



STAGE FLASH

Date: 7 May 2010

Day: One

Special Stage: 2

Weather: Overcast, mild temperature

Road Conditions: Dry and dusty

Flash No: 2

Distance: 13.6km

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

It was ok. Lot of gravel on the road. We are losing time – maybe a lot, but I had a good run.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

P Soberg. It went very very well, but loose. It takes time before it cleans. This is much looser than the first stage. I was happy with my driving and I think it went well.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

Very slippery. Very very slippery. But they are fantastic stages. I think it has been going OK. So have the other drivers so it is going to be very close.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

It was better than the first one. But in some part I was going too much sideways. But getting the driving clean - there is work to do.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

It was OK, but very slippery and a lot of loose gravel on the road. I think all the drivers say that?

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

Much better than the first one. The first I took a bit careful.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

Really good – really enjoyed it. We liked it on the recce so we knew we could push quite hard. There isn't much gravel on the road – it has been cleaned a bit. We have a good road position.

Car 9. Federico Villagra/Jorge Perez Companc

No comment

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

It's OK – I tried my best. Very very slippery.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

An eagle crashed my window - so not very good for me.

Car 27. Janne Tuohino/Risto Pietilainen

It was better than the first one. Some small mistakes, but we will get better.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

It was quite difficult. Very fast. We are at the beginning of the rally so much more to come.

Car 29. Jari Ketomaa/Mika Stenberg

Quite OK. Some small mistakes in the pace notes

Car 32. Toshi Arai/Daniel Barritt

The stage is quite slippery and the shifter is causing us a few problems.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

It was so slippery it was unbelievable. There is not much of a clean line developing – there is a little bit, but not much. The first half of that we lost a lot of time so we will have to drive to the conditions a little more.

Car 40. Richard Mason/Sara Mason

It was pretty good – we were a bit rusty starting of, but I think we are coming right the whole time.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

Not very good – the clutch is slipping, which is causing us to lose power.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

It was good – we are starting to get into a groove. The first stage we were a bit rusting and the road wasn't swept as much as we had hoped. The first stage wasn't swept much at all, but this second one was better.

Car 42. Miguel Angel Baldoni/Jose Diaz

No Comment

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

I don't know – this is my first introduction to New Zealand. I need a lot more practise and time.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

So much better than the first one, but I'm getting there.

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

It was fantastic – a lot of fun. Everything is very slippery. It is very scary to go off the line.

Car 33. Gianluca Linari/Massimo Salvucci

No Comment

Car 45. Rui Wang/Hongyu Pan

Yes – very good.

Car 44. Paulo Nobre/Edu Paula

Like the first one – very pleasurable. I want to push more, but I feel afraid that our recce was not perfect and really I would really like to get to the end of this rally. So it is a fight in to push more, but on the other side I want to be safe.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

We must have made a mistake in the notes – we came off the note for a little while in the middle, but luck I know the stage I think. Car has got a lot of power, but good to drive.

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

We haven't quite got the setup right – just a little bit soft in the front.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

Prity touch actually. Quite a fast track with a few holes appearing. The road is sweeping, but is dragging out the big rocks as well.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Cars got a miss for the first two stages and losing heaps of time.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

That was good – a lot better than the first one. Try to figure out how to do the tires and it's a lot better to go with them than just go sideways. I think the day is vgoing to be full of near missed to be honest. New cars still sttaight - I happy – Malcolm's happy.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Prity causious after our roll down south. I'll just drive through rthis first bit I think.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

It was good – but I'm just getting a bit choked on dust, but it is an awesome stage – what a stage – it was fantastic – got to love that!

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

I think after that first stage we are geeling together with Jamie – it was really good. We are starting to get to grips with the car. I felt smooth in there. The plan for the rest of the day is not to win, but to push hard.

Car 72. Ben Jagger/Ben Hawkins

It was prity good – everyone is complaining about these tires, but I don't see what their problem is.

Car 69. Matt Jansen/Jason Farmer

It was alright. Starting to get used to these tires. So hopefully we can start making up some pace we I made some time-lose in the first one.

Car 70. Sloan Cox/Tarryn Cox

Things have been going really good until I had a big scare. I had a spin at a '2' right – almost went off, but managed to keep it on the road.

Car 36. Nicholai Georgiou/Joseph Matar

We had a small roll – like four kms in and I'll have to check the cameras to see exactly what happed. We hit a rock on the right corner and I was distracted to correcting the note and we kind of went wide on the next corner and hit the bank and rolled.

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