



STAGE FLASH

Saturday, February 9, 2008

DAY: 2

FLASH NO: 10

SPECIAL STAGE: Remote service E (Hagfors) **DISTANCE:**

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

ROAD CONDITIONS:

4 Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

Right now I am very happy, I am not going to change my pace or any setting to my car. I must keep the same pace as I have had all day today although I am the first one onto the stages. Of course more gravel second time on the stages but I think Vargåsen 2 will be good.

3 Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

Comment from co-driver: We take no risks. Happy for eight points and zero points for Loeb. Upon the comment that Latvala is doing very good, his answer was: "yes, the rally was in his favour already yesterday".

7 Gigi GALLI / Giovanni BERNACCHINI

Too bad Henning went off the road, but honestly; I could never have caught up with him if he had still been in the race. Great results for me and for Ford so now I have to take it fairly steady, not make any mistakes.

5 Petter SOLBERG / Philip MILLS

It was good that they decided to cancel Horssjön 2. There is lots of gravel in the stages now but it is the same for everybody. We are still having problems with the shock absorbers. It is only to drive and look happy.

6 Chris ATKINSON / Stephane PREVOT

Comment from co-driver: Very bad conditions. We have been unlucky for this event. Not much we can do not except going as fast as we can.

19 Mads ØSTBERG / Ole. K UNNERUD

Comment from co-driver: Despite having gone off the road, punctures and other problems the motivation is good in the car. We set some goals for the rally and with the times we have made we ought to be very satisfied. Now we have to keep showing what we can.

16 Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

I have gained my position due to others mistakes but ok; I am very happy. I have to keep up concentration. It is so easy to make simple mistakes with these conditions (comment: referring to Henning Solberg going off the road).



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17 Andreas MIKKELSEN / Ola FLOENE

Very happy to get position despite it being because of others mistakes. Now we have to keep this up and make it safely to the finish tomorrow evening.

11 Toni GARDEMEISTER / Tomi TUOMINEN

Yes, we still have problems with the car. When asked: "What happened?" (Comment: the front of the car was badly damaged) his answer was: "we went off the road but that is the least of our problems right now".

23 Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR

Difficult. I have still not learned how to attack the stages. I have not learned how the tyres work in these conditions.

2 Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI

I am getting more and more experience all the time and now I can really start to smile. Comment from the interviewer: "if you had not got the penalty you would have been second". His answer was: "next year, next year".

55 Patrik SANDELL / Emil AXELSSON

It is great to be in the lead in the P-WRC. I lose some time on loose snow but I gain time in the tricky parts. It feels very good and only minor adjustments to the car are needed.