk and disorderly".

"They punched and kicked us until we fell down. The beatings were carried out from where we were arrested to the police station," the man who was with Metumii testified.

"We were handed over to Const. Asyoke at the station and I heard Snr. Sgt. Marete tell him Metumii was a bad man," he added.

"Asyoke then punched me twice on the head and chest before setting upon Metumii who fell down. Asyoke kicked him with both legs and later stepped on him. We were later locked in a cell."

The witness said that at 3.00 a.m. on the same night, Metumii started vomiting, calling for water and complaining of abdominal pains, but the police refused to come to his aid.

The hearing continues.

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