



STAGE FLASH

Date: May 24th 2009

Day: 3

Flash N°: 15

Special stage: 15 – Arzachena

Distance : 10.24 km

Weather: Sun and warm

Road conditions: Some loose gravel, very slippery especially for the first cars. Many spectators well placed in the stage.

n. 4 Latvala - Anttila

“Ok, it was the nicest stage of the rally, really nice to drive”

n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen

“No panic, I play safe now and bring the car back to the finish. I am happy with the situation as it is now”

n. 11 Solberg P. - Mills

“I lost a lot of time because of a problem with the steering, it was very difficult to drive, I will have problems staying in front of Loeb who will have a good stage time here”

n. 1 Loeb – Elena

“It’s ok, I did a good stage, no problem. We pushed hard, we try to be on the podium”

n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt

“Very good, we had a lot of fun this weekend. Two stages to go, I will try to save my fifth place”

n. 5 Wilson - Martin

“It was good fun, still quite slippery. A good, clear run, I liked driving the stage”

n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr

“I hope to get a good result, the stage is slippery, we need to keep the car precise and on the pace. Up to now the car is fantastic, the boys have done a good job”

n. 21 Ostberg – Engam

“The morning was very good, no problems. We had some good stage times, I’m happy with that. It’s difficult but I am happy, I’m getting used to my girlfriend’s voice calling pacenotes, we are working at it and it’s getting perfect”

n. 6 Solberg H. – Menkerud

“The car is working well now, so it’s just up to me”

n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt

“It was good fun, completely different to what we were used, I was probably a bit too cautious but it’s the last day.”

n. 22 Zanchi - D’Esposito

“Very nice race, very hard and very hot. Nice special stages”



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n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson

"I was pushing as much as I could but I don't know if it will be enough against Nasser. I miss a little traction when I go out of hairpins, but this stage was nice"

n. 2 Sordo - Marti

"Really difficult, I am trying to finish the rally to take one point for the manufacturer's championship. I am driving without Turbo"

n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini

"It's not good, but it's a very fast stage. We will see the last two stages, we keep trying"

n. 147 Araujo - Miguel

"I'm only here to finish, it's impossible to catch the guys in front, and I have a big gap from those in the back"

n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo

"Very fun, very fast stage, it went well, I didn't take any risks. The car handles well, some problems with engine misfire but it's not too bad."

n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak

"Heavy landing after the jump, engine temperatures are high and we need to check it"

n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek

"It's ok, we are pushing, this stage was fast and it's good for our car. In service we had a problem with the clutch and it's still not good, I hope we can make it to the finish"

n. 31 Burkart - Kolbach

"The stage was ok, on the first loop we had a problem with the battery. Now we try to avoid mistakes"

n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho

"We still have a problem on the front right of the car, I missed a corner and lost a bit of time, I just want to finish the rally, I hope we can make it"

n. 35 Bonato - Boulloud

"It was not so bad, this stage is easier as it is without stones, the other two are going to be difficult on the second pass. I want to finish the rally and in this position it's not so bad"

n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet

"It's quite good, but it's starting to get warm and the engine gets worse, although the temperatures are right. It's a very strange feeling."

n. 36 Weijs - Degandt

"We try to keep a good speed and we will see, I don't know what Bettega is doing now, the fight is not over yet"

n. 145 Flodin - Bergsten

"We must only get the car to the finish"



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n. 39 **Bettega - Scattolin**

"I knew the stage quite well from the Italian Championship rally, we enjoyed it a lot and the time should be good. We are playing a lot with the set-up, because so far we did not find the best solution, now we are far behind so we can also try something radical"