



STAGE FLASH

Saturday, February 9, 2008

DAY: 2

FLASH NO: 11

SPECIAL STAGE: SS13 Hagfors 2

DISTANCE: 20,92

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Cloudy with some sun

ROAD CONDITIONS: Gravel

4 Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

Bad with tarmac at the end of this stage. Big moment at the chicane. The car is ok but no fun conditions.

3 Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

Ridiculous to drive this SS; tarmac at the end is bad.

7 Gigi GALLI / Giovanni BERNACCHINI

Sliding on tarmac. Big moment at the chicane.

5 Petter SOLBERG / Philip MILLS

No grip in there. Why go on tarmac? Next SS could be better than this.

6 Chris ATKINSON / Stephane PREVOT

Ok; same for everybody. Tyres are not working perfectly but what can we do.

1 Sébastien LOEB / Daniel ELENA

(Comment: retired before start on this stage)

19 Mads ØSTBERG / Ole. K UNNERUD

Had a big moment going from gravel to tarmac. Crazy with tarmac.

16 Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

Taking some caution in some parts of the stage but it is ok. Did not like the tarmac.

11 Toni GARDEMEISTER / Tomi TUOMINEN

Some problems with gravel. Have to take it slow.

17 Andreas MIKKELSEN / Ola FLOENE

Quite ok although it is all gravel. I am ok.

2 Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI

I had a great run through this stage. A little bit difficult but I am happy that everything is working ok now. (Comment: big smile).



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23 Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR

I went off the road into a ditch and damaged the front right of the car. After that I lost two minutes and all my concentration.

22 Peter VAN MERKSTEIJN / Hans VAN BEEK

My gear box is now ok so now this stage was much better for me.

20 Urmo AAVA / Kuldar SIKK

Only gravel on this stage and I can not find the right feeling of the car but I think my time was better this time on this stage.

55 Patrik SANDELL / Emil AXELSSON

Everything works fine. No big problems. I took it easy on the tarmac, I saw on the marks that some others had problems and did not want to make the same mistakes.

52 Juho HÄNNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

I only lost one second to Sandell in this stage. I have not made any plans about pushing hard in the next stage, we will see.

46 Jari KETOMAA / Miika TEISKONEN

Some very scary parts on the tarmac but otherwise ok.

41 Andreas AIGNER / Klaus WICHA

I did not like the last part of this stage. Slippery and we take no risks.

33 Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMÁNEK

It is a stupid idea to run the stage like it is now. I am not happy at all.

21 Conrad RAUTENBACH / David SENIOR

The car feels as if it has a puncture and if not I have something wrong with the suspension.

53 Uwe NITTEL / Detlef RUF

It is a pity for the organisers that the ice is gone. When asked: "did you have any scary moments", his answer was: "all the time" (comment: he laughed).

60 Oscar SVEDLUND / Björn NILSSON

It feels like we have problems with a lot of things all the time. Our only goal is to reach service. We have good grip on the stage but it is no use with all these problems with the car.

36 Eyvind BRYNHILDSEN / Denis GIRAUDET

No snow, no ice - only gravel. Bad for us, bad for spectators. And bad for tyres. "Come to Norway and I will show you real snow!"