SERVICE FLASH

Date: 23 August 2014
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Service: C (Messepark)

11	KUIPERS Dennis/BUYSMANS Robin	NLD/BEL	FORD Fiesta RS WRC

"It was quite slippery, but I am happy. The Panzerplatte is quite demanding and I tried not to push too much. I didn't make any mistakes. Now, we have to continue like this. In the mean time, there was rain, so that will make conditions even more demanding."

23	MOFFETT Sam/O'REILLY James	IRL/IRL	FORD Fiesta RS WRC

"I have never seen something like Panzerplatte before. However, the soft tyres degraded extremely quickly. We had to change the left front tyre. The harder compound would have been better."

20	BOUFFIER Bryan/PANSERI Xavier	FRAFRA	HYUNDAI i20 WRC

"We haven't driven in such conditions for a long time. With changeable weather like this, it wasn't easy. We were driving with soft tyes, but that was the wrong choice. 80 percent of the track was dry."

6	EVANS Elfyn/BARRITT Daniel	GBR/GBR	FORD Fiesta RS WRC

"This morning's part was difficult, especially the tyre choice. I opted for the softs. It could have been better."

2	LATVALA Jari-Matti/ANTTILA Miikka	FIN/FIN	VOLKSWAGEN Polo WRC

"We didn't take too many risks. It was so slippery, something can happen easily. Now, we have to continue like this. Grip levels changed all the time: dry, wet, damp, muddy… You have to stay concentrated all the time."

7	NEUVILLE Thierry/GILSOUL Nicolas	BEL/BEL	HYUNDAI i20 WRC

"It was quite okay. The tyres were good and so was the set-up of the suspension. I really like the first stage and I used it to make up some time. Panzerplatte was tough, but we had made the right tyre choice."

4	OSTBERG Mads/ANDERSSON Jonas	NOR/SWE	CITROËN DS3 WRC

"We made it through! The first stage wasn't too good, but the rest worked out fine. We made some changes to make the car easier to handle. We made the set-up softer to get more feedback. The soft tyres were okay, in spite of the fact that they overheated all the time."

21	PROKOP Martin/TOMANEK Jan	CZE/CZE	FORD Fiesta RS WRC

"We were running with soft tyres, but the decision wasn't easy. Initially, I wanted to drive with hard tyres, but like this, I was more confident about the grip."

33	SOUSA Bernardo/MAGALHÃES Hugo	PRT/PRT	FORD Fiesta RRC

"This morning was quite normal. Unfortunately, we had a puncture and lost three minutes. Now it is about bringing the car home. In normal conditions, we no longer have a chance to move up through the ranks."

36	KREMER Armin/WICHA Klaus	DEU/DEU	SKODA Fabia S2000

"This morning, we did everything right. We gave everything on the final stage and our time reflected this. It really was fun. Now, we have to benefit from our good position and keep going like this."

145	KREIM Fabian/KÖLBACH Michael	DEU/DEU	OPEL Adam R2

"Things were going better than expected. We were going extremely fast. Unfortunately, we hit a menhir and damaged the radiator, but we still made it to the finish and it can now be repaired. Apart from that, I want to keep going like this during the afternoon."

137	GRIEBEL Marijan/RATH Alexander	DEU/DEU	OPEL Adam R2

"This morning, it didn't go well for us. In the changeable conditions, it was slippery and we were too cautious. Therefore, our times aren't good. At Panzerplatte, I locked up under braking and I also had electrical problems. Things can only get better."

122	GASSNER Hermann jr./MAYRHOFER U.	DEU/AUT	MITSUBISHI Lancer Evo X

"On the first stage, it was still slightly damp through the forest, but it worked out well. Panzerplatte was dry and the soft tyres were the wrong choice. When we came to the finish, rain set in. Had we been on track five minutes later, it could have worked out."

54	RIEDEMANN Christian/WENZEL Michael	DEU/DEU	CITROËN DS3 R3T

"Perhaps, we were too cautious and we lost some time. Now, we are second in class because the leader retired. Therefore, I am still quite satisfied. Because of the changeable conditions, Panzerplatte wasn't easy. A mistake is made quickly, but when you are too cautious, it isn't good either."