



STAGE FLASH

Date: 8 May 2010

Day: Two

Special Stage: 14

Weather: Fine cloudy

Road Conditions: Dry and dusty

Flash No: 14

Distance: 20.82 km

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

Close with Petter but Ogier is really, really fast. I will try but he is pushing really hard.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

The road is much cleaner this afternoon. Felt like I did a good run and I'm sure they'll beat my time though. Just have to wait and see how Loeb goes. He will go absolute maximum here now. Quite happy but not good enough to beat the guys behind me.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

Changed some pace notes on the way through, took out some un-needed info for the future.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

Tried to push very hard in there. Think I have a slow puncture on the left rear though, need to check.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

It was a steady drive, but I lost a lot. Really bad drive.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

Same again we seem to lose out on the tarmac bit, I tried harder and tried to be neater and tidier but that's where we lost for sure most of our time. There is a hell of a lot more grip out there.

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

Flat out all the time, very good stage. Pushing on the limit and I am very happy. We have to continue there is a long way to go.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

Not good, I am just going to continue and this is how it is.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Compagnon

A lot better, very nice, we enjoyed it a lot.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

The first kilometres on the tarmac was tricky. We hit the sump a few times and now there is a vibration coming from the front.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

Second place is very good for us, Ketomaa drives very well.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Unfortunately in that stage we had a spin in a narrow bit of road, took a while to get going again and threw me off for the rest of the stage.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

Nobody is listening to us that we need two minute gaps, I cannot see and on the high speed stages it is really dangerous.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

We have a good run now, there is a good line. We are quite happy and I think we have made a good time, we'll see.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Much better than the first time. Obviously a lot more grip so it's more enjoyable, it's just adjusting to the notes because you have to attack it differently to first time round.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

It was good, I had a good feeling and tried quite hard but I don't know how hard the other guys are going.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

I am enjoying it more now, wheel alignment sorted out and the car is a lot more predictable, I know where it is going to go and we can get a better line through the corner.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Yea we were really really cautious through the tarmac as that's what caught us out last time.

Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

Well that stage certainly felt a bit better than last time. It has been a pretty tough Rally New Zealand for us but hopefully we can press on and it will get better.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

It was really good, got through the tarmac with no mistakes and I'm really happy with my driving.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

A little bit better, fixed the car at service. Still have no fifth gear but at least we have four good tyres now.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Car is feeling really good, but have no fifth gear, but we will get it right. Still not 100% with car, big crash at Otago messed with my head.

Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Much better, more grip and diff programme and suspension set up better.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

A lot better than this morning, we made some changes to the suspension again and we are starting to make some headway with that. The tarmac section at the start was very slippery but it's the same for everyone.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

It felt a lot faster, but we are running second hand tyres on the front to help us for tomorrow.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Better stage that time seemed to flow better. We made a small change at service and it seems to have worked.

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

Slippery a lot of stones on the top and the ground is very hard underneath.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

Not too bad, we got off the notes briefly on the tarmac section. We both got fired up for the gravel section and I think we smoked our time from the last time through.

Car 87. Phil Campbell/Venita Fabbro

A little bit slow this morning but hopefully we were a bit quicker that time. Going good, make sure we get it to the finish to keep P.J Happy.

Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula

Second time through the stage is always more fun as you are more confident of your pace notes. The special stage is fantastic, a pleasure to drive. If you feel secure it is even better. Only problem was a penalty we got on the first day.

This rally is fantastic.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

Not too bad so far, trying to keep a steady pace and get used to the notes.

Keep it clean and go for a finish

Car 85. Dermott Malley/Linzi Malley

The stage was going well until we saw Patrick off the road.