



## STAGE FLASH

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Sunday, February 10, 2008

**DAY:** 3

**FLASH NO:** 17

**SPECIAL STAGE:** SS20 Rämmen 2

**DISTANCE:** 21,87

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** +2 cloudy

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** Gravel

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**4 Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTTILA**

I am very happy. I am the youngest driver to win a WRC since Henri Toivonen won when he was 24 (Comment: Latvala is 22) and I have been dreaming about this day. Good results for the Ford team and thank you to Malcolm Wilson who believed in me even though I have crashed a lot of cars for him.

**3 Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN**

Jari-Matti did a great job and I am so happy for him. Unfortunately we made some mistakes the first day and he had better starting position then, but he is worthy of the victory. Great weekend for Ford.

**7 Gigi GALLI / Giovanni BERNACCHINI**

I am very very happy. When we came here I could never believe that I would be third. Super weekend for Ford and I can not wait to continue with the WRC. You know, in school my teacher said that it was no good to be third, he was wrong – third is great”.

**5 Petter SOLBERG / Philip MILLS**

Congratulations to Jari-Matti. I remember the feeling when I won my first WRC. I am happy for myself and for Subaru; this is a great result and we have a promising year ahead of us. I have enjoyed it very much today.

**17 Andreas MIKKELSEN / Ola FLOENE**

Too bad for Wilson but I am very happy with fifth position. I am not used to this situation but now we can forget all the problems we had Friday and Saturday and just celebrate this moment. (Comment: very big smile).

**2 Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI**

Too bad that we started with the penalty because we could have had some very good results here in Sweden. I gained more confidence throughout the whole rally. I am happy for the good points for Citroën.

**11 Toni GARDEMEISTER / Tomi TUOMINEN**

Good results for Suzuki and myself after all the problems we had in this rally. We have to improve a lot too the car but I can see the potential and if we could score points in all rallies this year it is going to be good.



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### 8 **Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD**

Today I have gone flat out and really enjoyed it in the stages. I am very happy. Too bad about yesterday but I promise you I will come back to Sweden in two years and then I will win the event. When asked: "what about Norway next year?" his answer was: "I will win that too". When then asked: "so you are going to win the Uddeholm Swedish Rally", his answer was: "yes, I will win even if I have get as old Sören Nilsson". (Comment: Sören Nilsson is a former Swedish rally driver, now a motor journalist).

### 6 **Chris ATKINSON / Stephane PREVOT**

Congratulation to Jari-Matti, he has done a marvellous job. You need to believe in yourself and then you get good results. I like to battle with Jari-Matti this year and he will get a tough match when the new car arrives.

### 19 **Mads ØSTBERG / Ole. K UNNERUD**

I spun one more time in this stage and lost time. I am happy to see that my speed is matching the top guys. I am happy and I will return in WRC in Sardinia.

### 21 **Conrad RAUTENBACH / David SENIOR**

This rally was a big learning curve and it has gone in the right direction. Now I am looking forward to Mexico with warmer weather and a new Citroën C4 which we will drive there.

### 22 **Peter VAN MERKSTEIJN / Hans VAN BEEK**

I went off the road again and filled the front of the car with snow. This time I do not know what happened. Now I am looking forward to going back to Holland where there is no snow. (Comment: laughed hard).

### 20 **Urmo AAVA / Kuldar SIKK**

I had too soft settings of the car for these conditions. Ok, I am fifth fastest on this stage and I am surprised about that.

### 23 **Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR**

I am very happy about finishing my first Swedish Rally. It has been like an adventure although I hoped for more snow. I will also say thank you to all the Swedish spectators who helped me back onto the stage after I had gone off. Congratulations and thank you to Jari-Matti, Malcolm Wilson, Ford, and to Gigi Galli; my new best friend.

### 52 **Juho HÄNNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA**

I am happy and this is a great result for me but I can not believe it before we have gone through scrutineering since I was excluded from last years event after the finish. (Comment: he had a big smile).

### 46 **Jari KETOMAA / Miika TEISKONEN**

I made some minor mistakes in the rally and I could not keep up with Juho Hänninen but it is a good start of the year.



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### **33 Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMÁNEK**

Ok, a good start to the season but I could not match today's times of Sandell and I am a little bit disappointed in not having kept third position.

### **55 Patrik SANDELL / Emil AXELSSON**

In this stage we pushed as hard as possible, it did not matter how much the tyres would wear out. Third place feels like a victory and we decided already this morning that we would take third place. The car is just perfect. I can not promise you anything but it feels as if this is the winning car of the P-WRC this year.

### **42 Bernardo SOUSA / Carlos MAGALHAES**

First time in Sweden and having been able to get points here is amazing. I am very happy and I can not wait to continue P-WRC.

### **49 Simone CAMPEDELLI / Danilo FAPPANI**

Today I pushed as hard as I could but Sousa was better. It was my first time in Sweden which made it difficult. But it is a long championship.