



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 8 May, 2010

**Day:** Two

**Special Stage:** 11

**Weather:** Overcast, cool and calm

**Road Conditions:** Dry gravel with early dew helping suppress dust, very slippery.

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**Flash No:** 11

**Distance:** 21.42km

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

The first stage we did this morning was completely different compared with yesterday's. In recce it was wet so we thought it would be ok you know? But it's much more smooth and sweepy than yesterday. This was more like I thought it would be like yesterday. We just have to push on and try not to lose time and do the best I can and we'll see for tomorrow.

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

It was not being second on the road. I just didn't drive very well. This stage just didn't suit for me.

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

Yeah it's good but I slowed down a bit because I had the wrong information from my team but ok, no problem.

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

This leg was more better than the first one though but I don't know it's more difficult to brake all the time in the line. Because if you break too late you'll go off and loss of grip so it's really difficult to keep the line but anyways now it's much better Ogier was really really fast and also Solberg was fast.

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

No - it's only a puncture the tyre was on the rim but there was no air so that's why it felt really bad. It's ok now but I don't have a good rhythm yet so we'll have to try to do something.

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

We're suffering from a bit of understeer in places and it seems to be making it quite difficult. We're doing nothing really different from yesterday but it seems to be I don't know whether it's the nature of the stage or what but it seems to be a little bit more difficult so we'll see.

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

Yeah but slowly and slowly but we still have a long way to go. I tried my best in this one but it's difficult to know because you have to be very aggressive to keep the line. I tried to keep in the line, I think if you are too aggressive you make too many mistakes. So its quite difficult to go flat out like the other ones and I have to control myself. Not the same gap but good time I think.

### **Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress**

It didn't feel too good I was just um struggling for grip we are obviously up the running order a bit and there's a lot more gravel around but we'll make some changes at the service so it's alright for the next stage and hopefully it will be alright.

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

Not so bad not so bad morning so we are happy that the car is ok because yesterday we were not so sure.

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

It was difficult from the beginning because there was a vary and we made a little mistake but it is ok because the last part was really fast and we enjoy.

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

Yeah it's ok but I'm losing time, I don't know why so we have to find out what the problem is.

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

Yeah its ok just struggling a bit for grip in the rear of the car this morning so we had a couple of changes over night to fix it but its almost a little bit worse so maybe the wrong way.

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

We're still here, still having fun car's still going good.

**Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle**

I'm getting used to the unusual handling of the car now because of the damage we did last night it's got wheels pointing in funny directions and it turns poorly going to the right, it turns quite well going to the left but I have to be very careful on right hand turns.

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

Going alright better day than yesterday that's for certain but we've only done two stages so lets get the third one out of the way before we start crowing.

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

Honestly I've never ever done such a bad stage in my entire life to come out and have the time not as bad as I thought it would be. But it's just a big learning curve, there was just no grip out there, none whatsoever and we bent a steering arm in the first stage and dropped some time.

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

After a bad first stage I think that one was a lot better. We went off in the first stage and got two punctures and had to change them so we lost heaps of time there but that one was heaps of fun.

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

We had a few problems in the first stage about a couple of k's in we've lost 5<sup>th</sup> gear so we're struggling a bit with that on this high speed stuff but the tight twisty stuffs feeling fine we're getting used to the tyres now so it's all going well.

**Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble**

Obviously with that centre diff and this morning being the first time through its so slippery. we are struggling with understeer but, you know it's another day and we want to get to the end. We will just back off accordingly and nurse the car as best we can.

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

We just didn't go too stupid in there and slowly learning the car a little bit more and starting to enjoy the driving of the car so that's a first

**Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez**

Very tough but a lot of fun it's very nice stage. This morning is a very difficult first stage especially a lot of people are having problems and I can see already second as well. I'm glad we are still here but it's a long day.

**Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay**

It was fun. It was so much fun I tell you what it was the greatest stage. Loved it.

**Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz**

We rolled over on the finish of the stage. A lot of damage the car is down so here we are.

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

Hard stage the car is loose so quite difficult.

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

Its was alright we were sort of off the pace again.

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

We're off to a pretty good start I think we pulled a bit of time out of Ben on the first one that one was pretty good too. Felt fast, think I was catching Matt as well in front of us. Very happy.

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

Not too bad a tight, twisty, quite technical stage and enjoyed it, got a reasonable flow on and it's a little bit slippery in places but yeah it's cool and it opens out quite nicely at the end.

**Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada**

I think my driving is much better. It's a little bit dry, its dusty this stage and I drive a little bit careful because it's quite delicate.

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

The car in front is too slow and it blocked me in the stage and lots of dust, couldn't see the road.

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

It's ok, it's no problem for now.

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

No good, still got brake problems.

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

Not too bad we got lost there for a while in the middle but otherwise it felt pretty good bit better than the first stage where it was really slippery, the tyre pressures weren't right so we've sorted that out.

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

Yeah it's good slowly getting better after our big crash yesterday. We're going to take it pretty easy for today though and make sure we make it to the end.

**Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan**

Horrible day, it was no good.

**Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula**

This rally is just fantastic, beautiful. Congratulations New Zealand for a fantastic rally.

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

That last bit was pretty fast we caught Greeny in that last one I think he had a few gearbox issues but other than that we've got a few note issues that we're trying to work out but other than that it's just getting used to the car really.

**Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry**

Very very good he's really getting on top of his game and enjoying those roads.

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

Not too bad these stages haven't really been to my liking but we're going alright. Doing what we have to do to make up the time we lost this morning. We've got some brakes just not great but just lacking confidence really at the moment.