



## STAGE FLASH

**Date:** May 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Day:** 3

**Special stage:** 17 – Sorilis

**Weather:** Sun and warm

**Road conditions:** Surface Ok

**Flash N°:** 17

**Distance :** 18.66 km

**n. 4 Latvala - Anttila**

Jumps out of the car and shouts in Italian: “A great victory” - “It is a great relief, a great thanks to the team, they did a great work, this victory means a lot to me”

**n. 3 Hirvonen - Lehtinen**

“I had a good car, a good rally, it’s been a good fight. Jari-Matti deserves the victory. Now we must continue like this”

**n. 11 Solberg P. - Mills**

“It was good fun. Unfortunately the car was so bad after the first stage out of service, I lost so much time there. I was scared for the high temperature, I was afraid that something might happen also because of the steering, I did my best”

**n. 1 Loeb – Elena**

“Third place, we keep the lead in the championship, for the moment I only lose two points on Mikko. Everything went bad this weekend”

**n. 7 Novikov – Moscatt**

“It was a very good rally for me, we had a lot of fun this weekend, very good roads”

**n. 5 Wilson - Martin**

“Today all Ok, pity it was the last day. We lost over a minute and a half on Friday due to hydraulic problems, there is still a lot of work to be done but it’s another good result”

**n. 10 Al Qassimi – Orr**

“In the beginning of the previous stage we went wide and bent something in the back of the car, in the beginning of this stage we lost the brakes. I had problems with the diff which made me anticipate all the corners. It’s impossible to drive the car like this: I was happy in certain places where I saw good times, this is rally”

**n. 21 Ostberg – Engam**

“It was very difficult, unfortunately we had a broken steering arm yesterday. I am quite happy”

**n. 6 Solberg H. – Menkerud**

Impact on the front right of the car - “I have tried, I am happy. I hit something in the rear but drove well”



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**n. 8 Rautenbach – Barritt**

"It's been really difficult, we wanted to get a good result but it hasn't happened. Losing the pace affects the results. I am sure we will learn from our mistakes and see what we can do for Greece"

**n. 22 Zanchi - D'Esposito**

"Today the heat was worse than yesterday. The event is very nice, maybe the hardest in the WRC"

**n. 146 Sandell – Axelsson**

"We tried absolutely maximum"

**n. 150 Al Attiyah – Bernacchini**

He gets out of the car and is hugged by Sandell who says "Incredible last stage, we were flat out all the time, he won, congratulations!" – "We pushed a lot in the last two stages and did it. I'm so happy, this win is so special for me because to win for my first time here and with all these drivers is really great!" "

**n. 2 Sordo - Marti**

"An event to forget, too many problems"

**n. 147 Araujo - Miguel**

"A great result, I am happy for the great fight we had"

**n. 63 Nikara - Kalliolepo**

"We had a lot of problems but I am very happy now. This is a very good result for the team and me"

**n. 32 Kosciuszko - Szczepaniak**

"Probably Martin will win, he deserves it. We tried to push. It's still good points for the championship, now we have Poland and Finland ahead"

**n. 38 Prokop - Tomanek**

"We were pushing all the weekend, we did good times. I am happy because we had problems but my team did a great job, the car set-up was fantastic. We must keep working because the rest of the championship will be difficult"

**n. 31 Burkart - Kolbach**

"It was very hot, the engine went hot. The stages are more or less like last year, stage 7 was strange to drive, but it's a nice rally. We were not on the pace, it was a bit disappointing but a podium finish is good"

**n. 132 Sousa – Carvalho**

Stopped in stage

**n. 35 Bonato - Boulloud**

"I'm completely destroyed, something is broken on the rear. It's unbelievably hard to drive here, on the stones"



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**n. 149 Brynildsen - Giraudet**

"The morning was ok, now we had engine problems. We will be back in Pwrc in Australia, now I will do some events in the Norwegian championship"

**n. 39 Bettega - Scattolin**

"This event was Ok in the odd days (day 1 and 3), bad in the even days (day 2). Unfortunately the good does not add up higher than the bad. This is Rally"