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Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

Today was like all New Zealand roads, like it was in the early days. It's exactly the same; I didn't think it would be like that. I thought it would be more like yesterday. In the recce it was wet and I thought it would be no problem to be first on the road. It would be good to get back up to (a podium finish). We're in a good position on the road and we'll see if we can get that. But tomorrow there will not be as big a cleaning effect (sweeping away gravel) as today. On the first stage tomorrow (the sweeping) will be big but on Whaanga Coast it will be medium, like yesterday. I was hoping for rain today and for the roads to be similar to yesterday. It's been a tough day.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

We have a chance to get Ogier tomorrow. But I was not happy with my performance today. I was losing too much time to Ogier. At the start of the day he was three seconds behind and at the end of the day he was 33 in front. I lost quite a lot of time on the first stage today. My pace notes were not precise enough there. On the stages tomorrow there always a lot of things happening in the past. But 30 seconds is quite a lot and I am not targeting for that but if it looks like we are catching him we will try. But the main thing is to try to hold third place.

Car 7. Sébastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

It's never easy, but today I have a very good feeling with the car. It's a good surprise (to be leading the rally). The car was just perfect and I pushed quite hard. The first stage this morning was a very, very big attack. Maybe the biggest I have ever done, but tomorrow will be difficult for sure.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

I will try for the podium tomorrow. The cars in front of me, it's not a lot. Tomorrow the stages are difficult but we will try to push for the podium. I'm fourth place at the moment and that's not bad, but we need to push them a little bit more.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

I am going as fast as I could with this car. It's like Citroen they have found something go fast. In the last stage I had a small puncture and lost air out of the rear tyre. Maybe I could have had the same time as Ogier if everything worked but there's no way I could beat them. It's been quite amazing the speed that (Citroen) had today.

Car 1. Sébastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

This is one of my best rally days. I really enjoyed it. The roads are maybe the nicest in the world. I thought it was a very good day. We're in a normal situation, five seconds. I was fighting very hard on the first day when I go and hit the bridge. I had to take big risks. I needed to push to the limit not to lose too much time. I needed to take more risks today than yesterday. I think we are in a good position on the road (second) tomorrow, the best position. I have to try to do it. Ogier is very fast and it won't be easy.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

It has been a quite perfect day. In the first two stages I needed to get my rhythm but the long one went well. We made small changes to the car and it got better. Tomorrow, Whaanga is very tricky and we'll do our best to keep our position.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

I had a good day, no problems. I am happy. We are in a good position in the championship. Tomorrow I think it's very similar to today. I think one minute (the gap to PWRC category leader, Jari Ketomaa) is too much but we will give it a good try.