



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** 8 May 2010

**Day:** Two

**Special Stage:** 13

**Weather:** Overcast, cool and calm

**Road Conditions:** Tarmac racing circuit

**Flash No:** 13

**Distance:** 4.68km

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

That was a bit exciting. It started nearly after the first corner with a slow puncture. It was difficult to keep the car on the road from there.

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

I tried my best. It was different that's for sure.

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

It was hard to race on a track with a rally car and rally tyres but it was okay. We are not allowed to scrub the tyres so it was just the same tyres as the gravel.

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

Oh yes it was a lot of fun on the tarmac but there was gravel on the corner. I don't know but somebody has dragged gravel on to the road. But it was really good, nice and wide and a lot of fun.

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

It was okay and good with so many people here. We did not expect to have so much gravel on the road and I went too wide on two corners because of that so not as good as I wanted.

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

I was trying to get the car turned on and obviously that's difficult with the gravel tyres so we had a moment. Our car was moving around a bit more and has a bit more roll than these guys (Citroen). It was good fun anyway.

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

There was a lot of gravel. We are told we cannot cut the corner but when I get there it was a lot of gravel. That is not fair for this kind of driving. We know we can make a lot of time on the gravel but we are not allowed gravel on the track.

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

Yes there was gravel out there on the corner but it is the same for everyone. I don't think we can do a lot with our car in service so we will just get through today.

### **Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon**

It was fun. It was really good to drive on. I enjoyed it

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

It was very nice and good fun. I really enjoyed it.

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

It was very slippery on the tarmac with the gravel tyres but okay and no problem.

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

Not too bad. I made a bit of a mistake at the end of that stage. But it was fun on the circuit.

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

Fantastic. I enjoy a lot you know. Really nice and it was a good idea.

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

Good fun. Good fun. This car was okay. I am looking forward for service.

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

I have to pass him (Paddon) in the middle of the stage and I lost a lot of time there but it was good fun.

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

Even on the straights he would pull away from me. I was quite surprised. I thought the Group Ns had more power but he was easily pulling away.

**Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen**

It is nice super special stage for the spectator. In the morning today it is not so bad for us. It was not good yesterday but today it's ok.

**32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt**

We have many problems yesterday but today not bad. I drive quite hard today and it is better. This was fun.

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

We are okay. We are just taking a bit of time with the set-up on the car to get the best out of the tyres. For us kiwis it's something we haven't used for several years and apart from that we are really good and enjoying it.

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

We have been having a mucky rally really. I just need to tidy it up now and have some good clean stages to move up the field a bit.

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

Not too bad. It could be better. We are trying to get use to the tyres and get the car to handle properly really.

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

We are struggling through today because last night I had quite a bit of damage in the Domain Super Special. We had fit a whole new rear end and it is not all aligned correctly at the moment so the car is crabbing a bit. I've lost a bit of confidence with it but we should be able to get the car balanced up better at this service.

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

We are going not too bad. But that stage was a bit of a laugh though. They tell you not to cut the grass on the first corner and there's gravel all over the road so you don't know where to go. But it's a great rally so far and we looking forward to the rest of the day and tomorrow.

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

It's going not too bad. We had a problem this morning but we got it fixed so we will keep going and see how we end up.

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

We are not really on the pack this morning. But that Hampton Downs stage was a heap of fun and made up for it.

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

The morning was not the best. I got a flat tyre in the first stage but now it's getting better and better.

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

It's a bit rough today. We lost some time in the first stage and had a puncture in the third stage but this one felt alright and we should be back in the groove for this afternoon.

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

We've got a lot of catching up to do this afternoon. We've been held up twice today – Sloan in the first stage and Kingsley got a puncture in the third as well. But of them held us up for a long time so we are minutes down on where we should be. End of the day we have a straight car, the wheels are all pointing straight ahead and we are still going.

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

We are getting a little bit better as the day goes on and we are learning about these tyres on the gravel. She's a long weekend ahead still.

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

I am only out here to have a bit of fun and it was cool – hanging it out on the corners and had no speed whatsoever but it was all a bit of fun. It was great.

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

So far, so good. We are still here. Way to go.

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

We are having a bit of a struggle today but we had a lot of fun out here on the race track. It was fun to throw the car sideways out there and put a bit of a show on for the spectators.