



STAGE FLASH

Date: May 24th 2009

Day: 3

Flash N°: 14

Special stage: 14 – Sorilis

Distance : 18.66 km

Weather: Sun and warm

Road conditions: Surface Ok, there may be issues with the dust

n. 4 Latvala - Anttila

"I got the advantage on the first stage, on the second one I was careful from mid-stage because of the rocks, I am concentrated and looking after the car. I guess for Malcolm it's going to be a difficult time in service"

n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen

"It's the same thing, I didn't risk in the dust, I can't catch Jari-Matti. A lot less dust than in the previous stage"

n. 11 Solberg P. - Mills

"I had a half spin on the last hairpin before the finish. It gets worse and worse with the dust. I am quite happy so far, the car is fine"

n. 1 Loeb – Elena

"It's really tricky, I can't see anything. Third place is the best I can get, it's difficult to make a difference in the dust, you have to take risks and that is something I don't want to do. I had problems in the watersplash, I got distracted and lost my rhythm for the rest of the stage"

n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt

"Today it's better to drive, no mistakes, I just try to keep my position and drive safe"

n. 5 Wilson - Martin

"I don't know why they didn't give us three minutes on this stage, in the previous one we stopped more than once"

n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr

"It was good, the only problem is that it was disappointing yesterday to stop and go into superrally"

n. 21 Ostberg – Engan

"It's been a good run, no real problems, I was a little cautious in some points in the stage, the car is working fine, we are having fun and that is the most important thing"

n. 6 Solberg H. – Menkerud

"I can't see absolutely anything, I am impressed by Mads's time. I found my rhythm only after the watersplash"

n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt

"It was really tricky, we had a few moments, I checked in one minute late because of the dust, but it's still really bad. I thought I had broken the rear diff, instead the tyres were too warm"



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n. 22 Zanchi - D'Esposito

"I caught Sordo in the first stage and caused Sandell to lose some time, no problems with dust this time"

n. 2 Sordo - Marti

Was twelve minutes late at the TC before the stage – "The same turbo problem as yesterday"

n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson

"I had a lot of dust from Sordo in the previous stage, this time it was better and I was pushing, I hope I set a better time than Nasser"

n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini

"We started behind Sordo and there was a lot of dust, then he pulled up. We will see, the last stages will be very difficult, The battle with Sandell will be tough, I will try."

n. 147 Araujo - Miguel

"Very difficult to see the road, the car is ok, I am third and controlling the situation"

n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo

"Car and tyres are Ok"

n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak

"I am surprised that Martin was not more in front of us in the previous stage as I had a puncture, we are still in the fight and will continue to push"

n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek

"I am pushing as much as possible, just like Michal. Like last year we are very close, I want to win and I will push"

n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten

"It's going quite good, some problems with the dust but I guess it's the same for everybody. On the road section to the first stage a fuel pump wire was broken, we fixed it but were two minutes late into the control, the engine stopped in the downhill section on this stage, luckily it started again"

n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho

Gets to the end of the stage with the engine not running - "The engine tends to stall, I have problems at idle"

n. 35 Bonato - Boulloud

"A lot of stones on the road, not easy to drive in these conditions with S1600, we are here without punctures so it is not so bad, we will see this afternoon"

n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet

"It's a bit strange because the engine is working well now, in the fresh morning air. We had a spin on a hairpin 800 m from the finish and had to use reverse"



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n. 36 Weijs - Degandt

"The feeling with the car is better, traction is still not so good, I hope we can do something in service, and set better times this afternoon"

n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin

"We set second time on the other stage, I don't need to push because I am too far behind, I am more relaxed and enjoy myself. It's the most difficult Sardinia I have ever done because the temperatures are so high, it's also tough because we have to exchange our tyres between every stage and we never have time to relax"