



## SERVICE FLASH

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### Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

I try to go fast but it's really really difficult I don't know if it's something wrong with the car or because of pace notes, I know very well the stage and I tried to go fast. I tried to go clean and good in the road but it's just very hard. I will try to continue but it's very difficult.

### Car 11. Phil Mills

Road position not so important today because it's wet you just can't believe the difference between the driving on the wet stages. It is unbelievable. But road position not quite so important today, obviously it helps a little bit but not as much as yesterday. It's always the same in Raglan when we get here things change and very tricky stages and you only just put a foot wrong by a metre or so and you pay the price for it here.

It's possible obviously but there's five other guys with the same idea so obviously we're going to for it everybody is, you'd be a fool to say any different really. We'll just have to see but if you make a mistake you'll pay the price for it so we need an immaculate two stages basically.

We must sort out this road position nonsense. We have to address it; we can't just keep putting it off all the time. Everybody wants a fair race to the end you know if you turn the top ten, or top twelve cars around at the end of day one then you'll get it back to what it used to.

### Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

Now it is tough for me, a bit complicated because today it is difficult to make some differences, you know in the first stage I'm not so fast, last year was the same, I'm not fast in this stage normally it's not like that I was in quite a good rhythm but we have to complete this stage so we'll try to set the fastest. At the moment the fight is with Petter and Mikko. Mikko was very fast in the morning, good roads for fords, we will have to see.

The mistake was in a long long right hander I had started to understeer on the gravel and I lost the car and I hit it a little bit on some bushes on the side with the rear and it put... the front in I hit a tree and the main problem was that I was stuck there for maybe thirty seconds. The car should be ok, we'll have to check but hopefully but it seems ok.

### Car 11. Petter Solberg

It is possible and now we'll hope Loeb will drop back also it's a big big chance for us and now I think people understand, even though it was damp today what road position makes. It is a massive fight but the old Solberg is in good form so I'm going to go for it and I just have to after my road position yesterday Loeb was 7th overall yesterday and I was thinking last what can you do the rally is almost over you know? And it was raining today it definitely finish but it was damp to drying so actually I got some advantage although if it was completely dry this morning we would've been very fast but this is good enough and hopefully its drying more now. Well, let's rock!

### Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

Yeah at least that's really good, things have changed so much and ok the conditions are different now but just those things we tried this morning they are working. I'll try anyway as hard as I can. Loeb has made a few mistakes and I made a mistake, we have been lacking in speed but now we are up to speed. It's a strange one. Well games on so we will see.

**Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila**

It's been an amazing weekend and in a way it's also been strange but all things have been changing all the time but Whaanga Coast is a very demanding stage so coming from over there in the morning, when Loeb went off the road and lost some time and also Ogier lost some time because he was first on the road so it will be a very interesting second time through. Well I'm like in the sandwich, I have to watch the guys behind but I also want to watch Ogier in front, I just have to say to myself I need to keep going as I did this morning.

**Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin**

Yeah good this morning we have had no problems really, the last stage was very difficult in the end which it always is. Which caused a few incidences like normal but no we were ok nothing major happened really, good clean run.

**Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon**

Morning going ok we make a couple of changes last night on the car and all things have been going better, difficult stage this morning Whaanga Coast which is a stage we all know is very technical so we will see how it goes this afternoon.

**Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins**

We had a real big moment in there; nearly crashed it big time and we had two spins. We can smash Whaanga now and go faster.

**Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard**

We are taking it pretty easy; we have a pretty good lead but just got a clutch problem that we are just trying to nurse through the day. Whaanga Coast is getting a little bit rough in places, it's just a little bit soft with the overnight rain but we are just cruising so it doesn't affect us too much.

**Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox**

It's been pretty good out there, no scares or anything, but it's really slippery so I'm struggling a bit especially at the end of Whaanga Coast. I am looking forward to the afternoon stages but it's quite nerve racking, two stages till the end and they are a couple of the hardest stages in the rally so I just want to get there.

**Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden**

Bit average this morning, we were struggling a bit with loose gravel on the roads, it's not sweeping anywhere as much as we had hoped but we will soldier on and battle through this afternoon. Looking forward to swept stages this afternoon that will up our pace.

**Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read**

Day has been pretty good actually the car was really good in the first stage and getting back into it. I think we are setting third fastest times and it was good at the start of the second stage but we had a spin at a spectator junction and stalled the engine and the diff pump turned off so the rest of the stage was absolutely terrible. We spun again and hooked reverse and lost about 30 seconds. The main thing is the car is all good, it's just panel damage and we should be right for this afternoon and hopefully fix it for Whangarei. Yesterday we rolled the car, made a mistake braking at wrong point, the half shaft snapped in the front left so we think that may have contributed to it but I was off line and couldn't bring it back into the corner. It was a really slow soft roll on a fence which caused most of the damage.

**Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini**

Yeah actually it was good run and are being a little bit slow, not fast but it's ok we have different setup to Patrick Sandell which I know we'll push to last stage and we will see if we can catch him or not. Brilliant road, fantastic always.

**Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek**

It's good today, doing quite well. In the first stage we lost quite a few seconds and in the second stage we pushed way harder so now we are still possible to get second in SWRC. We will push as much as possible and see.

**Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson**

First stage was really good and the second one was also good but I lost too much time to catch Prokop in the third so big shame but ok we have to push this afternoon and see what happens

**Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn**

Not too bad, tyre pressures were a bit wrong in the first stage we didn't get enough time to check them before the start of the stage and they were up around 45 and that wasn't too good and then we torched those tyres too much in the first stage, they got up too hot so we have to cruise though Whaanga Coast, hopefully we've got a few good ones we can put from the back onto the front and hopefully push a bit harder through here. You should always beat your first time I reckon.

**Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth**

Yeah the first stage wasn't too bad, compared to the other time we were right up there so no complaints here, took me a while to get into it but other than that it was alright. Second stage we got held up about half way through, one of the cars rolled over and was in the middle of the road so we had to rock it around on its roof to get past and I let Brian Green go past cause he was right behind me so I didn't want to do anything silly but other than that were pretty happy and that was an amazing stage, can't wait to do that one again that was fun.

**Car 106. Matt Summerfield/Dave Neill**

This morning wasn't too bad in the first stage we were going alright, was a bit slippery and then in the last stage just then it started out alright but the car doesn't really like the tight end of the stage so we were a bit slow through there and the brakes aren't as good as what they were. I want to have another crack at the next few stages but got to weigh things up whether it's worth pushing or not.

**Car 104. Nigel Adams/Craig Morrison**

It was good actually, first stage I think we were forth over all so it was good. Yeah good time. Whaanga Coast was the hard one it gets quite tight towards the end there but it was good. Might take it a wee bit easier next time around, nothing to really gain, we had a couple of moment so we will just take it a wee bit easy and get to the finish I think now.

**Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon**

Still listening to Paul and cars still going good, can't complain. Will actually be quite happy just to get through these next few stages so we can get to the end really, pushed pretty hard this morning and really just looking forward to getting to the end.

**Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring**

Mornings been really good but just coming into service the car just wouldn't start so it's a little bit stressful at the moment to be honest because we're not sure whether it's going to start or not so ill be aiming not to do any half spin or anything silly and having the car stop in these next two stages because we really just want to get home now.

**Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis**

Yeah not too bad, just cruising along. I think we're still quickest fiesta this morning so pretty happy with that. Just a couple more stages to go now so we'll just make sure we get to the end and that will be good.

**Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder**

Good, second stage Whaanga Coast was pretty slippery and its quite different to anything I've ever done before so just got through didn't get a great time but still going and just really really want to get to the finish and just push on a wee bit more this afternoon and try and get the pace going a little bit more.

**Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer**

It's been a pretty good morning we've made some changes again in the service last night and it's made the car a lot better so I'm quite happy now. Whaanga Coast was awesome I think it's one of the best stages in the world, very busy but so enjoyable at the stage time. Looking forward to going through again.