

The driver

Dennis Kuipers

Date of Birth	23 November 1985
Lives	Borne, The Netherlands
Marital Status	Girlfriend
First Rally	Almere 2007
First World Rally	Germany 2008
World Rallies Started	12
World Rally Points	2



Dennis Kuipers is one of the exponents of a new generation of Dutch rally drivers. He is also among the most recent batch of drivers in the WRC. Dennis Kuipers only exchanged his jumping horse for a rally car five years ago.

The now 25 year-old driver was a professional horseman for four years. Dennis Kuipers represented his country several times as a member of the Dutch Young Riders. With this national junior selection, he won gold and bronze at European championships. Dennis Kuipers also cooperated closely with Jeroen Dubbeldam, the Olympic jumping champion of Sydney in 2000.

300 hp instead of one

His life now revolves around taming 300 horsepower instead of one. His sports mentality quickly helped Dennis find his way in rally sport. He already won his tenth rally. He beat all Dutch and German competitors in the Lausitz Rally of 2008, a round of the German championship, at the wheel of a Ford Focus WRC '06. He won the final round of the Dutch championship, the Euregio Rally, with a Subaru Impreza S14 WRC in 2009.

His driving style can be described as fast but confident. Dennis Kuipers broke down twice in 12 WRCs. His peak until now was in the WRC Rally of Turkey where he came ninth with the M-Sport Ford Fiesta S2000. A result that was rewarded with two world championship points. This was a new milestone for the Dutch rally sport as Dennis Kuipers was the first driver from his country to get world championship points.

Excellent foundation

In the run up to season 2010, his first intensive season in the WRC, Dennis Kuipers visited Riccardo Ceccarelli, called the *F1 doctor* by many, for advice in the area of mental and physical fitness and nutrition. During the past season, the Dutch rally driver gained experience in nine WRC events with the Fiesta S2000 and found out how M-Sport, a world class team, works. An excellent basis for the season with the new Fiesta RS WRC.

At the wheel of a latest generation Rally Car, Dennis Kuipers will try to improve his own accomplishments in the world championship rallies. The support of FERM Power Tools and the knowledge and experience of M-Sport are an excellent foundation for good achievements. And this is exactly what the Dutchman is aiming for.