



STAGE FLASH

Sunday, February 10, 2008

DAY: 3

FLASH NO: 15

SPECIAL STAGE: SS17 Rämmen 1

DISTANCE: 21,87

WEATHER CONDITIONS: +2 cloudy

ROAD CONDITIONS: Gravel and ice

4 Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA

Quite fun and good stage. Enjoying myself. (Comment: Hirvonen came in over the radio and asked Latvala what he was doing with all the holes in the snow banks.)

3 Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

No problems. A little bit more gravel here than in the last stage. So easy to get stuck in the snow. Must take it easy.

7 Gigi GALLI / Giovanni BERNACCHINI

I go as safely as possible because it is such important points for the team. Can not really enjoy myself.

5 Petter SOLBERG / Philip MILLS

Quite happy; better road conditions here and on the last stage.

16 Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

Lost some time to Andreas at the beginning of this stage but at the end it was quite ok.

17 Andreas MIKKELSEN / Ola FLOENE

I have never taken any points before so I am happy with sixth position.

2 Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI

It is going better and better. Nice with some ice in the stage.

11 Toni GARDEMEISTER / Tomi TUOMINEN

I had problems with the power steering in the last stage and here too. I want to get manufacturer's and driver's points.

8 Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

"Fast car, fast car! I am so happy and I am flying". I try to just continue with this tempo. (Comment: big smile).

6 Chris ATKINSON / Stephane PREVOT

I lose time all the time but the feeling of the car is better here at this stage.



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19 Mads ØSTBERG / Ole. K UNNERUD

Not the easiest stage. Quite slippery in some parts. Maybe I need some experience from the Uddeholm Swedish Rally in these conditions.

21 Conrad RAUTENBACH / David SENIOR

I had half a spin in a hair pin; got snow in the radiator and have to stop to take it out. Lost almost two minutes.

22 Peter VAN MERKSTEIJN / Hans VAN BEEK

I am enjoying myself very much but it feels as if I am back in rally school.

20 Urmo AAVA / Kuldar SIKK

Some times I find a good rhythm in the car; right now it feels kind of good. (Comment: he had a very good stage time and when commented upon that Aava looked surprise but the co-driver looked happy)

23 Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR

This was a stage where you can find a very good rhythm. I had some slides in there which the spectators liked. I am very happy.

52 Juho HÄNNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA

I am happy to be in the lead and with only two stages to go this looks good.

46 Jari KETOMAA / Miika TEISKONEN

Try to keep this position and make no mistakes. No big problems.

33 Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMÁNEK

I drove too carefully in here and lost time. I think it is going to be difficult to keep Sandell behind.

55 Patrik SANDELL / Emil AXELSSON

I pushed really hard in this stage. Think we lost some seconds in the long straight sections. It was nice. No we *are* going take third position.

42 Bernardo SOUSA / Carlos MAGALHAES

All gravel and so very difficult. I do not want to loose my position.

49 Simone CAMPEDELLI / Danilo FAPPANI

I try to fight with Sousa. I did not like this stage; I did not have much confidence.

39 Nasser AL-ATTIYAH / Chris PATTERSON

We have nothing to fight for so why take any risks. Just going steadily towards the finish line.



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41 Andreas AIGNER / Klaus WICHA

We went off the road and into a snow bank but it was not too bad because we got back up on the stage without help from the spectators.

36 Eyvind BRYNHILDSEN / Denis GIRAUDET

We are still having problems with understeering. It does not matter what I do; the car has a life of its own. No motivation and just want to reach the finish.

59 Patrik FLODIN / Göran BERGSTEN

I thought the stage was quite ok. Part of it was quite tricky but I took it a little bit easier then. Otherwise no problems.

51 Subhan AKSA / Hendrik MBOI

I pushed in this stage to keep off the ones behind. It was ok.

45 Jussi TIIPPANA / Marko SALMINEN

This was a great stage for me. I liked this one very much. Not much to do about the weather.