



SERVICE FLASH

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Service: A (Coffs Harbour)

Flash N°: 1

Car 1. SEBASTIEN OGIER/JULIEN INGRASSIA

"We will see – there is not much I can do about this morning."

Car 5. THIERRY NEUVILLE/NICOLAS GILSOUL

"I think our aim was to be ahead of Sebastien for the first couple stages – job done so far. We will manage and do the best we can. They have been tough conditions and we've done the best we could."

Car 8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA

"Quite happy. The car has been good. The first couple stages we were cautious and in the last one we pushed. The feeling is there and we have the speed."

Car 9. ESAPEKKA/ LAPPI/JANNE FERM

"The car has been enjoyable. The car has been nice to drive so we have been enjoying it. Parts of the second stage were like Finland although the man-made bumps are tricky."

Car 7. JARI-MATTI LATVALA/MIKKA ANTTILA

"The stages were very different this morning, from narrow to wide – like Finland. The third one was wide fast, bumps, twisty in the downhill and fast toward the end. Plus the grip has been changing more than I expected. The temperature is getting higher and the road will be cleaner so choosing the right tyre – medium the car will move more, hard you could have less movement but less grip. The focus this afternoon will be less mistakes."

Car 2. ELFYN EVANS/DANIEL BARRITT

"It looks like the Toyota guys in front have been strong – I felt the morning had gone reasonably well and maybe a second or two there to be made up. For the afternoon we can refine our notes – and find out what the weather will do and make a call on that."

Car 11. CRAIG BREEN/SCOTT MARTIN

"It's been a nice morning so far. Coldwater; we could have been faster, as we had a little issue in each of the stages but we know we can do more. The bumps are nasty and not in a natural position, so can pitch the car not in the direction you want to be going."

Car 6. HAYDEN PADDON/SEBASTIAN MARSHALL

"Obviously I can go a lot faster yet, just getting that natural rhythm back. It's just trusting how much you can push these cars – compared to the car back home I've been driving more recently. It was nice at the start of the last stage – and said I'd get into it. The first part went really well and was nice having the fans here."

Car 3. TEEMU SUNINEN/MIKKO MARKKULA

"There are some stages we could drive faster but it's my first time here and am getting kilometres and focussed on bringing the car home."

Car 10. MADS OSTBERG/TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

"It was a good morning for us – although struggled to get rhythm in the first stage and took a while to adapt but had a good second stage, the confidence was back so has been good to be back at the front of the rally."