



STAGE FLASH

Date: May 22nd 2009

Day: 1 **Flash N°:** 6

Special stage: 6 – Crastazza **Distance:** 27,81 km

Weather: sun, air temperature 36°

Road conditions: compact surface not ruined, many spectators all placed correctly

- n. 1 Loeb - Elena**
"Not so happy with my position on the road, we will see tomorrow"
- n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen**
"I got it wrong, my mistake"
- n. 6 Solberg H. - Menkerud**
"I lost the bonnet so the car is difficult to drive, I cannot see, we will try again tomorrow"
- n. 2 Sordo - Marti**
"Everything ok, just easy on the tyres because the surface is hard and temperature is hot. I am exhausted because of the heat"
- n. 11 Solberg P. - Mills**
"It's not bad, when it's so warm sometimes I feel as I have no power, the tyres have worn out quite a lot, I am very happy with my day"
- n. 5 Wilson - Martin**
"All ok, a pity for the first loop where I lost too much time"
- n. 4 Latvala - Anttila**
"It is a slightly bad move, but if you want to win you have to be able to drive as the first car on the road, it's not an easy situation, tomorrow will be a hard day for me"
- n. 21 Ostberg - Engan**
"It's very long and very hot, we had a puncture towards the end, I think it's right rear, I'm finding the correct set-up to the car, I'll push a bit harder tomorrow, I'm a little bit chicken at the moment"
- n. 8 Rautenbach - Barritt**
"It's been a bit up and down, we seem to be battling with the car. I've changed my driving style and the brakes seem to be ok now"
- n. 10 Al Qassimi - Orr**
"Brake problems, pedal is low" - Hit the rear left wheel
- n. 7 Novikov - Moscatt**
"It was a good day for us, I did two mistakes spinning on stages 3 and 6, very interesting roads, we have lots of fun. I will try to finish on the podium"



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n. 22 Zanchi – D'Esposito

"Very good, I think the stage was very difficult and very hot, but for me our times in stage are very good. I am the president of ACI Milano and I have the ACI colours on the car"

n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak

"Very hot, I feel very tired after this stage, I need a lot of water now"

n. 31 Burkart - Kolbach

"Well, for some reason I have some trouble with this stage. I do not know why I lose so much time, maybe I was just too cautious"

n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin

"Apart from the first loop where we had a difficult set-up to drive the second loop was good, we pushed hard hoping to keep the first position, we have to see Martin(Prokop)'s time, I hope it's enough to stay in the lead"

n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek

"First stage was very hot, car and tyres are Ok. We will see tomorrow. Today I knew these stages very well so I could push."

n. 36 Weijs - Degandt

"For tomorrow we have some work to do, to find some traction, we will see"

n. 147 Araujo - Miguel

"We are losing power, the engine cuts, The water spray on intercooler is not working, Now I only want to arrive to service"

n. 150 Al-Attayah – Bernacchini

"It's very hot, we enjoyed today although it was very difficult. We will see tomorrow because it is a long rally, the car works very well, we always found a good set-up. My Codriver is fantastic"

n. 146 Sandell - Axelsson

"We had a spin mid-stage and I stalled the engine, lost maybe 10 seconds, the rest is really good, we will keep pushing tomorrow"

n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet

Stopped in stage

n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten

"It's good to be in the lead, I didn't know it. The day was ok, the only problem in the second loop is that suspension handling isn't ok when it's bumpy, hopefully we will find a solution for tomorrow"

n. 35 Bonato - Boulloud

"Not a good day, we lost 2 minutes with a problem with time card, the car is good but for me it's difficult to drive in these narrow roads. It's ok, we are here, a lot of people in JWRC have stopped so it's not so bad"



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n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepol

"We have an engine problem, misfire all the time, very difficult, hopefully they can fix it in service, it is the same problem for all our cars as Semerad had earlier"

n. 132 Sousa - Carvalho

"Suffering the heat but the car is Ok"

n. 137 Sauvan - Capanna

"I scared myself on the jump"

n. 81 Manfrinato - Pisano

Rolled – Stage stopped as the car blocks the road