



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 9 May 2010

**Day:** Three

**Special Stage:** 21

**Weather:** Overcast, sun patches, mild temperature.

**Road Conditions:** Dry surface in most places.

**Flash No:** 21

**Distance:** 29.67km

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

I made a mistake three corners from the end.

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

I had a spin in the camber 2 kilometres before the finish; I had to reverse and lost more than 30 seconds.

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

It is unbelievable – I couldn't imagine we would win. I made a mistake near the end of the stage.

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

Ford seemed to have more luck in the stage this year – two years ago it was Citroen's year. I am disappointed for Citroen, but am happy for Jari – he is working very hard so deserves this win.

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

This is fantastic for Jari-Matti. He was struggling with speed yesterday and today he wins. Valuable points for us today though.

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

What a rally – unbelievable. Petter was in there. What a massive, massive shunt, he has smashed a telegraph pole. The end is so, so tight and you feel like you are going nowhere – just need to be neat and tidy. Difficult stage.

**Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor**

Not so happy to see my brother in there. That was a hard one, that was a proper one. Not such a good weekend and have to fix problems.

**Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg**

Very good, taking it carefully to the end.

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

It is a very good result for us. Jari Ketomaa drove very well. It is not an easy rally, very fast and I am very happy.

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

Of course we are really happy to finish in the points but we lost a lot of time on Friday with engine problems.

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

A good run but we went off the road at the beginning and I thought something was loose.

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

I can breathe again now, especially with the clutch problem today, it made me a bit nervous. But I just adapted my driving style, didn't use any clutch at all. Absolutely brilliant. Great weekend.

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

We had a spin in there so we lost fifteen seconds. Good event, good organising but I missed the top three so disappointed.

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

We were probably overdriving, still no confidence up here (pointing to head). Fantastic result considering what we have had and what we have gone through.

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

Everything got so hot in there, tyres went off, brakes went off, we were having moments and it felt like we were going so slow.

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

We did our best, we had a spin this morning and you just have to be so precise.

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

We still went pretty hard in there, we've really got a handle on this car today. I think we might make the top twenty with the big boys so that's awesome

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

Tricky day but didn't have any mistakes which was good, I'm happy.

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

We struggled all weekend even in there, I think there is something wrong with this car since we crashed it.

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

Today was alright, wasn't spectacular, all over the road, just trying to get a solid points haul, but it didn't click.

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

It was a lot better than the first time through despite spinning twice again on different corners. Lots of fun, you can really lean on the car in there.

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

We have had a bloody good weekend. Just hit a bank in the last couple of K's and affected the toe so we cruised out.

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

It was pretty cool, been a really long rally. Changed a few things in service and the car feels really good.

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

Very good, no problems

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

It is great to be here, there are a lot that have fallen by the wayside. We didn't really have the pace we wanted but we're pretty happy to make the finish.

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

The tyres went off about half way through because we didn't have much left to work with, otherwise pretty good

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

New Zealand is very good, fabulous landscape and roads are fantastic. It is a problem for me because the roads are very fast and New Zealand drivers are very fast. In Europe it is not faster.

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

Had a problem in this stage and the last with a loose steering wheel, but we backed off and got to the finish.

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

Awesome feeling in that stage. That stage is incredible it is like nothing else I have ever driven. Tyres went off with four K to go.

**Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen**

Certainly been a trying event. It was a long way to the end, I was counting every corner.

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

Bent left rear arm with 15k to go, glad to be here, lots of triangles out in that one

**Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry**

It was good, the first part of Whangaa coast is enjoyable, the second part shouldn't be in the rally in my opinion.

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

Lucky to get here, had no rear brakes first time through and this time was much better.

**Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington**

The stage is fantastic, it is hard work. Road is a little bit chopped up and a few rocks and things but overall fantastic.

**Car 101. Geof Argyle/Phil Deakin**

Yesterday was a big disappointment so I was determined to set some good times in here.

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

It has been a trying event, we have been through three gearboxes.

**Car 103. Marcus van Klink/Matt Richards**

It was good, first time was rough but I've never done it before so we are getting there.

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

Been a pretty awesome weekend!

**Comments:**