



SERVICE FLASH

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2	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	VOLKSWAGEN Polo WRC	<p>"In the car, Miikka told me that Ogier had stopped and later, that we had a margin and could keep cool. But because of that, I lost my rhythm. Before that, I was on the edge all the time and all of a sudden, I could back off. Then, I had to find my way back into the race again. I have to increase the speed to find my confidence back again. Tomorrow, we have to continue with the same rhythm. The good thing is that we are driving more cautiously when it is raining and can avoid unnecessary risks."</p>
9	MIKKELSEN Andreas/FLOENE Ola	NOR/NOR	VOLKSWAGEN Polo WRC	<p>"It was a good day. We only had a puncture in the morning. Tomorrow is another day and a new challenge. In any case, it will be more difficult tomorrow."</p>
5	HIRVONEN Mikko/LEHTINEN Jarmo	FIN/FIN	FORD Fiesta RS WRC	<p>"I am happy. It went better than we expected. We are all so closely together. Tomorrow, we want to push more and still fight for the podium."</p>
7	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	<p>"Today was quite good. Especially considering that we rolled the car six times yesterday. Unfortunately, we had to cope with a technical issue this morning, but now, the car is running well again and we are in a good position. We had a lot of smoke in the car, because the exhaust was overheating. We still have to find out why. The smoke burned into my eyes quite a lot, but we still managed to make it to the finish. We were already having smoke in the car in the morning, but we thought that it was sand that came into the car."</p>
4	OSTBERG Mads/ANDERSSON Jonas	NOR/SWE	CITROËN DS3 WRC	<p>"It was a difficult afternoon and harder than this morning. There was more sand and dirt on the road. Finding the right rhythm was difficult. I just didn't have the perfect feeling."</p>
3	MEEKE Kris/NAGLE Paul	GBR/IRL	CITROËN DS3 WRC	<p>"I am feeling well and I am happy. Like everyone else, I have made mistakes. Unfortunately, I spun in the morning, that made us drop back."</p>
8	SORDO Dani/MARTI Marc	ESP/ESP	HYUNDAI i20 WRC	<p>"We lost some time because of our starting position as our opponents are putting dirt on the road. However, I think that we wouldn't have been that much further up anyway. We are in a good position for tomorrow, but there are many drivers quite closely behind us. When I don't win here, I would be happy if Latvala wins. He is working very hard and focussed."</p>

21	PROKOP Martin/TOMANEK Jan	CZE/CZE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC
<p>“The car was better, but I wasn’t. Overall, we weren’t able to improve. Now, we have to prepare for tomorrow. We are not too far down on the others. So far, I haven’t managed to find anything to make me feel really well.”</p>			

32	TANAK Ott/MOLDER Raigo	EST/EST	FORD Fiesta R5
<p>“This was a good and clean day for us. Nevertheless, it wasn’t easy, because this was the first time for me driving on Tarmac with these tyres.”</p>			

31	AL-ATTIYAH Nasser/BERNACCHINI Giov.	QAT/ITA	FORD Fiesta RRC
<p>“This afternoon was okay. I made a mistake on the final stage when I overshot a junction and we had to reverse. Tomorrow is a long day, but we will do our best.”</p>			

33	SOUSA Bernardo/MAGALHÃES Hugo	PRT/PRT	FORD Fiesta RRC
<p>“We slid off in a left-hand corner on the second stage. On the final stage, we backed off a bit. The tyres and the brakes were cold, so we preferred to be careful.”</p>			

36	KREMER Armin/WICHA Klaus	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000
<p>“This was a good day, apart from the Waxweiler stage. It has many tight hairpins, in which you lose all your momentum. There, we were having difficulties, which are down to the nature of the car, but I didn’t expect things to go this well. That is making me very positive for tomorrow.”</p>			

54	RIEDEMANN Christian/WENZEL Michael	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 R3T
<p>“The differential was locking too much this morning. On the main road, we heard some cracking noises when turning in. We had the differential measured and the gearbox replaced. I got a two minutes’ time penalty, because it took too long. This afternoon, everything was great. After all, the rally really gets underway tomorrow.”</p>			