



STAGE FLASH

Date: 7 May 2010

Day: One

Special Stage: 6

Weather: Overcast

Road Conditions: Dry and dusty

Flash No: 6

Distance: 13.60km

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

It was ok, as a driver I push it really, really hard but difficult to make any difference

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

It's still slippery in some places and quite clean but I pushed it hard and of course you're going off line! If I get too close to the guy in front of me then we maybe have to push back, so I have to be a little bit careful as I go!

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

It's a really good start, I just couldn't get a safe line, I'm ok maybe my car is a little bit too soft but they are pushing really hard

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

I'm still very surprised how quick Loeb can be on the front but still it's ok it is very close which is good but its gonna be a really big battle in this rally.

It's a difficult situation I think so everyone's afraid how fast Loeb is gonna be tomorrow, so I think everyone just needs to go as quick as they can at the moment there is no chance to think about everything else!

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

I like this stage, I was fastest this morning

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

It was ok, I am carrying two spares and the others are only carrying one, so at the moment it is a little slow.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

Start of that one we lost a bit on the first 5-6k, but the second half it felt really good, same as the one before, start feels a little bit sluggish then picking it up.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

We are going better, changed a couple of little things at service and feel a lot more confident with the car.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

I changed something to compensate for the problem in the rear, just going as fast as I can.

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Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

This morning it was very slippery and now there is a lot more grip, I am very happy

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

It was OK, we tried as much as possible with this car now, we are finding the rhythm more and more this afternoon so I think it will be a good weekend.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

It's much better, more fun, I think I did a good time.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

Off road

Car 40. Richard Mason/Sara Mason

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Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

We had a problem in the morning with the engine and it is not quite running clean but at least now we can tour. Stage was very good fun.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

First one (after service) was a bit loose, a bit more gravel than I anticipated. It's nice to be driving on quite swept road, they are much more enjoyable to drive on and you can carry more corner speed, that one was good, but it is a bit hard being first Group N on the road to see what everyone else was doing.

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

Very difficult. As well as broken cross member now has faulty power steering pump

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

A little bit better, a couple of cars off slowed us down a bit but that's the same for everyone. Car a lot better now.

Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz

Everything went ok, I really enjoyed this stage.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

Door couldn't open from panel damage!

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

Much better, I was 15 seconds faster than before, so yea good!

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

I think a little bit better at getting to understand the roads in New Zealand, so a little bit better, the roads are really tough but really nice!

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

Yeah ok I think I did better but I'll just wait and see!

Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan

No comment

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Not bad, Masons off there in that stage looks like he's had a fairly decent stack into the trees and I just sort of backed off after that cause he's one of the main guys I want to race against!

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

A lot better, its fine now comfortable with the car so that's the main thing!

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

That one was better, we went a bit easier on the first one, worried about making four tyres last the four stages. Nothing wrong with the car, just the driver that is a bit rusty.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Not the flashiest, don't know what's going on, just struggling a bit at the moment and I don't know why. We seemed to go better when we had a misfire

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

First two stages of the morning were good and first two stages of this afternoon were good so just got to get through the third one now.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Better than the first time but still a second a k off where we need to be. Don't want to bin it to be honest.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Yeah that was a good stage, loved it, had a charge!

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

The roads are a lot more swept which makes it easier to drive with these locked diffs. We didn't take any major risks, as you can see there are a few off in there. Starting to feel comfortable in new car, by the time we get diff sorted we'll be good to go.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

Went a lot better that time, the run before I had a spin in a scary spot and I didn't that time so that was awesome. The car is good and the pace notes are good so it is up to me to keep the car straight and post some good times.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

Made a couple of changes in service and they've felt good but I think we need a bit more.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Just getting into it all, enjoying the roads, they're a challenge they are certainly different with the cambers and trying to get into a rhythm.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Great stage, no gravel so it was good. Starting to get better, car going good.

Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Ok, but not so good, problem is me.

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

Fantastic, best stage all day, no risk and got a bit of rhythm in there.

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Pretty good, bit less gravel but a bit of dust, that's ok. New car very good.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

Didn't actually go to bad last time we went through we thought we had a bit of an issue but that's been sorted out in service, so that time through unfortunately we had to slow down a couple of accidents but other than that it's been really good!

Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison

Only 1second faster but I love that stage it's a great stage I enjoyed that!

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Heaps faster I think we might've picked up a bit of damage right at the start at a junction there was a bit of a hole there seems to be making a bit of noise from the front there but I'd expect that to be a lot faster than the first time through that's for sure!

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

A lot better, last time we had a puncture going through there so this time we weren't dragging our rear on the rim, so not to bad!

Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry

Double the speed mate, it was fantastic that run!

Car 84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

A lot better obviously, it was starting to dial in, first time through this morning was pretty raggedy but that one was a lot better!

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

It was good there were a couple of cars in there that didn't make it out, but that was cool. It was sweet!

Car 86. Trevor Taylor/Tim Eddington

That was pretty good, I think we were quite a bit faster than last time, that's about as quick as I can go.

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