



STAGE FLASH

Date: 7 May 2010

Day: One

Special Stage: 7

Weather: Overcast & breezy

Road Conditions: Dusty and dry – clearer line on road

Flash No: 7

Distance: 32.56 kms

Car 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena

I don't know. I'm not going flat out because I went off, nearly had an off on bad jump.

Car 11. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills

That's what I'm afraid of; I have no control over anything (other drivers behind him and their times). So I just have to run my own race and that's it you know. But that's all part of the game. If I'm first on the road tomorrow I don't care.

Car 3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen

It was a really good drive but I can't go any faster.

Car 4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila

I can't understand how Loeb is going so quickly. OK so I made some mistakes in the beginning of the stage and we went wide and nearly spun but it's still amazing. So now we need to focus on our job and forget about Loeb.

Car 7. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia

Yes they are down (the times), but I will carry on. The real race starts tomorrow morning.

Car 2. Dani Sordo/Marc Marti

No comment.

Car 5. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin

OK a good clean run – no problems. Seemed to lose a bit of time at the end of stage but that's ok.

Car 6. Henning Solberg/Ilka Minor

No it's not going good – I have a problem, we will fix at service.

Car 28. Xavier Pons/Alex Haro

This afternoon more grip in the stages so it was more comfortable.

Car 21. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek

It's OK but we are losing a lot of time – the speed is not OK.

Car 24. Patrik Sandell/Emil Axelsson

OK – middle of stage I lost the brakes and at the end of stage I had too much brakes. Good stage though.

Car 22. Nasser Al-Attiyah/Giovanni Bernacchini

OK – last part we hear some noise in car but I hope nothing will happen and we can check it at service – good day so far.

Car 38. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard

Much nicer on second pass – trying to keep up concentration. As soon as the back of the car gets out of a clean line you lose momentum.

Car 50. Emma Gilmour/Glenn Macneall

Car is a lot better this afternoon. Lost a bit of time to Hayden today so keeping on it.

Car 34. Kingsley Thompson/Malcolm Peden

A few entertaining moments in this stage.

Car 30. Albert Llovera/Borja Rozada

Good. Every time much better. 32 kilometres is hard work. I have lost the feeling in my fingers I don't know where they have gone.

Car 46. Chaodong Liu/Anthony McLoughlin

Not very good – kept losing brakes.

Car 54. Michel Jourdain/Oscar Sanchez

OK – very long stage. Hit a bridge with right rear wheel in last run. Tried to fix it but not 100% much better though – I'm happy.

Car 61. Mark Tapper/Jeff Cress

Not bad. Just tried to keep it pretty tidy and straight. Getting near the end of day I just want to make it.

Car 62. Chris West/Chris Cobham

OK – lost a bit of time towards the end in there.

Car 63. Stewart Taylor/Warwick Searle

I was having a really good stage but then I slipped wide in to a drain and banged the left-rear. Not sure what is wrong – lost some control after that.

Car 64. Dean Sumner/Paul Fallon

Having heaps of fun. Just getting in to it now after a few problems this morning.

Car 68. Patrick Malley/Malcolm Read

Something is wrong with front. Feels terrible.

Car 65. Glenn Smith/Campbell Ward

Not bad. Getting in to a rhythm now.

Car 66. Glenn Inkster/Glenn Goldring

Not too bad. Worked pretty hard through there but still lost a bit of time. All good though.

Car 67. Kieran Hall/Jamie Kibble

Getting much more comfortable now with the locked diff as the gravel is swept. It's when we get out of the clear line we get understeer.

Car 71. Josh Marston/David Calder

Good good – not the best stage we have done so far. Hard work loved the roads more than I thought I would.

Car 73. Dave Strong/Bruce McKenzie

Lost brakes so had no brakes.

Car 75. Jean-Louis Leyraud/Benjamin Searcy

Very good – car is good.

Car 74. Brent Taylor/Chris Ramsay

Going well. Having to concentrate hard.

Car 78. Brian Green/Fleur Pedersen

Very good and long.

Car 77. Dominick Unterberger/Sarah Coatsworth

That was a long stage. I'm pretty buggared to be honest. The car is getting there slowly and confidence is growing. Onwards and upwards.

Car 79. Lee Stringer/Chris Davison

A lot better than the first time through.

Car 80. Stephen Barker/Richard Ellis

Gave it a bit of a shot in that one. Quite good, quite fast. Smashed it.

Car 81. Ben Hunt/Tony Rawstorn

WRC cars take wicked lines and pull out loads of rocks.

Car 83. Alain Dalstein/Dale Perry

Very nice driving done.

84. Tony Burrowes/Michelle Parry

I'm getting tired – all good though.