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## SERVICE FLASH

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### INTERVIEW 1° SERVICE SATURDAY

MALCOLM WILSON – The race is still to be raced, Hirvonen can win.

LOEB – The first Special Stage was a bit wet, during the second it one it was raining. While the third it was dry, meteorological conditions were not fixed. I have had no problem but I have paid to be the first one to race, now I have to finish the leg within 30" advantage at least, theoretically I should lose less seconds. Latvala is not a surprise, I told it to Daniel Elena that he would have driven fast.

SORDO – This morning was so and so for me. The surface was very slippery, especially the second Special Stage.

P. SOLBERG – The car is unstable, it moves everywhere (he is very angry)

HIRVONEN – Everything is ok, I have pushed hard, the car is the same as yesterday but my times are better due to the fact that I'm starting later. Now, I try to recuperate time.

ATKINSON – There is a big gap between me and the ones in front and behind me and I must keep my position.

LATVALA – In the first stage, I touched but it is going well. I made three places and I am happy, it is a very positive day for me. Frankly, I didn't think I would go so well this morning, I am third and the podium is no longer a dream.

GALLI – Everything is ok but it is impossible to stay in front of Mikko and Jari-Matti, they go too fast. The surface of the stages is good, it is broken in some places but is hard and does not fall.

H. SOLBERG – Everything is good, I am enjoying myself, I can't do any more.

GARDEMEISTER – The race has demonstrated that the car is reliable on the ground but again it is too heavy. We must now work on the weight to be more competitive with times.

PG ANDERSSON – I am happy, everything is working perfectly, now we know where we must work to improve our result.

RAUTENBACH – I hit something in the first stage, the car has lost some manageability.



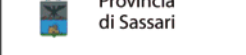
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AAVA – The last stage was very beautiful, the race is easier than yesterday. It is a shame I lost time because of a spin in the last stage yesterday, now I would be further in front.

OGIER – After the problems of yesterday, I am driving only for experience, the car is ok, I am more relaxed and getting better times.

PROKOP – There are not any problems, I don't want to take risks.

KOSCIUSZKO – The car is perfect, now I am in the lead. The race I like because it is difficult to find right grip, I am very certain also because now I am leading the Juniors.

GALLAGHER – The stages are difficult but i am perfectly comfortable.. The objective is to finish the race well.

BETTEGA – Everything is good, on the first we have struggled a little because it was too fast, but then on the second and the third we had more torque and went very well, on the slow in fact we go very well. There are a lot of spectators.



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