



STAGE FLASH

Friday, February 8, 2008

DAY: 1

FLASH NO: 2

SPECIAL STAGE: SS3 Bjälverud 1

DISTANCE: 21,58 km

WEATHER CONDITIONS: 2 degrees, cloudy

ROAD CONDITIONS: Good

0 Björn WALDEGÅRD / Johan OLSSON

For the top guys there will be no problems.

1 Sébastien LOEB / Daniel ELENA

Very soft, not so satisfied with my driving in the previous stage but here it was a little bit better.

3 Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

It is ok, the jump was good for the spectators

5 Petter SOLBERG / Philip MILLS

Chris (comment: Atkinson) has gone off the road and has damaged the front of the car. I got a little bit stressed when I saw it.

7 Gigi GALLI / Giovanni BERNACCHINI

When we saw Atkinson we took it a little bit safer. No problems.

12 Per-Gunnar ANDERSSON / Jonas ANDERSSON

I got some snow into the radiator in the first left corner after the start so I have to leave quickly (comment: leave the interview area).

8 Henning SOLBERG / Cato MENKERUD

We went flat out. I pushed as hard as I could but I am not satisfied.

16 Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

It was quite difficult but the car is working very well so it is ok.

2 Dani SORDO / Marc MARTI

It was very difficult but I really tried hard.

4 Jari-Matti LATVALA / Miiikka ANTTILA

Really nice stage, good conditions. Quite nasty place where Atkinson went off.

6 Chris ATKINSON / Stephane PREVOT

We had a spin in the difficult part and that is how it is.



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- 23 Khalid AL QASSIMI / Michael ORR**
Interesting. I am learning more and more about snow and ice. I have not the real feeling for this yet.
- 21 Conrad RAUTENBACH / David SENIOR**
No problem, good stage I really enjoy this.
- 11 Toni GARDEMEISTER / Tomi TUOMINEN**
I tried to push very hard; the car is quite ok on snow and ice.
- 17 Andreas MIKKELSEN / Ola FLOENE**
I will reach the end of this rally; that is my main priority.
- 19 Mads ØSTBERG / Ole. K UNNERUD**
We spun and lost half a minute; it was crazy; a nice open turn and it felt as if the slush just grabbed hold of the car.
- 20 Urmo AAVA / Kuldar SIKK**
It is very nice, it is a little bit difficult with the power after having driven a front wheel driven car.
- 22 Peter VAN MERKSTEIJN / Hans VAN BEEK**
First time on snow and ice; fantastic! Thank you Sweden!
- 31 Toshi ARAI / Glenn MACNEALL**
It is very difficult; I am getting to know the new car.
- 52 Juho HÄNNINEN / Mikko MARKKULA**
This was clearly better than the last stage.
- 39 Nasser AL-ATTIYAH / Chris PATTERSON**
Very fast and difficult; I have not got the right feeling yet.
- 60 Oscar SVEDLUND / Björn NILSSON**
It feels as if the car ought be a little bit more powerful.
- 41 Andreas AIGNER / Klaus WICHA**
Very tricky and difficult stage; I try to be careful. The big jump was not so big in my pace notes.
- 50 Armindo ARAÚJO / Miguel RAMALHO**
Everything is ok; no problems.
- 59 Patrik FLODIN / Göran BERGSTEN**
At least as good as the first stage. Maybe a little bit more gravel here and better grip.



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- 55 Patrik SANDELL / Emil AXELSSON**
Fast stage. I have to use higher gears. Ok - the spectators like this and we use the snow banks all the time.
- 36 Eyvind BRYNHILDSEN / Denis GIRAUDET**
Not a good start in the morning; I brake far too much.
- 46 Jari KETOMAA / Miika TEISKONEN**
It is going well; no problems.
- 33 Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMÁNEK**
Too fast. A lot of gravel.
- 49 Simone CAMPEDELLI / Danilo FAPPANI**
It is my first time here and I must get experience.
- 43 Evgeniy VERTUNOV / Georgy TROSHKI**
The stage was ok but it is difficult to drive fast with a new car.
- 45 Jussi TIIPPANA / Marko SALMINEN**
Ok; nice stage. First time in Sweden, first time in a four wheel drive car and we are learning.
- 53 Uwe NITTEL / Detlef RUF**
No problem, very good jump.
- 47 Fabio FRISIERO / Simone SCATTOLIN**
Fantastic; very good. The final part was difficult but the beginning was fantastic.
- 42 Bernardo SOUSA / Carlos MAGALHAES**
This is my second stage on snow and ice. Here was a lot of gravel so it was more difficult than the first stage.
- 40 Stefano MARRINI / Matteo BRAGA**
We have problems with the gear box.
- 34 Gianluca LINARI / Roberto MOMETTI**
Much gravel.
- 51 Subhan AKSA / Hendrik MBOI**
It was tricky. We have to be careful.
- 48 Evgeny AKSAKOV / Alexander KORNILOV**
This was not bad.



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- 61 Jukka KETOMÄKI / Jarkko ALANEN**
Quite good. Maybe we can go faster.
- 65 Ari LAIVOLA / Antti VIRJULA**
It was ok.
- 66 Joakim ROMAN / Anders WALLBOM**
It is difficult in some turns. There is still a little bit of ice in some places.
- 68 Vytavtas SVEDAS / Zilvinas SAKALAVSKA**
It is dangerous to drive too fast.
- 69 Egon KAUR / Simo KOSKINEN**
I am not happy with this stage.
- 70 Jasper VAN DEN HEUVEL / Maetine KOLMAN**
A lot of gravel. We were very careful in the first stage but now we push a little bit harder.
- 72 Bernard MUNSTER / Nicolas GRISOUL**
Very slippery in the end. It is a new car and it is difficult.
- 73 Peter Jr VAN MERKSTEIJN / Eddy CHEVALLIER**
This stage was better than the first; more snow here.
- 74 Ramona KARLSSON / Miriam WALFRIDSSON**
We started very carefully. The car works very fine and now it is up to the driver but we take this whole rally as an experience.