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SUPER SPECIAL STAGE 1 FLASH

DATE: 9 June 2016

FLASH NUMBER: 01

DAY: 01

SPECIAL STAGE: SSS01 – Ittiri Arena Show

DISTANCE: 2.0km

WEATHER: partially cloudy

ROAD CONDITIONS: dry

Car #86 G. Bitti / S. Achenza (Peugeot 207 S2000): “A very beautiful but demanding show fantastic public”.

Car #62 D. De Tommaso / P. Rocca (Peugeot 208 R2): “Very amusing stage congratulations to the ones that planned it”.

Car #61 F. Andolfi / M. Fenoli (Peugeot 208 R2): “I have to say it is the most amusing show of the World Championship already from the last year I have to congratulate the organization, it is beautiful”.

Car #47 K. Kruuda / M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): “It felt awesome! No other words. Really good to be back. Power sliding through the difficult corners but it is ok the goal is to find the rhythm, getting confidence back”.

Car #45 J. Maurin / O. Ural (Skoda Fabia R5): “Everything OK with the car, there is a difficult corner... it was like driving on the ice there. The rally starts tomorrow really. Will try to get the rhythm”.

Car #44 U. Scandola / G. D’Amore (Skoda Fabia R5): “Nice stage, very very slippery though. The rally starts tomorrow. The car is very fast, so it’s OK”.

Car #46 P. Loubet / V. Landais (Citroen DS3 R5): “Stage was OK but I made a mistake and lost a couple of seconds. My plan is to get to the finish and let’s see what we can do”.

Car #43 J. Kopecky / P. Dresler (Skoda Fabia R5): “For sure this rally will be really tricky, Saturday is going to be very difficult with all the bumps, but also tomorrow is going to be challenging. We will try to do our best and get on the podium”.

Car #48 F. Turàn / G. Zsiros (Ford Fiesta R5): “We have to look after the car”.





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Car #39 J. Suarez / C. Carrera (Peugeot 208 T16): “We tried to give spectators some fun. The rally starts tomorrow. Everything is OK so far. He has a damage on his front right part but no problems”.

Car #49 P. Bestard / F. Mendoca (Ford Fiesta R5): “Wonderful, a lot of people. Good start, let's hope to finish without problems”.

Car #36 Q. Giordano / T. Salva (Peugeot 208 T16): “It was good for me. A learning weekend... We just need to wait the end of the rally and see where we are”. .good for me at the moment it is a learning weekend for me”.

Car #40 Q. Gilbert / R. Jamoul (Skoda Fabia R5): “Very good. The car feels very well.it is a nice stage I don't think I can win WRC2 this weekend though”.

Car #41 M. Aasen / V. Engan (Ford Fiesta R5): “A really good stage and really fun too. It was really good start, the stage was fast and good also for spectators. Really good fun too”.

Car #32 A. Kremer / P. Winklhofer (Skoda Fabia R5): “It is very nice here. I had a bit of a slow start, I lost a couple of seconds but I think it is OK for today. The rally starts tomorrow”.

Car #42 N. Fuchs / F. Mussano (Skoda Fabia R5): “Very nice stage for me. Last year I did not like it. The confidence now is good with the car and the team. I like a lot this rally, I will try to push and get good points for the championship”.

Car #35 E. Lappi / J. Ferm (Skoda Fabia R5): “This is a difficult rally, it is a bit of survival, you can push in some stages but then you need to take care of the car. This is the key of this rally”.

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): “Good start. But it is only one stage. This is going to be a hard rally. We need to get used to this narrow and difficult stages”.

Car #81 F. Della Casa / D. Pozzi (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “The stage felt very good, so slippery but fans enjoy it. Tomorrow is going to be a completely different rally. We will try to do our best and have fun too”.

Car #82 M. Maarend / M. Kapp (BMW Mini Countryman WRC): “It was a bit slippery but no problem”.

Car #30 Y. Al Rajhi / M. Orr (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “We enjoyed it, but made two mistakes... that's normal with the first super special. We lost 1.5-2s. We feel much more comfortable in the car than Portugal”.





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Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai i20 WRC): “Yeah I was surprised to find Valeriy. Normally you do not overtake, I thought they left someone else there as this is a 2 minutes stage... Anyway, what happened in Portugal was just about finding the right balance. Now I need to start 80% to make the car work. Looking forward to push more tomorrow”.

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (BMW Mini Countryman WRC): “I do not know what happened. Something is broken, maybe a diff or driveshaft. He spun in the first two corners”.

Car #37 L. Bertelli / S. Scattolin (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Great reception here really Fantastic, I did some mistakes, went wide at the watersplash, but it has been good fun for the spectators with a lot of slides. My target is to reach the top ten for sure I want to improve my performance and push in the stages I know”.

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Very slippery, quite some fun”.

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Thanks to the Stewards for giving me 5 minutes penalty. These people are killing the sport, giving me the penalty and no conversation. I am very angry on this. I have lost my motivation”.

Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Good feeling. This weekend I would like to finish like in Portugal”.

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “It was OK. I tried to give my best. The rally will be long. We have to get a decent start tomorrow and try to push”.

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “A really great atmosphere here. I enjoyed it. Good way to start the rally. We will try to put in a good result, it is a very tough rally. We will need to be smart”.

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “The feeling is good now. I have to say that this morning I did not have the best feeling but I managed to relax and focus on the rally. No changes in the car but the mind has changed. The stage was very nice, one of the best that I have done for a long time”.

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “Very complicate rally, with very narrow and fast sections... it will be a difficult rally. This stage is funny, is for the people”.

Car #9 A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaener Syinneaag (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “Funny little stage, but it is tomorrow when the rally starts a lot of spectators. Quite slippery at stages. It will be difficult to win but we will try and see what is possible in the end”.





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Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “It was OK. A nice day. You need to have a plan for this kind of events, tyres are an important thing. Everyone is on soft and I am not... Not a bad stage this one. A lot of spectators, that is nice”.

Car #3 H. Paddon / J. Kennard (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): “This is an unusual super special, pretty wide, but my driving felt better - tidier than I have done before so a bit faster”.

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): “It is good to be the fastest. There is a lot of people and enthusiastic fans out there... a fantastic atmosphere”.

