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## SPECIAL STAGE 15 FLASH

**DATE:** 11 June 2016

**FLASH NUMBER:** 15

**DAY:** 02

**SPECIAL STAGE:** SS15 - Monte Lerno 2

**DISTANCE:** 44,26 km

**WEATHER:** partially cloudy

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** dry

Car #1 S. Ogier / J. Ingrassia (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "My patience rewarded?! No, I did not have any patience... To be honest I tried as much as I could. There is not much you can do with this starting position, if we manage to get the podium it will be a great performance. The very weird feeling to the rear in the fast parts of the previous stage, was still present but this stage is very technical and it is not such a big problem". [big chunk of rubber out of the rear right]

Car #5 M. Ostberg / O. Floene (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): [Stopped in the stage, suspected issues with a suspension]

Car #4 D. Sordo / M. Marti (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "I passed Mads and after that I drove more slowly, not to risk damaging the car. But we also had a problem with a sticking throttle. Very difficult braking in the corners but we made it to the end".

Car #2 J.-M. Latvala / M. Anttila (Volkswagen Polo R WRC): "I can't do better than this. I had a very good run. If Thierry puts in a better time, a lot of respect to him. In the Monti di Ala I was a bit cautious because I had some problems in the past, that is why I lost some time. Sometimes you have to play it safe. We will see how the Thierry's time is. We will still fight tomorrow". [bodywork hanging out but no damage underneath]

Car #12 O. Tanak / R. Molder (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): "A big learning exercise. This one was too long for us. Over the last 15kms we were driving very slowly and tried to make it to the end we tried not to get a puncture we wanted to finish this stage. Tomorrow we will have short stages and will try to be fast again".

Car #20 T. Neuville / N. Gilsoul (Hyundai New Generation i20 WRC): "The car in slippery conditions is amazing to drive. We can go pretty fast. We have done another good day... Fighting with Jari is a pleasure, I am really happy. Tomorrow is going to be another day, a tough one, we have to prepare properly and continue fighting".





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Car #6 E. Camilli / B. Veillas (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “We have been pushing a lot in this one. I had no brakes in the end... I am tired. I am not used to drive such long stages. No I have not seen Ostberg”.

Car #21 M. Prokop / J. Tomanek (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “Before the stage the engine changed its sound. There is something strange with it and with the brake balance here. Difficult to drive, I am pleased to get this one done. Not so nice in this stage. ”. [strange noise from car]

Car #16 H. Solberg / I. Minor (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “I broke the roll bar on the first stage and I made a few changes after that. I am attacking, I adjust to the car, if it is broken it is OK. I am going fast with this car, too fast sometimes”.

Car #10 K. Abbring / S. Marshall (Hyundai i20 WRC): “First stage win today feels really good also for the confidence. I do not get to drive much and a WRC car is very hard to drive and to adapt to. In this one we knew we had to take care of the car, I think we learned a lot. We have new tyres even if we did not need to, good news for the team. Let’s hope to have another good day tomorrow”.

Car #30 A. Rajhi / M. Orr (Ford Fiesta RS WRC): “After 15km I heard something cracking, then slowly lost the front wheel drive and we drove 25km with 2WD car. It is pretty much a new experience for us”.

Car #18 V. Gorban / V. Korsia (Mini Countryman WRC): “A puncture after 7 km, we stopped and changed it”.

Car #34 T. Suninen / M. Markkula (Skoda Fabia R5): “I am happy with my driving but not 100% I had a spin”.

Car #42 N. Fuchs / F. Mussano (Skoda Fabia R5): “Nice day, a little problem but overall the day was OK”.

Car #43 J. Kopecky / P. Dresler (Skoda Fabia R5): “Good day for us, towards the end I lost the brakes completely, but the day was ok better setup than yesterday”.

Car #32 A. Kremer / P. Winklhofer (Skoda Fabia R5): “Things are not so bad, we are here. In the last stage we drove carefully, in the previous test we had a moment. We will see tomorrow. I am fine with the feeling with the car”.

Car #47 K. Kruuda / M. Jarveoja (Ford Fiesta R5): “This loop was magnificent. I thought it was a lot worse, but it was very good. We had rain before, but I could enjoy this stage and





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I'm happy about the learning of the car also in safe mode. Next time, if I come back, I can push a lot harder”.

Car #45 J. Maurin / O. Ural (Skoda Fabia R5): “Not an easy day, we went off in the first stage and damaged the front end of the car. We lost power but we managed to nurse the car to the end. We are lucky to be here, tomorrow is another day”.

Car #40 Q. Gilbert / R. Jamoul (Citroen DS3 R5): “Very difficult day. We did some good times when everything was OK, but in the last stage we broke the shifter and I am stuck in fourth gear” [sounding very down].

