



## Loeb edges out legend Peterhansel in thrilling Stage Four car duel



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Sébastien Loeb, Daniel Sanders and Mitch Guthrie Jr. eclipsed their rivals during Wednesday's tricky Stage Four at the 45th edition of motorsport's toughest test of endurance, the [Dakar Rally](#). Here is all you need to know:

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January 4 | Stage 4 | Ha'il - Ha'il | Distance - Total/Special: 574.01km/425km

- The relentless pace of the 2023 race continued on Wednesday with 425km against the clock across camel grass, desert canyons and sand dunes as Dakar heavyweights Loeb/Fabian Lurquin and Stéphane Peterhansel/Edouard Boulanger battled it out.

- Both crews led the stage at various points during the day in the car category before nine-time WRC winner Loeb got over the line 13 seconds quicker than 14-time Dakar winner Peterhansel. Frenchman Loeb said: "We tried to push really hard on this stage. We were on full attack all the time."

- Australian Sanders finished eighth, however it was enough to claim the overall bike lead after the route had been drastically altered by heavy rain. The 28-year-old said: "I haven't really done any opening with roadbooks since the last Dakar. It was tricky navigation."

- There was another T3 stage win for the Red Bull Off-Road Junior Team USA presented by BFGoodrich thanks to American Guthrie Jr. and co-driver Kellon Walch, who now lead the T3 rankings followed by Guillaume De Mevius/François Cazalet in second and AJ Jones/Gustavo Gugelmin in third. Guthrie, 26, revealed: "They took us up a lot of big dunes on this stage. My co-rider Kellon and me had to work really well together to decide which dunes to climb and which ones to go around."

- Thursday's Stage Five features 373km against the clock with a loop stage around the Ha'il bivouac.

Learn more about Carlos Sainz's legendary journey in the documentary [Carlos Sainz: Live to Compete](#) on Red Bull TV.

The 2023 Dakar Rally is located in Saudi Arabia and runs from December 31 2022 – January 15 2023.

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