

# 2004 KTM DAKAR REPORT



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Krause lets the KTM 950 V Twin roar and Joe Barker steps in to help Scot



Paul Krause gets the signal to start stage 17



Larry Roeseler #16



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## Dakar Rally Final

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Telefonica Dakar Rally is in the history books and will go down as one of the toughest Dakar's ever. "Nani" Roma became the first Spaniard to claim the prestigious title "Dakar Champion" as he took the overall win by a scant thirteen minutes and twenty-six seconds over last year's winner Richard Sainct. Following Sainct in third place overall was Cyril Despres making it an all KTM podium. In fact, of the top 20 motorcycles that completed the rally KTM filled 19 of the positions. The 26<sup>th</sup> Dakar will also go down in history as the first Dakar to ever see a team of America's top off road racers take on the challenging event. The Red Bull USA Dakar team turned in some remarkable performances throughout the event, creating massive interest in the event for the first time ever in the U.S.

Larry Roeseler of the Red Bull USA Dakar Rally Team led the American effort coming home in 12<sup>th</sup> place overall followed by Paul Krause in 18<sup>th</sup>. Even more impressive is that Paul rode the KTM 950 LC8 Rally version while Larry was mounted on the KTM 660 Rally machine. The Red Bull/ KTM U.S.A. Dakar Rally Team managed to put themselves in the center of interest. Paul Krause summarizes, "I'll definitely return here with my team. This year I rode a twin-cylinder bike to make it more known in the United States. Next year I'll ride a KTM 700 Rally. Larry Roeseler's experiences have only been good on it. "In any case this was a gigantic experience for me. I like to especially thank all the mechanics who contributed their love for racing and experience to get us to the finish."

"About 80 percent of the riders who made it to the finish were on KTM's." Stefan Pierer, KTM boss, enjoyed this moment of triumph in Dakar. "Of course, this is an exciting experience for all of us. It is a success for everyone who works with KTM during the rally. I'm not only talking about the professionals. The riders who climbed the podium today were riding KTM's." In addition to LR's and Paul's outstanding performance, Red Bull USA Team Manager Scot Harden had a fine run too in the Dakar, including placing as high as 6<sup>th</sup> in Stage 8 and running in the top 8 overall at the midway point. A broken ankle ended Scot's charge, but didn't diminish his excitement over the team's results.

Harden said, "I'm really pumped and very proud of the fantastic job LR and Paul did at this year's Dakar Rally. Their individual performances are quite remarkable given the challenges presented this year. This was one of the toughest Dakar's ever and the tenacity they demonstrated in making it to the finish confirms that they are two of the best American's ever to swing a leg over an off road motorcycle. Additionally recognition is warranted for every member of the team, starting with Joe Barker, who stepped in to fill in for me as Team Manager while I rode. His contribution can't be measured and was much appreciated by everyone on the team, especially the riders. I can't say enough about our mechanics, Gavin Skilton, Bret Leef and Thomas McDonald. These guys really busted their guts for the team. Driving all day, working throughout the night, little sleep and lots of work. They kept the Red Bull USA KTM's running until the very end. Likewise for our Team 'Doc', Jonathan Edwards, a former top SoCal motocrosser and physician, Jonathan attended to the riders throughout the event providing excellent physiotherapy services support over the course of the event. This was a tremendous team effort and I am proud of each and everyone of them."



