



REPORT FROM SERVICE PARK (after SS5)

Car #1 – S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia: “We did a very extreme tire choice but turned out to be very positive. We lost less than half a second per kilometer so I have to say it was a very positive morning for us. I knew that in Tula I was able to set a good time and I did it. It is what we expected, that we were going to lose some seconds on the first loop, now I hope to do better this afternoon if lines are cleaner”.

Car #2 – JM. Latvala / M. Anttila: “In this first loop our starting position helped, we will see what we can do now. I suffered some understeering in the last two stages so I had more grip on the rear. In Tula I did a mistake but overall I almost went out in the first stage”.

Car #3 – H. Paddon / J. Kennard: “Many problems because the car is very difficult to drive and I also spun in the first stage this morning. I can not find a good rhythm and this is the real problem”.

Car #5 – M. Ostberg / O. Floene: “I am satisfied with the tire choice, 3 hards and 2 softs, and I have to say the my car is going very well. No problem, the gear is working well, this afternoon it will be better because roads will be cleaner”.

Car #9 – A. Mikkelsen / A. Jaeger: “It was very difficult with the tires, above all in the last stage because before the start I did not have time to change them and one tire was really at the limit. Frankly I could not have done more, let see how the afternoon will go”.

Car #10 – K. Abbring / S. Marshall: “From the first stage I have only front-wheel drive and rear brakes. Everything will be fixed at service”.

Car #16 – H. Solberg / I. Minor: “I am happy, everything is ok so far. A very good tire choice”.

Car #20 – T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul: “On the first stage I was not happy with the tires, on the second I changed their position and everything went better, also with times. Grip should improve in the afternoon, car power is a bit brutal so I am attacking”.

Car #21 – M. Prokop / J. Tomanek: “After yesterday's five-minutes penalty I am not in the right mood”.

Car #37 – L. Bertelli / S. Scattolin: “I had problems with rear differential during the third stage, so I lost almost 1.30. Car was sliding on the back and I also touched something, getting a puncture.. We try to fix everything at service”.

Car #44 – U. Scandola / G. D'Amore: “It is ok even if we are only at the beginning. I had a good feeling with the car and the stages, I am happy but it is still long and tomorrow, above all, it is going to be very tough”.

Car #61 – F. Andolfi / PS. Fenoli: “I was able to fix the car that stopped during the last transfer for an electrical problem. We did it and we are still racing with no penalty. This morning I managed the stages trying to finish them”.

Car #62 – D. De Tommaso / P. Rocca: “I had a problem with the intercom in the last stage, the rest is going pretty well. This race is very difficult. I am trying my best without forcing my rhythm. I liked Tula and Tergo a lot”.