



## FLASH – SPECIAL STAGE no. 01

Date: **Friday 16th May**

Flash no. **1**

Day: **1**

Special Stage: **1 – Monte Corvos**

Length: **16,43 km**

Meteo **Cloudy**

Surface condition:

**The surface is dry. Only sometimes seems to be wet.**

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3 Mikko HIRVONEN FIN / Jarmo LEHTINEN FIN

- FORD Focus RS WRC - BP FORD ABU DHABI WRT

“the surface is really slivery, it is really difficult to drive in this conditions ”

1 Sébastien LOEB F / Daniel ELENA MC

- CITRÖEN C4 WRC - CITRÖEN TOTAL WRT

“I have wasted a lot of time during the Stage. The way is really narrow and demanding, I would have preferred softer tyres”

6 Chris ATKINSON AUS / Stéphane PREVOT B

- SUBARU Impreza WRC - SUBARU WORLD RALLY TEAM

“The race is still very long and this stage is really slivery. I have preferred to drive in a calm way. I did not want to run risks.”

4 Jari-Matti LATVALA FIN / Miikka ANTILLA FIN

- FORD Focus RS WRC - BP FORD ABU DHABI WRT

“The Stage is very difficult but the set up of the car is perfect. It will be much more difficult in the afternoon”.

2 Dani SORDO E / Marc MARTI E

- CITRÖEN C4 WRC - CITRÖEN TOTAL WRT

“understeering problem but nothing really important”.

7 Gigi GALLI I / Giovanni BERNACCHINI I

- FORD Focus RS WRC - STOBART VK M-SPORT

“It is not easy to race without previous test, but I’m fighting to reach a good level in home race”.

10 Henning SOLBERG N / Cato MENKERUD N

- FORD Focus RS WRC - MUNCHI'S FORD WRT

“I suppose I will have problems with brakes, especially during the next stage even because I use them especially with my left feet”.

5 Petter SOLBERG N / Philip MILLS GB

- SUBARU Impreza WRC - SUBARU WORLD RALLY TEAM

*"I already have some problems with the shock absorbers".*

9 Federico VILLAGRA RA / Jorge PEREZ COMPANC RA  
- FORD Focus RS WRC - MUNCHI'S FORD WRT  
"Everything is fine"

8 Matthew WILSON GB / Scott MARTIN GB  
- FORD Focus RS WRC - STOBART VK M-SPORT  
"I have much understeering, it is very difficult to drive"

15 Conrad RAUTENBACH ZW / David SENIOR GB  
- CITRÖEN C4 WRC - RAUTENBACH CONRAD  
"I have found many rocks on the road"

18 Andreas MIKKELSEN N / Ola FLOENE N  
- FORD Focus RS WRC - RAMSPORT  
"I have tested before the race and this has been very useful. I'm satisfied about times even because I have a good rythm".

11 Toni GARDEMEISTER FIN / Tomi TUOMINEN FIN  
- SUZUKI SX4 WRC - SUZUKI WRT  
"I have driven without running any risks".

12 Per-Gunnar ANDERSSON S / Jonas ANDERSSON S  
- SUZUKI SX4 WRC - SUZUKI WRT  
"No problem, everything is ok".

14 Khalid AL QASSIMI UAE / Michael ORR GB  
- FORD Focus RS WRC - BP FORD ABU DHABI WRT  
*"Unfortunately I have turned the car and the engine stopped".*

16 Urmo AAVA EE / Kuldar SIKK EE - CITRÖEN C4 WRC  
- WORLD RALLY TEAM ESTONIA  
*"It is very difficult to find adherence"*

19 Mads OSTBERG N / Ole Kristian UNNERUD N  
- SUBARU Impreza WRC - ADAPTA  
"The engine stopped at the beginning of the Stage and I have power problems".

42 Sébastien OGIER F / Julien INGRASSIA F  
- CITRÖEN C2 S1600 - EQUIPE DE FRANCE FFSA  
"It is very difficult to race with just 2 wheels drive".

46 Shaun GALLAGHER IRL / Michael MORRISSEY IRL  
- CITRÖEN C2 - WORLD RALLY TEAM IRELAND  
"The surface sometimes is sandy too".

32 Jaan MÖLDER EE / Frederic MICLOTTE B  
- SUZUKI Swift S1600 - MÖLDER JAAN  
"I suffer of under steeling "

35 Michal KOSCIUSZKO PL / Maciek SZCZEPANIAK PL  
- SUZUKI Swift S1600 - KOSCIUSZKO MICHAL  
*"I'm trying to keep control, it is very difficult but timing are satisfactory"*

33 Aaron Nicolai BURKART D / Michael KOELBACH D  
- CITRÖEN C2 - BURKART AARON NICOLAI  
*"I supposed conditions were worse"*

31 Martin PROKOP CZ / Jan TOMANEK CZ  
- CITRÖEN C2 S1600 - PROKOP MARTIN  
*"We have not raced very fast in this stage".*

41 Patrik SANDELL S / Emil AXELSSON S  
- RENAULT Clio S1600 - INTERSPEED RACING TEAM  
*"It was not so bad but I have suffered brakes' problems especially in the last part".*

47 Gilles SCHAMMEL LUX / Renaud JAMOUL B  
- RENAULT Clio R3 - JPS JUNIOR TEAM LUXEMBOURG  
*"I have touched the front left suspension".*

44 Hans WEIJS JR. NL / Hans VAN GOOR NL - CITRÖEN C2 R2  
- KNAF TALENT FIRST TEAM HOLLAND  
*"I had to changed the tyre because a puncture".*

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#### **COMMENTS**

71 Giuseppe DETTORI I / Marco CORDA I  
- MITSUBISHI Lancer EVO IX - DETTORI GIUSEPPE  
He has touched and he's still stopped on the itinerary.

Latvala has obtained the best time, followed by Sordo (+7), Galli (+7.4), Loeb (+7.8) and Mikkelsen (+9.6). The Surface is very slivery and drivers have problems of adherence.