

STAGE FLASH

Date: September 10, 2010
Day: 1
Special Stage: SS6 IWANKE Long 2
Weather: cloudy
Road conditions: dry

Flash No: 6
Distance: 26.92km
Temperature: 21°C

1. Sebastien LOEB / Daniel ELENA

I push really really hard but I cannot pass the speed of Ogier. Ok just trying no grip. I don't know it is the road condition or setting.

2. Sebastien OGIER / Julien INGRASSIA

This was good stage. Now there are a lot of lines on the road. It is very very rust. You cannot go to where you want to go. You just has to follow the line. It's ok for me to follow the line, but I don't like it.

3. Mikko HIRVONEN / Jarmo LEHTINEN

It is really rough, and really difficult. So many times we are going all over the places. A good stage, Jari-matti is really attaching. I don't want to believe in ruts, I want to believe in car. Ruts can do anything to you.

4. Jari-matti LATVALA / Miikka ANTILA

I'm happy. The car is going well, and I have a good feeling. The car needs to be high for this condition. There are really big ruts, massive ruts. You have to trust these ruts a lot. You can actually go really quick. It is like a motocross track in some places. You have massive banks so you use the out side of the banks to go through corners.

5. Matthew WILSON / Scott MARTIN

I don't see the point of this stage. It's unbelievable. Some places you just not moving. The car is just touching ruts all the way. I don't know how to approach. It is difficult.

6. Henning SOLBERG / Ilka MINOR

I think my car is too low. That's my fault. I didn't expect this stage to be so bad. So that is how it is. I'm hitting sump guard all the time and we lose time a little bit every time.

7. Dani SORDO / Diego VALLEJO

I lost differential oil at the start of the stage. You can smell it. I don't know, maybe it is differential or gearbox. I still have for wheel drive, but at slow corners we have only power on the front drive. We have to see at the service.

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9. Federico VILLAGRA / Jorge PEREZ COMPANC

I found this stage very difficult. It is very rutted. If you are coming very fast, you find these ruts. Very difficult.

11. Petter SOLBERG / Chris PATTERSON

There were big big ruts, and very narrow. I was struggling. It's ok time. I have to be careful not lose tires from the rim. I have to think little bit.

22. Martin PROKOP / Jan TOMANEK

We lost intercom again. I couldn't hear the co-driver, and I was going out of the road. So I have to go back. I lost some time there.

29. Jari KETOMAA / Mika STENBERG

Very big ruts and some places are really really bad condition. Hopefully all the cars can go through this stage safely. There are quite a few moments for me too. We did quite a lot of changes for the car but the mid-day service. Now I'm much more happy with the behaving of the car but we are still struggling with the traction at slow speed corners. We are trying to improve it.

44. Paulo NOBRE / Edu PAULA

I'm from a soccer country so, I will talk like a soccer player. We are playing our soccer, the other teams play their soccer. At the end of the game we look the result. I'm not following their results now.

48. Patrik FLODIN / Goran BERGSTEN

It is really ridiculous. Car is floating on the ruts. It is very slow because car is always touching on the ground. It's really really rough. I don't know if I have a tool. But if I have it here, I will definitely make my car higher.

54. Michel JOURDAIN / Oscar SANCHEZ

Normally the second stage of the gravel stage is improved, but this stage is totally destroyed.

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