

September 24, 2016

LEG 1B

APRC Flash No. 2

Weather: Foggy

Temperature: 13°C

Road Condition: Wet

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DRIVER COMMENTS

1. Gaurav GILL

It is going to be quite slippery today, so we will first have to see how the stages are. I do not think we can attack so much, because we are on gravel tyres, but we will get over it and try to get good times.

2. Fabian Kreim

I think the morning (stages) are difficult because we are on gravel tyres and (roads are) very slippery and in the afternoon (the road surfaces are) gravel but very fast.. We will start very easy and we will see. I do not think I have much advantage on tarmac because it is my first time (to run on) tarmac with a gravel spec car. If it is a tarmac spec (car) on tarmac then I would say it is better for me, but now it is my first time (with a gravel spec car) on tarmac, so we start very very slow

3. Michael YOUNG

I will just get for the first stage, because it is very tricky, and then we push on where we can, to put pressure on R5s.

4. Hitoshi TAKAYAMA

The first stage (SS2 IKEDA 1) is the key for the day, I think. First we need to finish it, and get a good result there.

5. Satoshi IMAI

I think the most important thing for today is to finish the first stage of the day (SS2 IKEDA), as I think the stage is very risky. We drove it last year and learned some of its corners gives little traction thus tyres do not grip the road surface much, and it is important to avoid such parts.

7. Sanjay TAKALE

What I think is, the first stage is going to be very slippery. We will drive safe and survive the first stage, and maybe to push the second and third stages.

8. Tomohide HASEGAWA

We need to be careful on SS2 KIEDA, which is all-tarmac stage. When we did recce yesterday there were a lot of fallen leaves on the surface, because of the rain yesterday. If we retire there all the effort to come over here will be lost in vain, so we will be careful for its first run. After that, we will push on NEW ASHORO LONG (SS14/17). It is high-speed course. We do our best while finish the rally is our first priority.

9. Dinesh DEHERAGODA

We need to push today, because it is good weather, and I think stage (conditions) are improved, so we have to push today.

10. Atsushi MASUMURA

The most important thing is to finish the tarmac stage of SS2 IKEDA. And then KUNNEYWA (SS4/8) is next important stage. However many of us, including myself, has experience on that stage so the key to win the rally is with the IKEDA stage.

11. Fuyuhiko TAKAHASHI

While the key for the day is SS2 IKEDA, I think we will push hard on SS4 and 5 to win. I think there will be much time difference among us on the SS2 stage – if you are too careful you will be left behind with large gap with your rival, but if you push too hard you may end up with retiring. So it is difficult. We will first see the time differences with our rivals and see if we need to push harder or not.

12. Wataru AONO

The most important stage for the day is SS2 IKEDA – I think it is fairly risky stage. As we have long way to go in the rally, so we will drive carefully. Then KUNNEYWA (SS4/8) is another key.

14. Hiroshi HOSHINO

Key stage for me is (SS2/10) IKEDA, which is very slippery stage. So I will be super careful on that stage and slow-down. Even though (SS4/8) KUNNEYWA is now shortened, that is still a tricky stage. And I will push hard on the rest stages.

15. Eiichi IWASHITA

The important stages for today is SS2/10 IKEDA and SS4/8 KUNNEYWA, I think. If I successfully finish those two stages without any problems, I will be able to survive for the day today and start

tomorrow.

16. Satoru ITO

My key stage for the day is the first stage with tarmac surface, (SS2) IKEDA. Next one is (SS4/8) KUNNEYWA. Other than those two, the rest were used many times in the past. It is true that KUNNEYWA was used many times in the past, but almost every year there happens something in the stage. In this itinerary key stages appears in the early part of the rally, I think.

17. Kumiko KOIDE / Tadayuki AKIMA

(AKIMA) We will alternatively drive the car today, and I will take the risky stages. Yes, I will drive on SS2 (IKEDA), where no mistakes are allowed. Yesterday our car went like a ping-ball, so I will drive with extra care.

(KOIDE) Both of us are Dirt Trial (rallycross-like motorsports unique in Japan) drivers and I can drive, but I decided to give the drivers' seat to him for risky stages.

19. Takahiro KITAMI

The first tarmac-stage (SS2 IKEDA) is they key for the day, I think.

20. Koji MIYAMOTO

The key for the day is, how we can drive on the parts of roads where road surfaces are covered with mud and became rough.

21. Kimito KONDO

KUNNEIYWA is the key for us. But as we have an issue with gearbox and my ratio of successful completion of this rally is low, so I put the highest priority on finishing the rally My results on tarmac stage were good, so I will push hard with safety in mind.