

## SERVICE FLASH

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Day: 1

Service: Service B (TSUKISAMU DOME)

### 1. Sebastien LOEB / Daniel ELENA

think I swept the roads this morning. It was so slippery. I wasn't so confident as usual because we didn't run a real shakedown on gravel. I must find more speed this afternoon. I imagine the second loop stages will be rougher with big ruts.

### 2. Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

It's a good start. I'm very satisfied to hold second position after three stages this morning. Maybe, I swept also the roads but I could use the Loeb's lanes that helped me to get more traction. In the first stage, I had a good feeling so I pushed really hard. I don't mind if it's the first time because I trust my pace notes.

### 3. Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

I have been surprised to see how much the stages were soft with big ruts. Very tricky. But the same thing for everybody. I'm happy with the car and I won't change the set-up at the 30' midday service.

### 4. Jari-matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTILA

I didn't receive any splits during SS3. So I didn't know if my rhythm was good. After, I push more and more.

### 5. Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

I spun in the SS4 and stalled.

### 6. Henning SOLBERG / Ilka MINOR

The last time on gravel was in Finland. So I need some kilometres to find the good rhythm. But I'm ok. It's not difficult to change car, Focus then Fiesta S2000 at the Deutschland Rally and the Focus again here in Japan. I think I will ask to the mechanics to modify the setup. I need a car stiffer and more traction.

### 7. Dani SORDO / Diego VALLEJO

I enjoyed the long stages this morning. In the first one, I've got a bit of understeering but it was much better in the second. The next loop should be more difficult with a lot of deep ruts.



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**8. Kimi RAIKKONEN / Kaj LINDSTROM**

I had not a good feeling in the first stage of the loop. In the second one, I stalled twice. We'll change the setup of the car this afternoon because there are so many ruts.

**9. Federico VILLAGRA / Jorge PEREZ COMPANC**

I haven't drive the Focus WRC since rally of Portugal. That means I must adapt. I will push more this afternoon.

**11. Petter SOLBERG / Chris PATTERSON**

I must be constant. I know I am able to drive very fast like in Finland or Germany. I would like to keep the same pace during the second loop this afternoon. I don't want to do any mistake. Rally Japan is very important for me. I have a flu and I still feel tired. So I need to keep all my energy to drive.

**22. Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMANEK**

I had a big moment when I hit a tree in SS3 where Al Qassimi went off.

**26. Bernardo SOUSA / Nuno RODRIGUES DA SILVA**

Ketomaa and Prokop are very fast. Too much for me. I prefer to drive carefully and get experience.

**29. Jari KETOMAA / Mika STENBERG**

No problem. We just change the set-up of the chassis. We must work in order to improve the car. I have some understeering. It's not easy to tune the car without test and shakedown.

**38. Hayden PADDON / John KENNARD**

The car is absolutely not drivable. We need to work at the service.

**48. Patrik FLODIN / Goran BERGSTEN**

The car was not perfect in SS3. So I changed the balance before next stage. It was much better. Now, I've a good lead. But I don't know either I have to push or not.