



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 9 May 2010

**Day:** Three

**Special Stage:** 19

**Weather:** Overcast, mild temperature

**Road Conditions:** Slightly damp but still slippery gravel

**Flash No:** 19

**Distance:** 29.67km

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### **Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia**

I think this is the worst stage of the rally, I don't like it. It is so slow, so twisty and impossible for me to do anything, it is very slippery. I try to stay on the line and keep clean but it is impossible. Also concerned about Latvala from behind

### **Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena**

Damage to bonnet and left side of car) Long long right hander, lots of gravel, we slid and we stopped in a little tree.

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

It is a strange situation now and Petter is coming very fast from behind, a really really big battle this afternoon. Wasn't expecting this this morning.

### **Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti**

Quite hard for Sebastien. I try to go clean in there, the corners are quite close but it is difficult.

### **Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills**

Not so bad through here. Sebastian was good yesterday, I am good today. Hope we can do similar this afternoon.

### **Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen**

The changes I have tried today are not working with these conditions. This is very difficult to drive. The car felt a lot better yesterday, we had to try something today but the changes are not working.

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

We struggled for grip in the rear, the rear was sliding a lot so quite difficult to keep in the lines. Very tricky stage but no problems.

### **Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro**

Ok, no problems, in this stage there are a lot of turns!

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

The first stage we lost a lot of seconds so now we are pushing very hard.

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

Not too good, not too good, losing too much time.

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

I think we are struggling a bit, the last part of the stage we lost a lot of time. But it's ok, we finished and now we will see what happens on the next two stages.

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

She doesn't get any easier every year we come here, just taking it really easy, car a bit of a handful.

**Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt**

Car is just a little bit too much oversteer so can't push too hard.

**Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen**

Very nice stage, difficult stage, there are a few rocks in there but no dramas for us, just enjoyed.

**Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham**

Car feels good, there is a lot more grip in there than you'd think. It's a different car to yesterday. Great piece of road, wouldn't have Rally New Zealand without it.

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

Trying pretty hard this morning, pretty good to have a good run first time through a repeat stage and you can always go quicker next time.

**Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall**

We made changes to the set up last night and it isn't flash, so hopefully the boys can put it back at service and we can have a better run through the last two stages.

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

Honestly I am very very happy. We are trying to be safe because it's Rally New Zealand and we drive really straight for me. Some people blazed us but we kept up with some people as well so we are real happy.

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

It is very marbly in there, no real swept line and getting used to the tyres again so we will soldier on this afternoon.

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

It was enjoyable, first part of the stage was really good, got a bit tired in the middle but kept my focus on the notes so really happy.

**Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward**

I made a change to the diff setting before the stage but it was diabolical, we had a spin, it was hopeless, something about these tyres and me I think.

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

The car is fine; first stage felt good, but that one the driver and tyres went off at the same time which is never good. Still feeling it a bit from yesterday's off and no power steering on day one so can't concentrate as much as I would like. Just hoping for a solid day and some good NZRC points.

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

The first stage this morning felt alright but we had two spins in there and the tyres went off towards the end. The time seems alright though.

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

A bit of an average stage, got a bit hairy towards the end there. Pretty tight though.

**Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin**

We had a small roll about 1 kilometre before the finish. (Heavy damage to front and left side of car)

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

Every bit as difficult as we thought it would be, you just have to pick a line and just drive through the corners, here in one piece, just have to do the afternoon loop now.

**Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy**

Very hard, good road but hard job.

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

That's one heck of a stage, there is nothing else that comes close, so tight, twisty and busy but enjoyable at the same time.

**81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn**

We are running out of tyres, only have two new ones for today, had to put some destroyed ones on the front but at least we have grip at the rear.

**Car 87. Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro**

That was awesome, getting used to the car again and feeling heaps more confident and can push on a bit more now, really enjoying it.

**Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci**

The stage is very nice, I think it is beautiful, the most beautiful stage on New Zealand Rally but also the most difficult, it is very slippery and the ground is changing many times in the special stage.

**Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie**

Lost the front brakes before the stage and then burnt out the rear brakes in there, so I think we might be going home.

**Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth** Well we had a few problems in there, the Subaru #45 rolled in the middle of the road so me and Brian (#78) had to stop and I think a few others behind us had to stop.

**Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison**

That was excellent, glad I got here, and we saw three off in there.

**Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley**

Na, we had no rear brakes it's a little bit funny.