



STAGE FLASH

Date: 8 May 2010

Day: Two

Special Stage: 10

Weather: Overcast, cool and calm

Road Conditions: Dry gravel with early dew helping suppress dust, very slippery.

Flash No: 10

Distance: 20.82km

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

I really enjoyed that stage, it is very, very loose but that's how it is and we will do what we can. I tried hard on the tarmac.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

It was alright for us, yesterday there was so much grip and today is slippery. It is very, very fast stages, faster than I expected so quite a demanding start.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

I tried to push very hard this morning. It was a very slippery stage. I was sliding a little bit too much but it is very difficult to be clean in these conditions because it is so slippery.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

I tried to go fast and I don't know why but I couldn't do the time.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

Spun and damage to rear of car. Things aren't going well this morning.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

Gravel being dragged onto the tarmac on some of the big cuts. Quite difficult. Not sure why they are using tarmac when there are some many great gravel roads in New Zealand

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

Pushing as hard as I can, a lot of gravel on the tarmac. Trying hard today to make up for yesterday's collision with the bridge.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

Vibration in the steering, tried to fix it last night but it hasn't improved.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

Nice technical stage.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

Enjoying myself - car is perfect really enjoyable. Need to check braking points with gravel on corners.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

Good start today, very long day but I will continue like this

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Drove a bit hard on the tarmac and cooked the tyres so we had no grip on the gravel which was stupid of me. Thought I had lost more time.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

It's ok, I think the car is working very well.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

It's ok, we decided to start to push today because Prokop is close. We took a few risks but it is ok.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Just got to drive reasonably sensibly, but was quite loose in there, same for everyone but I wasn't really on the swept line.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

I didn't start to well, I was too careful so I need to push harder.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

Yesterday we rolled in stage 6, service crew did a great job and we SupeRally. I think we will SupeRally every event this year!

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

Car is quite good but a little bit too much oversteer. I want some more sleep

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

Looking forward to putting in consistent times. Want to get as many points as possible today, in the window of where we need to be.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

A lot better today, just dicking around too much, excuse the language!

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Still getting to grips with these tyres, I think it wasn't a bad time in there, but I still don't have any grip so it makes it hard to have a charge, keep having little moments.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

Caught Inky and got caught in his dust.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

All the dirt on the tarmac got caught and slipped wide into a ditch and found something hard.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

Struggled at the start of the stage and lost fifth gear, felt alright on the gravel.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

Going alright on the tarmac then knocked a tyre off the bead and had to stop and change it.

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

Sloan pulled back onto the stage just in front of us after stopping and I had to brake to avoid him then got stuck behind him for the rest of the stage. Happy to still be here and getting times on the board.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Still having trouble getting used to these tyres, think the only use for them is on the silage stack. They're really hard and they don't suit my driving style which is more of a grip man. Keep persevering and look forward to Whangarei.

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

A bit slow this morning. Nightmare at the super special stage so had some repair work to do. We'll just box on today and enjoy rest of the day.

Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

Went off the road on the tarmac section and got two punctures which we had to stop and change. The cars feeling not too bad but a bit funny now.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

No comment

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Not a bad start to the morning. Relatively happy, just making sure we get to the finish and not taking any risks.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Good start, just getting settled in, very slippery stage, all the tarmac was horrifically slippery so hope I didn't overcook the tyres in there.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

Fun, it is a good stage, my hands are a lot better, they were very tired after the super special yesterday.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

Not bad, drove very safely, bit of dust and couldn't see the road.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Don't like tarmac on green tyres. Caught a car which slowed us up

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

I think I have a flat tyre from 3k in. (Tyres were all inflated - ?)

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

Felt a bit loose on that tarmac, haven't done much driving on tarmac but once we got onto the gravel it was good.

Car 87. Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro

It was good, took it pretty easy, just getting back into it after the big crash yesterday and hope to get to the end today.

Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula

Honestly I can say that the rally here is just beautiful, the special stages are fantastic but my motivation is zero because of the penalty yesterday the rally is finished, I am just counting down the hours to return home

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Very good, unfortunately only will have four gears today, will have to get the fifth one back tonight. Will be alright on the twisty bits but not so good on the fast stuff.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

Unfortunately we had no intercom for the stage so I couldn't hear the notes.

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

We were all over the place on the seal, lost all momentum, we went round a couple of times.

Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

Very slippery start, the tarmac was covered in gravel from the WRC cars.

Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry

Very good!

Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington

That was good, fast, very fast stage, very happy with that to start with, better start than yesterday, bit more confident.

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