



STAGE FLASH

Date: 7 May

Day: One

Special Stage: 4

Weather: Cloudy, cool, breezy

Road Conditions: Dry, thick gravel and dust

Flash No: 4

Distance: 22.20 km

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

It's been going really well, and I am enjoying every minute of it. Through the stage it's going really really well, the guys in front and behind are going faster but I enjoy and I look forward to rest of weekend. I think it will be better for me in second pass. But tomorrow is big day.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

Its going good, fantastic stage, Sebastian broke front windscreen lucky he got through, would have been awkward to drive. Next run through will be better, it's very close, I'm sure we will go faster but it will still be very very close. It's going to be fantastic I'm sure.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

Fantastic day, really really enjoyed it, towards the end it was very quick and still the pace was quite good even though with loose gravel, managed to stay underneath the top gravel so good feeling.

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

Hit bridge and I had to hold door shut through rest of stage.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

The morning was ok for us, no problems. Car is good for us. Sebastian going off did a lot of damage to his car, lost about 1.5mins.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

It was ok - happy with the car.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

Lost window on stage before. It's been a nightmare haven't been able to see anything, lost a lot of time in here, it's quite difficult really. Stage two – car feels good, really good.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

I did something in last stage, can't change anything in remote service so will have to drive with it. (reported a noise)

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Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

It's ok, not easy for me because it is very slippery, more confident every stage is better. I'm happy, it's ok.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

It was good very good, good speed, good set up in car, we are happy; we are driving quite fast, trying to put good times in beginning.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

Yeah it's ok, I hit an eagle and cracked screen, I have problem to see perfect and around corners, other than that it's going perfect. Hope we can change windscreen now otherwise tonight.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

Yeah it's ok the last stage is best for us, diff oil temperature is too high, hopefully can fix at remote service but it not too hot yet.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

Good stage, fast – going to service now – it's ok. s

Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz

Yeah I am very happy. To be here is good moment.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

That's a really good, fun special stage. These roads are very special – best I do in my life.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

Better in this one, no dust.

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

In the previous stage we think we bent an arm in the right rear but we are through so hopefully we have parts to fix it. Fantastic roads apart from little crash.

Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan

Slippery and enjoying it.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Not bad, we are having a handling problem, but time isn't too bad so I'm happy.

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

Tough start set up not 100%, slowly improving so getting back to where we need to be. Small changes in service.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

Struggling a little bit, enjoyed first 2 stages but didn't in last two maybe due to tyre wear.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

I'll be going better tomorrow when I don't fall off the road.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Learning the new car more, getting caught in dust a bit, really happy though.

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

Car is feeling down on power, hopefully nothing serious, looking forward to service and afternoon stages. Roads are dry and dust, but slippery if you get off line.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

It's alright, struggling a little bit with braking in the car, hopefully we can rectify that at service.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Great stage, no problems.

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

Little bit tidy, really enjoying the roads.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

Not too bad, just trying to learn the car a bit more and trying to get back into the groove. Small problem in stage two thought it was diff but all good now.

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

No problems.

Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison

Yeah alright, no problems.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Stuck behind Lee Stringer and losing some time in last two stages.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

Cooked engine in first stage so had to stop for ten minutes to let it cool and then got a puncture in next stage. We are making the most of it, going hard and wearing some tyres out.

Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

Just had a huge moment in there so good to come out.

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

Not bad, nothing to report.

Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington

Hard work but fantastic roads, nice fast sweepers.

Possum Bourne Memorial Rally field

Car 101. Geof Argyle/Phil Deakin

Went bad in there, brake pedal went straight to the floor and we went off.

Car 104. Nigel Adams/Craig Morrison

Excellent we are trying to make some time up on the guys in front. Little bit under power will check at service.

Car 107. Stumpy Holmes

Yeah going good, few F words, no problems with car.

Car 106. Matt Summerfield/Dave Neill

Lost brakes early on in stage – pedal went to floor. Using handbrake and doing what we can. Growing my confidence.