



SERVICE FLASH

Date: 16 November 2018
Day: 1
Service: B (Coffs Harbour)

Flash N°: 1

Car 1. SEBASTIEN OGIER/JULIEN INGRASSIA

"It was hard for sure. Of course there was the sweeping of the road too. We had some good times this afternoon but at the end of the day it was quality points for the championship. Today Thierry made a mistake and we haven't. If it stays dry the road position will make the difference."

Car 5. THIERRY NEUVILLE/NICOLAS GILSOUL

"It's not how I wanted it to end on the first day. We just had the tyre explode after we landed from a jump. When I went through the chicane I braked a bit late. It's not over yet and we are not giving up."

Car 9. ESAPEKKA/ LAPPI/JANNE FERM

"I think we did a good job. We got damage to the car in the water splash, otherwise it was okay. There was a chance of rain so we took a few softs, which was not good – but that was the risk we took to not lose. The car is running fine though."

Car 11. CRAIG BREEN/SCOTT MARTIN

"It's been a good day. As Friday's go this has been one of the better ones. A nice rhythm all day and the speed has been there. I'm looking forward to tomorrow – especially the first two. Hopefully we can do more and better than today."

Car 8. OTT TANAK/MARTIN JARVEOJA

It would have been better if we didn't break the car, but okay we are still in a good position and there is a long way to go. Tomorrow if it is dry it will be loose and slippy. It will be challenging.

Car 6. HAYDEN PADDON/SEBASTIAN MARSHALL

"The plan was right but unfortunately the tyre coming off the rim in the second one meant we had the really worn spare for the last one. Surprised we didn't lose more time, we managed it and are still in the fight. I had to be a lot more cautious on those left-hand corners. Second time through we knew what the car was going to do over those humps so we could go faster even though it was a nice clean afternoon."

Car 10. MADS OSTBERG/TORSTEIN ERIKSEN

"It's been a very good day. We are pleased with the afternoon and knew it was going to be tough. But we managed to slightly increase the lead. Really looking forward to a clean run tomorrow now."

Car 72. HARRY BATES/JOHN MCCARTHY

"It's going along quite well although we had to change a driveshaft this morning. No complaints. We are leading so far."

Car 73. GAURAV GILL/GLENN MACNEALL

"It has been a good afternoon for us for sure. This morning we had some dramas and are still struggling with the setup. We've got some fresh tyres and the development is still going on. We caught Harry in one of those stages so lost time trailing him in the dust. In the afternoon we had a good balance and a good setup and its working well – I've got good confidence."