# POINTS STANDINGS

LR with mechanic Brett Leef and his KTM 660 Rally



LR awaits for the 37 km trek to the podium



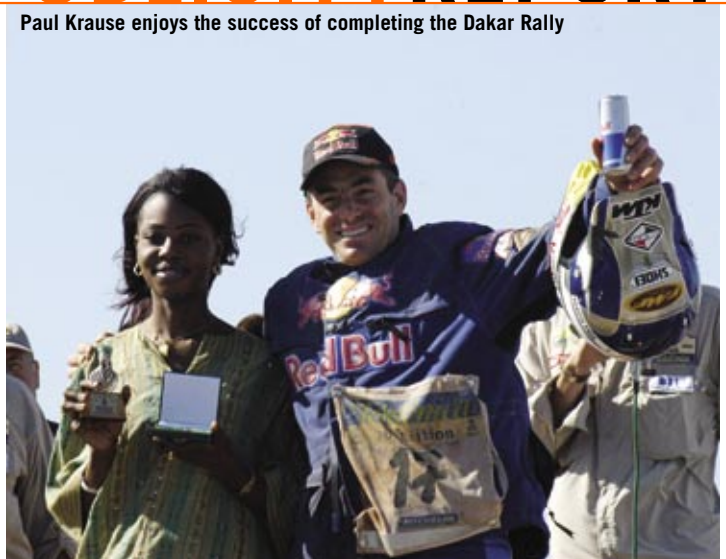
## OVERALL RESULTS

Ranking	Rider	Nat.	Make	Time	Lag
1.	ROMA	ESP	KTM Rally 660	55h 56' 28"	00' 00"
2.	SAINCT	FRA	KTM Rally 660	56h 09' 06"	12' 38"
3.	DESPRES	FRA	KTM Rally 660	56h 40' 59"	44' 31"
4.	COX	AFS	KTM Rally 660	56h 45' 34"	49' 06"
5.	ULLEVALSETER	NOR	KTM	58h 01' 01"	2h 04' 33"
6.	MEONI	ITA	KTM Rally 950	59h 02' 25"	3h 05' 57"
7.	FRETIGNE	FRA	YAM	59h 23' 22"	3h 26' 54"
8.	DE GAVARDO	CHI	KTM Rally 660	60h 10' 30"	4h 14' 02"
9.	FLICK	FRA	KTM	60h 22' 03"	4h 25' 35"
10.	CZACHOR	POL	KTM	61h 28' 24"	5h 31' 56"
11.	GRAZIANI	ITA	KTM	62h 03' 15"	6h 06' 47"
12.	<b>ROESLER</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>KTM Rally 660</b>	<b>62h 04' 26"</b>	<b>6h 07' 58"</b>
13.	MARCHINI	FRA	KTM	63h 46' 17"	7h 49' 49"
14.	DE AZEVEDO	BRA	KTM	64h 03' 28"	8h 07' 00"
15.	STANOVNIK	SLO	KTM	64h 12' 21"	8h 15' 53"
16.	LUNDMARK	SWE	KTM	64h 14' 12"	8h 17' 44"
17.	CHARBONNEL	FRA	KTM	64h 15' 39"	8h 19' 11"
18.	<b>KRAUSE</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>KTM Rally 950</b>	<b>66h 23' 47"</b>	<b>10h 27' 19"</b>
19.	ALGAY	FRA	KTM	66h 39' 53"	10h 43' 25"
20.	PEREZ	ESP	KTM	66h 44' 15"	10h 47' 47"

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Paul Krause checking his route



Paul Krause enjoys the success of completing the Dakar Rally



Left to Right Larry Roeseler and Paul Krause



Paul already thinking about next year



LR feels good about finishing 12th overall



Larry, Scot and Paul

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Larry Roeseler at the finish in Dakar

Scot Harden #25



Thomas McDonald, Scot's mechanic

KTM mechanics prepare for a night of wrenching



Hans Trunkenpolz and Brett Leef (LR's mechanic)

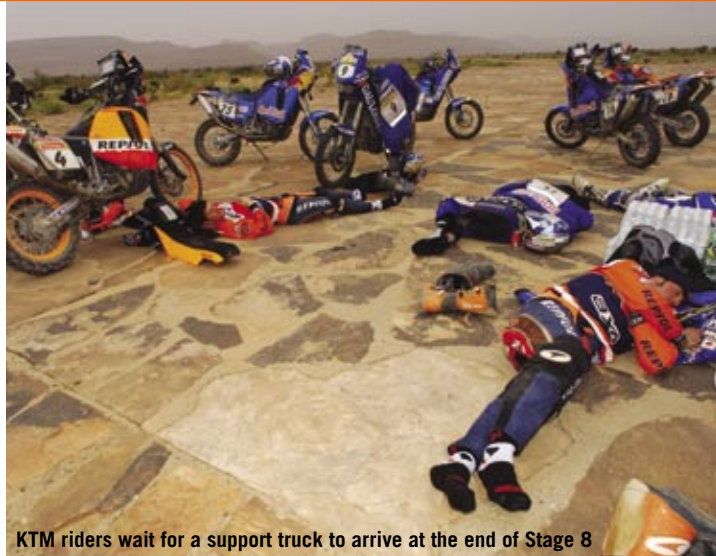
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Red Bull/KTM U.S.A. Dakar Rally Team interviewed by Speed Channel's show host Tolly Moody



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KTM riders wait for a support truck to arrive at the end of Stage 8  
Dos Amigos, Nani Roma and LR



Joe Barker congratulates Scot Harden on his 5th place finish placing him 8th overall at the end of Stage 8



Left to Right KTM Rally Chief Hans Trunkenpolz with Scot Harden



Thomas McDonald makes some adjustments to Harden's 700 Rally



Scot Harden opens it up at Stage 8



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Scot Harden #25



Thomas McDonald, spun the wrenches for Scot Harden



Red Bull/ KTM U.S.A. Dakar Team enjoys some mint tea



Bret Leef, mechanic for Larry Roeseler

Larry Roeseler makes friends everywhere he goes



Left to Right Paul Krause #17 and mechanic Gavin Skilton



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Thomas McDonald



Larry Roeseler #16



LR in action



Gavin Skilton



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