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Racing for the Gold

Travis Pastrana and Colin McRae were both hungry for the victory. Each driver wanted the prize badly—the very first **X Games** rally-car gold medal. Travis, a young **motocross** champion, had just switched to rally car racing. Colin, a rally car **legend**, had won dozens of European races. After two days of speeding through the California desert, Travis and Colin were far ahead of all the other racers.

Now it was time for the final part of the race—a **super special stage** held in a Los Angeles stadium. Who would win—Travis or Colin?

Colin McRae ready to race
at X Games 12 in 2006





Travis Pastrana speeding through one of X Games 12's desert stages

In addition to racing rally cars during X Games 12, Travis also competed in the Moto X Best Trick event and landed a double backflip to win the gold medal.

A Furious Flip

In the super special stage, racers take turns driving the course. Travis went first. He skidded around the tight corners—dirt flying behind his wheels—and finished with an incredible time. Next came Colin. Could he drive the course faster? Yes! He headed into the final jump one second ahead of Travis's time.

Colin flew over the jump cleanly. However, on landing, the left front wheel of his car got stuck in the dirt, ripping off the tire. The whole car flipped upside down and then completely rolled over. Finally, with the car settled back down on four wheels, Colin drove across the finish line. Still, the flip had cost him nearly a minute and the win. Travis won the gold!



Travis Pastrana
with his X Games
gold medal

Colin's car flips over
at X Games 12.



Sadly, the great racing career of Colin McRae was cut short a year after the 2006 X Games. In 2007, he died in a helicopter accident near his home in Lanark, Scotland.

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Look inside to learn more about Travis and Colin and other daring rally car drivers. From races around the world to the X Games, you'll discover how this extreme pastime got its start and how it has become one of the fastest-paced and most thrilling sports around.

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