



STAGE FLASH

Date: 9 May 2010

Day: Three

Special Stage: 20

Weather: Overcast, mild temperature

Road Conditions: relatively cleaned gravel

Flash No: 20

Distance: 11.18km

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

I pushed to the maximum, really the maximum. Ok, I am happy with this stage.

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

It was a big, big stage; I was pushing really on the limit. I cannot do more.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

In the beginning of this stage I was a bit too cautious, I didn't push hard enough. Then later on I realised that we were losing a couple of seconds so we need to push harder. But now I know for the next stage. It is difficult, but let's see what happens.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

Seb is pushing really really hard, but I will continue to try to push hard too.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

It is very tough. I tried very hard but I made a little mistake and I lost a bit too much time there, but there is no cleaning effect on this anyway so on the next one we can continue to push. I is very hard, just unfortunately everyone is going harder.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

Well it is all or nothing now. The roads are cleaner for everybody so it is more equal. We will see, we are definitely going to go for it now.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

No problems at all. Obviously everyone in front is pushing really really hard there is a big battle going on. But we are doing Ok, no massive problems and a good clean run. Obviously there is a tricky stage still left to go and anything can happen, so we'll just be careful through there, but everything else is OK.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

I was a little bit quicker, but the road is cleaning so it is the same for everyone. Just keeping the car the same. I am just trying to get to the finish.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

We have been making a few little changes and we feel a lot better so we keep trying.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

There is still one stage to go and we have to finish that properly and then we can then start to celebrate. But for now we have to concentrate. It has been a great weekend so far, so hopefully that continues.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

No comment.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

We will see. I think we were quite slow on that stage. This stage was not good for me, we lost a little bit of time. We are trying to do our best, but the time is not so perfect. We will see how the next stage is going, maybe we will slow down and just go to the finish.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

We lost too much time on Prokop on the long stage, the first time through. So we have 22 secs or something up to him now, so we will try but it will be difficult.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

Yes, we are trying to push now because we are trying to catch Patrick. We'll see, we still have one long stage, but we will try our best.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Counting down. We have just had a clutch problem today, the clutch is virtually gone, so I'm just using the gearbox without a clutch now, which I used to use it on the up shift, so it is taking a little bit of getting used to and just nursing the car through.

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

No comment.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

It is OK. No problem.

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

It was OK. The car feels really good. It is just up here you know (pointing to head). We had a tough day yesterday, in rear wheel drive, really it is just a confidence thing. But time is running out.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

It was OK. Probably could have gone a little bit harder, but we just want to get to the end of the rally too, so it is hard to know how hard to push.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

A lot more grip than the first time this morning. The changes we made at service have definitely improved the car, but just still down on power. But it is what it is, just one more stage to go.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Good. It has gripped up a lot and dried out, so it there is not as much mud around. It was a lot better.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

A bit better in there. I was getting a bit more of a swept line. We improved our time from the first pass through, so I am happy with that.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

That time was a lot tighter than last time and quicker I hope. Felt really good.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Just got through it. Just trying to get to the end now.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

Much better. Not as erratic as this morning. I am getting used to the car again and getting more confidence so hopefully we can get Whaanga Coast right now because the first run through it was absolutely arse.

Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

That was heaps better. There was a lot more grip in there, heaps of fun.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Heaps better through there. It is a little bit drier and a bit more grip. We've had a pretty good day, the car has run faultlessly and we are getting better and better.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Better. There is a bit more grip out there and we made a little change at service so the car felt a wee bit better.

75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Good. Very good.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

It wasn't quite as good as the first time around so I don't know what went on there. We caught up to Don through there, so we lost some time. That is what happens, that's life.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

That was awesome. We had some new tyres on there, we just juggled them around a little bit. A couple of old ones in random places, but it as good.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

No comment

Car 87. Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro

That was good . It was a bit quicker so we are happy.